



## WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)  
JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)  
JOHNSTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)  
PARISH PRIEST: FR. KEVIN HEERY PP  
PASTORAL AREA: JOHNSTOWN, BOHERMEEN, NAVAN, & ORISTOWN PARISHES GROUPING



## PARISH OFFICE

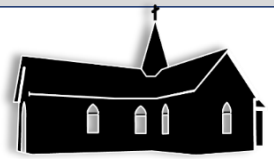
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



#### PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

WEEKDAY MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 9:30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (EXCEPT WEDNESDAY)  
*ON OCCASION OF A FUNERAL, 9:30AM MASS IS SUSPENDED*  
SYRO-MALABAR MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
TRAD. LATIN MASS: JOHNSTOWN 1PM EVERY SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
BAPTISMS: SUNDAY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS – *ENQUIRIES TO PARISH OFFICE*  
CONFESSION: CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSIONAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 7:10PM

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Feast of St Brigid

##### Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January

6:00pm: John & Teresa Shiels  
7:30pm: Kathleen McNelis;  
Paddy Carroll (11<sup>th</sup>)

##### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February

9:30am: Pro Populo  
11:00am:

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

##### Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February

6:00pm: ProPopulo  
7:30pm: Jack Murray (15<sup>th</sup>);  
Joseph Gohery (3<sup>rd</sup>);  
Michael Reynolds (11<sup>th</sup>)

##### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February

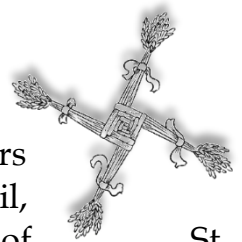
9:30am: Brendan Halpin (MM);  
11:00am: A.O. Joseph

#### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tue. 9:30am	Thurs: 9:30am	Fri: 9:30am
NO MASS	Willie Ward	Family Intention	Parish List of the Dead

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Rose-Anna Jennings**, Harristown, who was laid to rest on Saturday in Old Kilcarne, and for **Anne Hickey**, Enniscorthy, recently laid to rest

● **Feast of St Brigid:** The most important of Ireland's many female Christian saints, patron of healers and midwives. The tradition of weaving her cross from reeds for 1<sup>st</sup> February, the day on which she died about 524AD, to celebrate the arrival of Spring, continues to this day. The newly woven cross is hung by the doors of houses, cottages and out-houses to protect home, family and animals from evil, harm and want. Tradition tells us that every county in Ireland had its own design of St Brigid's cross. One of Ireland's three patron saints, she is known worldwide for her love and service of the poor, the sick, the elderly & animals of all kinds.



*'From all sin and all harm, from all danger and woe, Guard me, Mary of Ireland, wherever I go, O Brigid, be with me until the road's end, O Help me to pass through that Gate as God's Friend.'*  
We wish all our parishioners a very happy St Brigid's Day, particularly to all the Brigids, Bridgets, Bríds, Breeges, Biddys and Brigitte's in our parish, and to all who work under her patronage: poets; blacksmiths; livestock and dairy farmers, Kildare and Louth! In Irish tradition, this day marks the first day of spring, so we entrust all the spring ploughing and sowing to the Lord's providence.

● **No 9:30am Mass this Monday**, owing to the Bank Holiday. St Mary's Navan will have the celebration of Mass at 10:00am only on Monday.

● **Feast of St. Blaise: 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Blessing of Throats.** With the newly blessed candles from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), the blessing of St Blaise is invoked upon throats. This particular patronage arose from St Blaise' miraculous healing of a young boy choking on bone after eating a fish, as the Bishop Blaise was



being lead to his martyrdom. The blessing will be available at the end of the 9.30am Mass in Johnstown and again at 6pm in St Mary's Church, Navan.

● **Feast of St. Agatha - 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** She was martyred at Catania in Sicily, probably during the persecution of Decius (250-253). Devotion to her was widespread in the Church in the earliest times and she is mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass. Due to the nature of her martyrdom, she has become patron saint of Breast Cancer patients. She is invoked for protection and healing from this illness.

### Hymn: Holy God, We Praise thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee! All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in Heaven above adore Thee; Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign	Hark! the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising, Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising; Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord.	Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee; While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim Thee; And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.	Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray, By a thousand snares surrounded: Keep us without sin today, Never let us be confounded. Lo, I put my trust in Thee; Never, Lord, abandon me.
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● **Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for February:** We offer our prayers for the Pope's intentions for the month of February: **For children with incurable diseases:** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

● **Day for Religious in Diocese:** On Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the Religious of the Diocese are invited to gather with the Bishop for a Celebration of Sung Vespers at 4pm in the Cathedral. This is a way of acknowledging the contribution of Religious to our Diocese. All parishioners are welcome to this celebration.

● **Weekend Retreat** for Mothers of young children: Friday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, in Lismullin Conference Centre (C15XW40). Retreat themes : A love without conditions; Marriage: A love that endures; A delicate balance : caring for yourself while giving wholeheartedly to others. Babies up to 12 months are welcome. For further information: [http:// www.lismullin.ie](http://www.lismullin.ie)

● **Overnight Getaway** for Women who are looking to find more meaning and purpose in their everyday lives . Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Theme: Being someone on purpose: Formation & Discernment - [info @ www.lismullin.ie](mailto:info@www.lismullin.ie)

● **Mobile Donation:** Scan QR code to donate to the parish for Offertory, Envelopes, Donations, or candle shrines. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Thank you to all who have chosen to donate in this way



### Parish Sunday Collection

**Offertory: €1,056.10 Envelopes: €566.00**

**Online: €440.00**

**Bank details for direct debits etc.** BOI Navan.  
**A/C name:** Johnstown Church Current Account  
**IBAN IE97 BOFI 9035 0989 9651 74**

**February Bulletin**

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*(in memory of baby Croía)*

**Thank you to all our generous Sponsors!**

**Walterstown GFC** invites you to our **Annual Senior Citizens Dinner** in the Clubhouse this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 1pm. Please message Ethna- 086 8435807 or Seán - 087 6637956 to confirm your attendance.

**Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme:** This Scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Information can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal or by post. Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922 (call to request application pack). All applications are handled with care, dignity and Confidentiality

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