



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



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

25th JANUARY 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 1st & 3rd 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

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 24th January

6:00pm: Oliver & Mary O'Neill;
Joe Gargan

7:30pm: John Dowd (3rd)

Sunday, 25th January

9:30am: Jack & Margaret Darby & son Seán;
11:00am: Michael Woods (1st); Pauline O'Connor (1st);
Margaret Geraldine Monerawela (9th);
Mary McCabe (3rd);
Jack Finnegan (5th) & Nancy- Birthday Rem.

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, 31st January

6:00pm: John & Teresa Shiels

7:30pm: Kathleen McNelis

Sunday, 1st February

9:30am: Pro Populo

11:00am:

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Tue. 9:30am

Thurs: 9:30am
Wedding Anniversary
Intention

Fri: 9:30am

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Noah Lacken**, through the sacrament of Baptism last week. We pray God's blessings on him, his parents and family.

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Nancy O'Rourke**, Athlumney, Navan, who was recently laid to rest.

● **3rd Sunday in Ordinary - Word of God Sunday:** This Sunday has been this title to invite reflection on the place of the Bible in our lives. For in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her children, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life. Consequently these words are perfectly applicable to Sacred Scripture: "For the word of God is living and active" (Heb. 4:12) and "it has

power to build you up and give you your heritage among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32; see 1 Thess. 2:13).

For many Christians, the Bible seems a distant land that involves such an effort toward which to journey, and a challenge to connect to our daily lives: yet for those who begin that journey of reading the Bible it becomes apparent very quickly that it is meant for you, here and now. Take this Sunday as an invitation to open the bible if you have one, purchase one if you can, or download one for free. "May you have the habit of always carrying a small Gospel in your pocket, in your bag, to be able to read it during the day" – Pope Francis. One can easily have the Bible on their phone to consult it at any time. There are different apps and web sites in different languages, not only with the Bible but also with the Holy Mass readings for each day, pages where to read or listen to the Word of God, pages with commentaries and reflections of the same. Christians have often met in small groups to read the Bible together and use that as a time for



prayer and community, helping each other to hear the Lord speaking. "Lectio Divina" is an easy, and time tested way of praying with the scriptures on your own too.

Lectio Divina: Praying with the Scripture in 4 Easy Steps:

Take a passage of Scripture – take the gospel of Mass today for example.

1/ Read: It might sound obvious, but read it slowly with openness to God desiring to speak to you through His Word. Read it again.

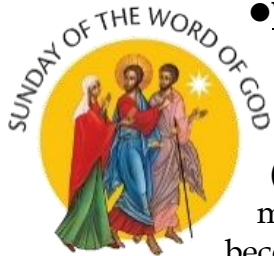
2/ Reflect: Some words, images or phrases in particular might stand out for you; take this as the Holy Spirit drawing your intention to this; pause with this word, phrase or image and reflect how it connects with you, your life, what may be happening in your life at the moment, what it might bring up in you. What's my reaction or feeling to that word or phrase. It might help to imagine yourself in the scene as an eye witness.

3/ Response: Talk to God about this. Have a heart to heart with Him about all that this Word, phrase or image is meaning to You; trusting that like any good conversation it has meaning when it's coming from a place of honesty, trust and vulnerability.

4/ Rest: Allow a space of silence and contemplation to rest in God's presence, knowing that His Word has found a place in your life, allowing his transforming, healing and loving power to grow in you.



The practice of **Lectio Divina** is a foundation of daily prayer for many of our parishioners who begin their day allowing God to be speak to them throughout the rest of the day, or for some it's in the evening where they bring the work of the day to a close in the Lord, allowing Him to lead them gently into the night.



● **Word of God Sunday and our Parish Readers:** We are particularly indebted to our Parish Readers who so dedicatedly proclaim the Word of God at every Parish Mass. This is a truly beautiful ministry in which our parishioners lend their voices to proclaim God's Word. To highlight this important ministry, our Parish Readers (both Weekday and Sunday) in each church, today, will receive a blessing for their ministry. If you are invited to become a Reader in our parish, would you consider becoming one?

● **Weekend Retreat** for Mothers of young children: Friday Feb 6th -Sunday Feb 8th, 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. 21st - 22nd Feb. Theme : Being someone on purpose: Formation & Discernment - info @ www.lismullin.ie



● **ICECaP:** In Case of Emergency, Call a Priest: a Parishioner's initiative, coming from her own experience that highlights the Sacramental Needs of Catholics when facing emergency situations, for a priest to be called to administer the Last Rites. WristBands with this information are available in the porch of Johnstown Church. Next of Kin can also be informed of this wish, and for some mobile phones this note can be made under In Case of Emergency.

● **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: €1,140.63 Envelopes: €592.05

Online: €45

Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.

A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account

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Walterstown GFC invites you to our **Annual Senior Citizens Dinner** in the Clubhouse on 01 Feb at 1pm. food, drink, plenty of chats and entertainment. Please message Ethna- 086 8435807 or Séan - 087 6637956 to confirm your attendance. **Navan and District Historical Society** talk on 'Fide et Patria -for faith and fatherland' The work of Richard King in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Navan on Thurs Jan 29th - 8.30 pm Fr Robert Mc Cabe. Members free Non-members €5

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