

WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
 JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
 JOHNSTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 4TH JANUARY 2026

PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

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

Second Sunday after Christmas Saturday, 3rd January

6:00pm: Pro Populo
 7:30pm: Jean Kane (MM);
 Michael Meegan
Sunday, 4th January
 9:30am:
 11:00am:

The Baptism of the Lord Saturday, 10th January

6:00pm: Patrick & Mary Lynch, Luke & Teresa Smyth
 7:30pm: Pro Populo
Sunday, 11th January
 9:30am: Sheila Bradley (21st);
 Sharon McGinn
 11:00am: Martin Maher (1st)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am
Marie Herber (1st)

Tue. 9:30am
List of the Dead

Thurs: 9:30am

Fri: 9:30am

A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS.

*May the Lord bless us and keep us, Make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us,
 lift up His countenance upon us and grant us His peace
 Throughout this Year of our Lord, 2026.*

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the repose of **Dick Horton**, Balreask Old, recently laid to rest.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (6th January)

Johnstown 9:30am

St Mary's Navan 8:00am, 10:00am and St Oliver's 7:30pm

The celebration of the great feast of the Epiphany, a Holy Day of Obligation celebrates the arrival of the Magi (The Three Wise Men or Three Kings) to Bethlehem representing all the nations of the world coming to meet the Lord. The word Epiphany means a revealing or manifestation and denotes the nations coming to worship Christ. Traditionally given as 3 in number because of their gifts, and depicted in art as three ages of humanity (Youth, Middle Aged and Elderly- notice the length and colours of their beards), and in skin tone the three known

continents of the ancient world (Europe, Africa and Asia). The gifts that they present to the Infant Jesus also have symbolic meaning:

Gold: pointing to royalty and indicating that Jesus is King

Frank-Incense: offered by a priest in worship; it tells that Jesus our Lord is God.

Myrrh: A pungent strong-smelling ointment, used to anoint the body after death, foreshadowing the sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday. It was this spice that the women brought to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning.

This beautiful feast helps us to realise that all people of every age and of every place are invited to know the love of God revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ, our



Saviour. For Eastern Christians, today is the day in which the celebrations for Christmas occur and presents are exchanged.

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initials making an acronym for Christus Mansionem Benedicat "May Christ bless this house". The blessing of Chalk will take place after Mass on Tuesday and will be available at the Crib to take home.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We Three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.

Star of Wonder, Star of Night,
Star with Royal Beauty bright,
Westward leading,
Still proceeding, Guide us to
Thy perfect Light.

Glorious now behold Him
arise,
King, and God, and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings Hallelujah:
Hallelujah the earth replies

Still time to make some Spiritual Resolutions for 2026:

- An extra Mass during the week.
- Make a Weekly Holy Hour
- Read the Gospel of Matthew entirely – it will be the gospel for most of the Sunday's of this coming year or read a study guide of the gospel
- Become a Reader, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, join the Choir, Help with stewarding or collecting: volunteer in parish activities.
- Take time to read some of the great spiritual classics.
- Invite somebody to come with you to Mass each Sunday and encourage people back to the practice of the faith
- Follow Bible in a Year with Ascension Media Podcast
- Pray the Rosary daily for the intentions of the parish.
- Read/Study the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Adopt a Patron Saint for this coming year to guide you, entrusting each day to his/her intercession
- Seek ways to become more intentional about your faith
- Choose a virtue to cultivate: humility, patience, generosity or charity – focus on one and track your growth.
- Fast intentionally: Not just food – consider digital fasting or giving up distractions.
- Make a monthly confession: Regular reconciliation brings clarity and grace.
- Create a Spiritual Plan of Life - Set a theme for the year: Like "Mercy" or "Discipleship" – let it guide your choices.
- Write out your goals: Include prayer, study, service, and sacramental life.
- Review monthly: Adjust and recommit with God's help.
- If Married, seek ways to deepen marital spirituality by praying together, taking time for a retreat together, cutting back on distractions that create distance.
- If single, seek the Lord's guidance in where He is asking you to follow Him.
- Whatever you decide, let it give glory to God.



- **Parish Envelopes 2026:** The new Parish Envelopes are now available for collection in both churches.

The parish envelopes are of vital support to the parish and go towards the maintenance of the parish buildings, offsetting the running costs of the parish and allows us to plan towards future projects. A big thank you to all who contribute through their box of Parish Envelopes.. A Standing Order, Direct Debit or Donating online are also available through the Parish Website.

● **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

Sunday 28th Dec: €2120.00 Christmas: €4546.00
Online: €329.00
Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
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