

### WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)  
 JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
 WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)  
 JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)  
 PARISH PRIEST: FR. KEVIN HEERY PP  
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

15<sup>TH</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

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

##### Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February

6:00pm: Alex Warde & Jim Cummins  
 7:30pm: Anne Gaffney (10<sup>th</sup>); Brian Crowley (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
 Loey & Nancy McLoughlin & Anne, Paddy,  
 Marion, Geraldine & Joe.

##### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am: Ann Sheils (1<sup>st</sup>)  
 11:00am: Croia Cantwell (2<sup>nd</sup>); John McMahan (10<sup>th</sup>);  
 Eugenie Friery (11<sup>th</sup>); Seamus Camplisson

#### First Sunday of Lent

##### Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February

6:00pm: Bernie McCarthy (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
 7:30pm: Pro Populo

##### Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

9:30am: Stephen Clinch;  
 Colin McElvaney  
 11:00am: Geraldine Doyle (5<sup>th</sup>);  
 Desmond & Helen Kelly

#### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tue. 9:30am	Wed. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am	Fri. 9:30am
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● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Don Vincent Keating, Milo Andrew Grant, Teddy Philip Grant & Finn Oliver Walsh**, through the sacrament of Baptism last week. We pray God's blessings on them, their parents and families.

#### ● **ASH WEDNESDAY: Holy Mass and the Distribution of Ashes**

Johnstown Church: 9:30am and 6:00pm

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence,** which means on those days:

- We go Meat Free in our diet – Fish, Eggs or Vegetables are acceptable.
- We eat less! Usually given as "One full meal and two smaller meals (*collations*) that together do not equal the size of a full meal" (*ages 18 to 59*).

Ashes are blessed and imparted on the forehead (or crown) of a person's head, as a sign of Repentance, Mortality and Lamenting over one's sins. This ancient biblical action is a serious sign to God of our desire to turn away from sin's hold on us so that we may live the call of the Gospel to follow the Lord Jesus in all that we do, say and are. The ashes remind us that life is short, and this day may be the final chance for us to get right with God and others. It also harkens us to focus on things that last instead of putting greater value on all that turns to dust.

ASH  
WEDNESDAY



Remember that  
You are dust, and to  
dust you shall return.  
Ecclesiastes 3:20

## LENT 2026

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues up until the Sacred Easter Triduum. It is a penitential season, marked by the three connected and necessary pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Through these practices we acknowledge our need of God's mercy for our lives as we seek to turn our straying hearts back to Him. Remember it's only 40days!!!!

## FASTING

No Meat on Wednesdays or Fridays,  
½ the amount of some meals.  
Abstain from sweets,  
Abstain from desserts,  
Abstain from alcohol or soft drinks,  
No snacking between meals, Log off all Social Media accounts,  
Abstain from televised sports,  
Abstain from Movies,  
Abstain from TV series and Sitcoms,  
Use mobile phone and computer only for essential or work purposes,  
Abstain from Video Games,  
No Unnecessary Purchases to get by with what you have.



## PRAYER

Attend daily Mass, or at least an extra Mass during the week,  
Pray the Rosary daily,  
Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
Daily visit to the Church,  
Weekly Holy Hour  
Pray the Stations of the Cross,  
Go to Confession,  
Read the Gospels – particularly the Passion of our Lord.  
Read a Classic Spiritual Book.  
Take 20 mins of quiet prayer with the Lord at home daily,  
Pray as a family particularly at Meal Times,  
Make a pilgrimage, e.g. Knock, Croagh Patrick, Slane,  
Visit all the cemeteries in the parish, praying for those interred.  
Listen to a Catholic Podcast e.g. *Hallow, Ascension, Word on Fire, Abiding Forever, Bible in a Year etc.*

## CHARITY

Support a charity,  
Spend extra and quality time together with your spouse and/or family.  
Set aside spare change for a good cause.  
Make an effort to visit a relative,  
Surprise someone with good deeds – even better when they don't know who it's from,  
Offer your services to the parish,  
Make an extra effort to help where there is a lack in the parish: music, reading, welcoming, encouraging others to come back to Mass. God has given you talents, how can they benefit others.  
Make a habit of seeing the best in others,  
Compliment others instead of taking their characters away through idle chat

### ● Pastoral Area Weekday Lenten Mass Schedule:

Mon-Fri: 7:30am St Marys, **9:30am Johnstown & Bohermeen**, 10:00am St Marys, 7:30pm St Olivers  
Tues & Thurs 9:30am Kilberry, Weds & Fri 9:30am Oristown. Friday 7:30pm in St Mary's for Novena  
Saturday 10:00am St Mary's

● **Knights of St. Columbanus** are screening a documentary film on the life of Venerable Matt Talbot, a film of 'Hope and Healing' on Mon., 16<sup>th</sup> Feb., at 8pm in Columbanus House, Canon Row. Adm free. This biopic recounts Matt's overcoming of alcoholism after a life of struggle.

● **Sycamore Programme in Lent:** Bohermeen Parish Centre (C15 NHC3), beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7:30pm. For people who wish to renew their faith in the Season of Lent. The focus of these 5 sessions is on knowing God and the salvation he offers in Jesus Christ, and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love.

● **Baptised and Sent in Lent:** St. Oliver's Church, Blackcastle (C15 NC83), beginning Tues 24<sup>th</sup> February, after 7:30pm Mass, over 5 weeks offering a simple structure for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversation. Themes for each week: belonging, healing, renewal, and mission, flows from the Irish Synodal Pathway's focus on Baptism as the "entry point to a life of faith, a gateway to mission, and the root and foundation on which to build a Christian life".

● **Programme for Parents and Sponsors of children preparing for Confirmation** Parish Room, St. Anne's Resource Centre (C15 W0YX), beginning Mon 16<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm. These 4 sessions will help parents/guardians and sponsors to accompany their child on his/her journey towards Confirmation, and to share in the child's experience of being "confirmed in our faith".

● **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: €932.17 Envelopes: €451.16  
Online: €105.00

Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.  
A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account  
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(in memory of baby Croia)  
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**Navan and District Historical Society** talk on 'The Great Famine in County Meath-winners and losers'  
Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Thurs Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm Speaker Dr. Peter Connell - Students and N&DHS members free -  
Non members €5