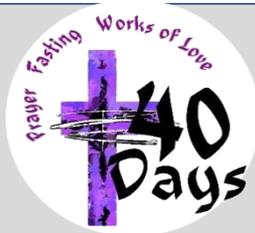


### WEEKEND MASSES

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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 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

#### Second Sunday of Lent Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February

**6:00pm:** Kieran Browne (25<sup>th</sup>) Patrick & Annie Browne & Bridget McLoughlin & DFM, Richard & Annie Kennedy & DFM  
**7:30pm:** Paddy Wall (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March  
**9:30am:** Pro Populo  
**11:00am:** Maciej Gromek (MM)

#### Third Sunday of Lent Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March

**6:00pm:** Seamus McCabe (2<sup>nd</sup>) & parents Maggie & Mikey  
**7:30pm:**  
Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March  
**9:30am:** Pro Populo  
**11:00am:** Rose-Anna Jennings (MM);  
 Martin, Angela & Eugene Deane;  
 Liam & Mona Crinion & DFM;  
 Pat & Mai Callaghan

### Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon. 9:30am	Tue. 9:30am	Wed. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am	Fri. 9:30am
Patrick & Elizabeth Murray & DFM		Tommy Robertson 23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary		

● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Brian Kelly & Brenda O'Sullivan**, who married this weekend in Johnstown Church. We pray that the Lord will bless them with a lifetime of love, health and happiness as they enter the sacred covenant of Holy Matrimony



● **First Confessions:** We welcome our young parishioners to the sacrament of God's mercy as they celebrate their First Confession this week. While the word 'celebrate' might seem out of place in talking about the sacrament of confession, as the penitent reflects on their life through the lens of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and a sense of guilt, shame or regret for the ways in which our lives have missed the gospel mark may be present, the word 'celebrate' points us past our initial hesitations to the overwhelming mercy of God that obliterates our sins, declaring that we are forgiven, set free, and renewed by His grace. It is the joy of the Lost Sheep being found, the Prodigal Son returning, the woman caught in sin being lifted up to walk with head held high, because our souls feel their worth in the sight of God, so we truly 'celebrate' the ever-ready mercy of God in confession. Let our young parishioners be given that necessary example of confession through our own participation in it, as well as the support of the prayers of all our parishioners.

Parishioners attending **St Stephen's** will celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> Confession on Monday 7pm-9pm  
 Parishioners attending **H.T., Lismullen** will celebrate on Tuesday, 7pm.

● **1<sup>st</sup> March: Feast of St David (Patron Saint of Wales):** St David (d. 589AD). He became eminent as abbot and bishop at the site now known as St David's, credited with a monastic rule based on the example of the Eastern Fathers, and also with a Penitentiary. He was invited to preside at the

synod of Llandewibrefi. Monks trained at his monastery evangelized South Wales and made foundations in Cornwall, Brittany and Ireland. St David is said to have sent a Mass rite to Ireland. He was canonized by Pope Callistus II in 1123

# LENT 2026

The 2nd week of Lent invites us to hike up the Mountain of the Transfiguration – Mt Tabor. It reminds us of the extra efforts that are required of us in Lent through our Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving (Works of Charity), yet with the goal of ascending to closeness with Jesus, in order that we may face our daily lives with His light to guide us. Some Lenten Suggestions for the next 33 days:

## 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.



Pray Fast Give

## 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

## Hymn: God of Mercy and Compassion

God of mercy and compassion,

Look with pity upon me.

Father, let me call Thee Father,

'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.

*Chorus: Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;*

*Let me not implore in vain;*

*All my sins – I now detest them,*

*Never will I sin again.*

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,

On the cross of Calvary;

To that cross my sins have nailed Him,

Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

By my sins I have abandoned

Right and claim to Heav'n above,

Where the saints rejoice forever,

In a boundless sea of love.

●**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



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## Parish Sunday Collection

Offertory: €865.20 Envelopes: €969.10

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