

## 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  
 PASTORAL AREA: JOHNSTOWN, BOHERMEEN, NAVAN, & ORISTOWN PARISHES GROUPING



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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

### 8<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*  
 CONFESION: CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSORIAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 7:10PM

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

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

6:00pm: Patrick & Mary Cullen

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

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

9:30am: Brendan Halpin (MM)

11:00am: AO Joseph

#### 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: Croí Cantwell (2<sup>nd</sup>); John McMahon (10<sup>th</sup>);  
 Eugenie Friery (11<sup>th</sup>); Seamus Camplisson

#### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Paul Howard (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Tue. 9:30am

Thurs: 9:30am

Fri: 9:30am

#### Hymn: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts.

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
 The fount of life and our true light,  
 We seek the peace your love imparts,  
 And stand rejoicing in your sight.

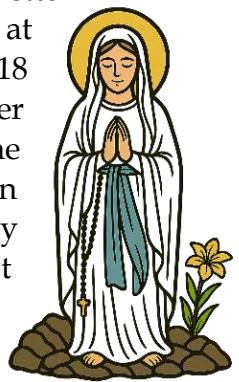
Your truth unchanged has ever stood,  
 You save all those who heed Your call;  
 To those who seek, You are all-good.  
 To those who find You, all-in-all.

We taste in you our living bread,  
 And long to feast upon you still;  
 We drink of you, the fountain-head,  
 Our thirsting souls to quench and fill.

O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
 Make all our moments calm and bright;  
 O chase the night of sin away,  
 Shed o'er the world your holy light.

● **11<sup>th</sup> Feb. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes:** On this day in 1858, a young girl named Bernadette Soubrious while collecting sticks with her cousins, witnessed an apparition of Our Lady at a grotto beside the river Gave near the village of Lourdes, France. This was the first of 18 apparitions of Our Lady who identified herself as the "Immaculate Conception". At her request, a chapel was built, processions were organised and the sick came to bathe in the spring waters, whose source was dug by Bernadette at the request of Our Lady. Our own diocese has had an official annual pilgrimage to Lourdes for nearly 80 years. All who carry the burden of sickness or illness have a special welcome in Lourdes, and are at the heart of so much of its' ministry today. This day is also an invitation to pray for our brother and sisters who are sick, infirm, elderly or less abled as it the World Day of the Sick. Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick pray for us.

● **11<sup>th</sup> Feb. Memorial of St Gobnait (Abigail):** Slightly overshadowed by the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, this day is also a feast of St Gobnait, and celebrated mainly in her



OUR LADY OF LOURDES



Bee - lieve in God's Grace



home area of Ballyvourney, Co. Cork. Her name is sometimes translated as Abigail or Deborah! She is also a patroness of Apiculture, so we keep Bees and Beekeepers in our prayers today as the spring warms up and we see these valuable and necessary insects begin to forage for pollen and nectar in the snow drops & spring dandelions!

● **14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Feast of St's Cyril and Methodious, and St Valentine:** Another doubling up of celebrations today of Sts' Cyril and Methodius, patrons of

Europe who spread the gospel of the Lord to Eastern Europe and even invented a new alphabet to do it, Cyrillic! Цырилица! They are slightly overshadowed by the Roman Priest, St Valentine who was martyred for his support of marriage against the state laws, and so popular devotion to him spread among Engaged Couples in particular but more widely now for couples in relationship and those looking for relationship. We pray especially for all who are preparing for Marriage in our church this year, that by St Valentine's intercession the foundation of faith and love they are setting may build a lifetime of love and happiness together. His relics are held in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin.



● **Day for Religious in Diocese:** This Sunday, February 8th, 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.

● **Lent 2026:** The holy season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday, falling on the 18<sup>th</sup> February this year. It is a season of penance and growth in our spiritual lives. It is worth reflecting on how you would like to embrace this season, what would it make it more fruitful for your faith, and meaningful for your life.

● **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: €1,095.46 Envelopes: €1,009.00  
Online: €50.00

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kindly sponsored by Deirdre & Michael Cantwell  
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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 19th at 8pm Speaker Dr. Peter Connell - Students and N&DHS members free - Non members €5

Navan Floral Art Club - Garden Talk by Una Hole, Carriag Gardens - Ardboyne Hotel Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8p.m. all welcome

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