

WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
 JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
 WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
 JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

15TH 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 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Saturday, 14th March

6:a00pm:
 7:30pm: Pro Populo
Sunday, 15th March
 9:30am: Betty Alder
 11:00am: William O'Brien-Lynch (7th)

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Laetare) Saturday, 21st March

6:00pm: Pro Populo
 7:30pm:
Sunday, 22nd March
 9:30am:
 11:00am: Joan Oakes (MM); Christine O'Gorman (3rd),
 Fr Nicholas Dunican (13th);
 Seamus Reilly (B'Day Rem.) & Joe

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon: 9:30am Oisín Hoy (30 th) B'day	Tues 9:30am: Tues 11am: Marian Caldwell	Wed. 9:30am Eugene Collins (4 th)	Thurs. 9:30am Lauren Kenny	Fri. 9:30am
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● **Baptism** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Michael Damian Ashtalkoski**, through the sacrament of Baptism last week. We pray God's blessings on him, his parents and family

Saint Patrick's Day: Holy Mass of the Solemnity of St Patrick, National Patron
 Walterstown: 9:30am, Johnstown: 11:00am

Hymn: Hail Glorious Sant Patrick

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear
 Saint of our Isle,
 On us thy poor children bestow
 a sweet smile;
 And now thou art high in thy
 mansions above,
 On Erin's green valleys, look
 down in thy love.

Ever bless and defend the sweet
 land of our birth,
 Where the shamrock still blooms
 as when thou were on earth,
 And our hearts shall yet burn,
 wherever we roam,
 For God and Saint Patrick and
 our native home

Hail glorious St.
 Patrick, thy words were
 once strong
 Against Satan's wiles
 and a heretic throng;
 Not less is thy might where in
 Heaven thou art;
 Oh, come to our aid, in our battle
 take part!



the loveliest
 masterpiece of
 the heart of God
 is the love
 of a mother.

ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX

A very happy Mother's Day to all our dear Mams!

May God bless you in His love and care.

We pray for all who will celebrate Mother's Day for the first time this year, as well as remembering and praying for all mothers who have passed beyond life's care.



Confirmation: Congratulations to our **107 Confirmandi**, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Most Reverend Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, as we congratulate too their families and Sponsors who filled St. Mary's Church, Navan on Wednesday. We pray that having been filled with the Holy Spirit, our young parishioners will continue the journey of Christian maturity to live the gospel in our parish. Thank you to the children's teachers, SNA's, the Principals and all the staff of St

Stephen's and Holy Trinity, Lismullen schools who helped to prepare our young parishioners for this special day. A note of gratitude too to Fr Hurley and Navan Parish for the use of St Mary's, to our parish servers, the St Stephen's School choir, and to Carol, Marcella and Eugene for their help with the collection. Thank you for the support of the parish:
 Amount Collected: € 137.47



LENT 2026

The Fourth Sunday lightens the mood of this charged season ever so slightly with its call to joy, giving a sense of what awaits those who heed the call of Lent and its disciplines, encouraging us to struggle on for another 19 days

<u>FASTING</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>	<u>CHARITY</u>
<p>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.</p>  <p><i>Pray Fast Give</i></p>	<p>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. <i>Hallow, Ascension, Word on Fire, Abiding Forever, Bible in a Year, Daily Gospel Exegesis, Pints with Aquinas</i></p>	<p>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. Greet people as you pass them. Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy</p>

● **19th March St Joseph's Day:** The wonderful celebration of St Joseph, Husband of the B.V.M will be celebrated this week, with Holy Mass at 9:30am, followed by devotions. "Saint Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather by the constant practice of the ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all other saints." – St. Joseph Marello.

"All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O patriarch Saint Joseph." Such shall be my motto in life and in death!



● **LIGHT THE FIRE 2025** - The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal invite you to Slane on St. Patrick's Day for the celebration of St Patrick: **Schedule: 5:15 pm. Vespers on the Hill of Slane, 6:30pm. Mass in St. Patrick's Church followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration.**

● **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. Thank you to all who have chosen to donate in this way



Parish Sunday Collection

<p>Offertory: €1,050.22 Envelopes: €600.00 Online: € 30.00 Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan. A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account IBAN IE97 BOFI 9035 0989 9651 74</p>	<p>March Bulletin kindly sponsored by a parishioner Thank you to all our generous Sponsors!</p>
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Navan and District Historical Society - talk on 'Meath and The Spanish Civil War' in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Navan on Thurs March 19th at 8pm.: Dominic Muldoon. Students and N&DHS members free. Non members €5