

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

22ND 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

Fifth Sunday of Lent Saturday, 21st March

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

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion Saturday, 28th March

6:00pm: Thomas & Kathleen Barry & son Thomas
 7:30pm:
Sunday, 29th March
 9:30am:
 11:00am: Anne Woods (née O’Brien) (1st);
 Frankie Carroll (5th); John Lee & Carmel;
 Molly & Paddy McEvoy

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon: 9:30am
 Private Intention

Tues 9:30am:
 Intention

Wed. 9:30am

Thurs. 9:30am

Fri. 9:30am
 Jerome Lyness (6th)

● **Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Geraldine Cafferty**, Lanesboro, Co. Longford and **Helena Brophy**, Co. Laois.

● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **James Dunne & Sandra Cully**, who married on Thursday in Johnstown Church. We wish them a lifetime of love, health and happiness as they enter the sacred covenant of marriage.

● **Passiontide-Week 5 of Lent:** The time that precedes Holy Week which helps focus our attention on the saving events of that sacred Week, preparing the Faithful to accompany the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, following Him closely to Calvary. The weekday liturgy is saturated with the tensions between the Pharisees and Jesus, building towards His Betrayal by Judas and His Arrest. It is an invitation to enter into prayer more in our daily lives, and to ask ourselves what Lenten practices have helped me grow as a Christian and which I could continue to do after Easter. (E.g. Daily Mass, Rosary, Spiritual Reading, More time for others). During Passiontide, we use our sense of hearing in a greater way, as the sight of the Crucifix and Statues of the Saints are veiled from our eyes, allowing His life giving word (John 6:63) to speak into our hearts; Let us heed that the voice of the Lord saying, ‘O that today, you would listen to His voice, harden not your hearts’. This is a particularly opportune time to seek the sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.



The Celebration of Palm Sunday – 28th/29th March

Blessing of Palms before all Masses next week,

Palm Sunday Procession with Palms – weather permitting: **Johnstown** Beginning at **10:50am** in the Church Yard before the 11:00am Mass.

● **Trocaire Boxes:** the fruit of Lenten penance, can be returned to the churches during the next 2 weeks



Chrism Mass: Spy Wed. 1st April, 7pm, Cathedral, Mullingar. **All welcome.**

THE SACRED EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

Johnstown Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Procession of Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose for prayer and adoration, ending with Night Prayer at 9:30pm which will be a special moment of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood throughout our diocese.

Good Friday

Solemn Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Walterstown Way of the Cross 12 Noon *Children's Dramatization*

Johnstown Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Holy Saturday

Johnstown Sacred Easter Vigil 8:30pm

Easter Sunday

Walterstown Mass of Easter 9:30am

Johnstown Mass of Easter 11:00am




Sacrament of Confession & Reconciliation

St Mary's Navan: Tues 31st March All Day Confessions 8am-9pm
with local and visiting clergy

Johnstown Good Friday 4:30pm-5:30pm

St Mary's Navan Holy Saturday 12Noon -3pm



 ● **The Solemnity of the Annunciation:** 25th March: On Wednesday, we will mark that great moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, inviting her to become the Mother of God. Mary's reply serves as the model for all who wish to be a disciple of Christ "May it be down unto to me according to thy word".

Parish Sunday Collection

Offertory: €903.86 Envelopes: €573.82

Online: € 25.00

St Patrick's Day - Offertory: €682.75

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Golf Classic Fundraiser - Lismullen National School: Lismullen National School Parents' Association will host a Golf Classic on 24th April in Royal Tara Golf Club. All support from the parish community would be very welcome. Please help by entering a team, sponsoring a tee or hole, or donating prizes.