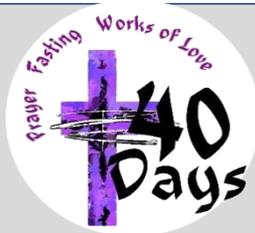


## WEEKEND MASSES

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### 8<sup>TH</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

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

6:00pm: Seamus McCabe (2<sup>nd</sup>) & parents Maggie & Mikey

7:30pm: Pro Populo

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

9:30am:  
 11:00am: Rose-Anna Jennings (MM);  
 Martin, Angela & Eugene Deane;  
 Liam & Mona Crinion & DFM;  
 Pat & Mai Callaghan

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare) Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March

6:00pm: Pro Populo

7:30pm:

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

9:30am: Betty Alder

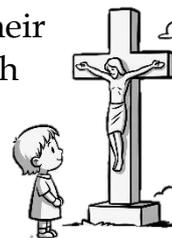
11:00am: William O'Brien-  
 -Lynch (7<sup>th</sup>)



### Weekday Mass Intentions

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| <b>Mon. 9:30am</b><br>McNally Family<br>James, Mgt, John & Tom | <b>Tue. 9:30am</b><br>Special Intention | <b>Wed. 9:30am</b> | <b>Thurs. 9:30am</b> | <b>Fri. 9:30am</b><br>Mary Shirley Rattigan<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary |
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● **First Confessions:** Congratulations to the children attending Holy Trinity, Lismullen & St. Stephen's schools who celebrated the sacrament of God's mercy in receiving their First Confession during the week. A special word of thanks to the teachers in both schools, together with their parents, who prepared the children for this important sacrament as they continue their journey towards celebrating First Holy Communion. We pray that our young parishioners may continue to 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. Thank you to Fr Barry Maguire SSC and the Fr John McEvoy SSC who assisted with hearing the children's confession.



● **Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation:** We welcome the Most Reverend Thomas Deenihan, Bishop of Meath to our Parish this Wednesday to impart the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our 107 young parishioners. The celebration will take place in **St. Mary's Church (Navan) at 3pm**, and all are welcome. We pray for the Confirmandi as they are filled with the Holy Spirit, continuing the journey of Christian maturity and ready to live the dynamism of the gospel in our parish, as the gifts of the Holy Spirit imparted upon them may be strengthened by being witnessed in our parish, gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence (Piety) and Wonder & Awe in God's Presence (The



Fear of the Lord). Thank you to the children's teachers, and all the staff of St Stephen's and Holy Trinity, Lismullen schools in helping to prepare our young parishioners for this special moment.

# LENT 2026

This 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent marks the halfway point of our journey, and once again we are invited to heed that great call of Lent - Conversion - to change and restore all things to the way of Christ and His gospel. This spiritual season is a chance to remove so much of what is hindering our living out of the way of the gospel by deliberately focusing on 3

basic Christian practices, in order to establish them more firmly in how we live our Christian lives. Some Lenten Suggestions for the next 26 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.



## 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, Daily Gospel Exegesis, Pints with Aquinas*

## 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.  
 Greet people as you pass them.  
 Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy

● **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: €884.97 Envelopes: €864.00  
 Online: € 27.00

**Bank details for direct debits etc.** BOI Navan.  
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**March Bulletin**  
 kindly sponsored by a parishioner  
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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 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.: Dominic Muldoon. Students and N&DHS members free. Non members €5  
**Navan Floral Art Club** - demo by Harimu Langford A.O.I.F.A. Ardboyne Hotel Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. all welcome