

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 EASTER (DIVINE MERCY

12TH APRIL 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-MALABRAR 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

Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)

Saturday, 11th April

6:00pm: Paul & Kieran McGuinness;
 Paddy Kennedy (1st) & Joseph, Katie &
 John Kennedy

7:30pm: Elizabeth Moore (10th)

Sunday, 12th April

9:30am: Pro Populo
11:00am: Christine Reynolds (1st);
 John Lenihan (3rd);
 Paddy & Moira King, Paddy & Elizabeth
 King, Elaine & Tommy Russell, Michael &
 Margaret McDonagh & Vesey & King DFM

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 18th April

6:00pm: Pro Populo
7:30pm: Tom & May McMahon & daughter Olive
 Valentin; Ita Lyons (née Bourke) (4th)

Sunday, 19th April

9:30am:
11:00am: Cecil Geoghegan (13th);
 Terry Dowdal & DFM & John Hegarty;
 Frank Caffrey (MM)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am Intention	Tue. 9:30am Mass Card Intention	Thurs. 9:30am Intention	Fri. 9:30am Private Intention
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● **Trocaire Boxes:** Please return Trocaire Boxes to the Churches or the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous response. **The amount returned to date is €1939.83**

● **RIP:** We pray for the repose of **Alan Mockler**, Athlumney Abbey. May he rest in peace.

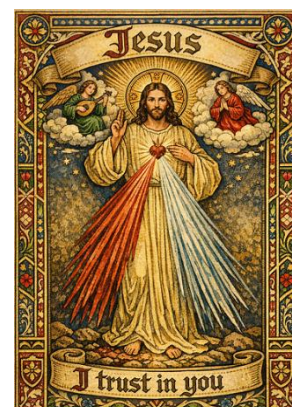
● **What's in a Name! 2nd Sunday of Easter:** The Sunday that follows Easter Sunday goes by many titles. It's often referred to as '**Low Sunday**' in the Easter Octave, in comparison to the 'height' of Easter Sunday, last week. Traditionally, it was the day, that the newly baptised stopped wearing their white garments, which they had assumed the week previous at the Easter Vigil, and so was named "**Dominica in Albis -White Sunday**". The long white ankle-length liturgical garment with sleeves, worn by priests, deacons and server called an Alb, gets its name from the white baptismal garment too.



The opening words of Mass - 'Like newborn infants', again referring to the newly baptised, is the translation of the Latin "Quasi modo geniti infantes" and so the Sunday was often called "**Quasimodo**" Sunday. Victor Hugo's character of the Hunchback of Notre Dame was named Quasimodo because he was found on this Sunday in the book, playing on his quasi human looks.



In more recent times, it has become now as "**Divine Mercy**" Sunday that ends the Novena of Divine Mercy, given to St Faustina. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is a staple of



many parishioner's prayers and is a highly commendable practice. "O blood and water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in You". However you know this Sunday, rejoice for it is the Day of the Lord! Happy Easter

Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (Tune Hail Redeemer)

1/ At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side;
Praise we Him, whose love divine,
Gives His sacred Blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

2/ Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.

3/ Easter triumph, Easter joy,
Sin alone can this destroy;
From sin's power do Thou set free
Souls new-born, O Lord, in Thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee,
With the Spirit, ever be.

● **Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year** - Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi: includes direct flights, transfers, tours, accommodation and half board. Cost €1,335 Bookings and enquiries JWT Travel Tel: 01 2410800 Email: info@joewalshtours.ie See itinerary is on dioceseofmeath.ie/pilgrimage-way

● **Retreat for Teenagers:** Inspired by St Carlo Acutis. Knock Shrine, 19th April 11am-2:30pm.

● **Vocations to Priesthood:** With three students studying for priesthood for our diocese, and three more undertaking a vocational discernment year, we thank God for the generous response to God's call in our diocese. We entrust these young men to your continued prayers for their journey ahead. Vocations Director: Fr Tony Gonoude, 0449373923, Meathvocations.com

● Sharing Easter joy with Our Lady, the Angelus at Noon and 6pm is replaced until Pentecost with the **Regina Caeli** prayer:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Ÿ. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

Ŕ. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus

beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.



Regina Caeli

Regina Caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Ÿ. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

Ŕ. Quia surrexit Dominus vere,

Christ gave joy to the world, grant we

beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

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● **St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Spring Collection** will take place this weekend - 11th and 12th April, supporting local families in need.