

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3RD MAY 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 2nd May

6:00pm: Pro Populo

7:30pm:

Sunday, 3rd May

9:30am: Jimmy & Brena Lanney & Pauline, Brena & Marie

11:00am: Christy Kavanagh (1st);
Martin Smith (3rd)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 9th May

6:00pm:

7:30pm: Sandra Maguire;
Charlie & Josie Deens;
Festy Joyce (Chris) (5th)

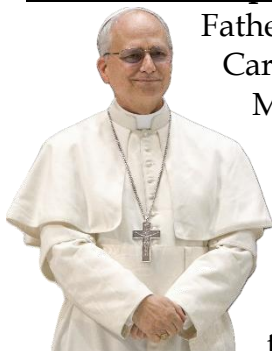
Sunday, 10th May

9:30am: John & Josie Nolan
11:00am: Nancy Kinsella;
Carmel Lynch (1st)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tue. 9:30am Special Intention	Thurs. 9:30am Special Intention	Fri. 9:30am
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- **No 9.30am Mass on Monday, owing to the Bank Holiday**
- **Rest in Peace** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Michael (Mick) O'Brien**, Carne Hill, Johnstown, who was laid to rest on Friday
- **Trocaire Boxes:** Thank you for your generous response to the Lenten Appeal. The amount returned to date is €4,857.57
- **Pro-Life - March for Life 2026:** Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May. Beginning from St Stephen's Green at 2pm and walking to Leinster House. Advocating For Change, Unity, and Empowerment for Mothers and their Babies. Be part of something bigger – Let's Make A Difference Together. More info can be found on marchforlife.ie
- **A Year with Pope Leo XIV:** This Friday (8th May), we congratulate and continue to pray for the Holy



Father as he celebrates one year in the Petrine Office. Some Papal facts since Robert Cardinal Prevost was elected to the Holy See: **200,000+ people** attended his inauguration Mass in St Peter's Square on May 18, 2025. He celebrated the Jubilee of Youth in Rome with a congregation of over a million young people from 146 countries, including young parishioners from Johnstown. He has made 7 International Trips since May 2025, beginning in Turkey for the Ecumenical Gathering celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of The Nicene Creed along with leaders from other Christian churches and Ecclesial Communities. From there the Holy Father travelled to Lebanon, a trip that his predecessor had hoped to make. Following a pastoral visit to Monaco in March, Pope Leo undertook a demanding 10 day visit to North Africa, including Algeria (where the patron of his order, St Augustine lived in Hippo), Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea where he continued to call for peace between nations and peoples. In June, he hopes to travel to Spain as it is Holy Year there as the Feast of St James falls on a Sunday this year.

Key Quotes from Pope Leo XIV: **On Faith:** "Friendship with Christ... is our guiding star".

On Society: "Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd... Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power or pleasure".

On Peace: "Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words".

On Service: "On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself".

On Church Mission: "Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary". **Happy 1st Anniversary Holy Father**

The Month of May – The Month of Mary



While we continue this joyful journey of Easter for 7 weeks, finishing on the Feast of Pentecost, we have the added joy of celebrating the month of May to the honour of Mary, the Mother of God. We have many traditions associated with this month that help us appreciate the role and example of faith that Our Lady has in the salvific plan of God. A May Altar is set up in homes: with fresh summer flowers decorating a family image of Our Lady, candles placed along with a space for written intentions, names of people to be prayed for, and memorial cards placed for prayers too. The Family Rosary takes an added importance this month, and if it has not been a practice within your home up to now, take this month of May as an opportunity to learn to pray together as family. *"The family Rosary links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace."* Pope Pius XII **Other Tips to**

celebrate May as the month of Mary: Pray the Rosary, Put up an image of Mary at home, work, in the car, mobile screensaver, Read the scripture passages about Mary, reflect on the Seven Sorrows of Mary, pray the consecration to Mary, Receive the Sacraments, Learn a hymn or prayer to Mary, share a Marian gift/image with someone, Go on pilgrimage to Knock either personally or with family. Share the joy of Mary that she sang so beautifully, in her great hymn the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) "The Almighty has done great things for me, Holy his name".

Bring Flow'rs of the Rarest!

Bring flow'rs of the rarest
Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Their lady they name thee, their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true.
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers,
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.



Refrain:

O Mary, we crown thee
with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels,
and Queen of the May.

● **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Sept 2026** The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, goes from 8th September 2026. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4-night or 5-night stay, starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours. For further inquiries, 01-2410800 www.joewalshstours.ie.

Offertory: €886.52 Envelopes: €522.00

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