



**WEEKEND MASSES**

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)  
 JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
 WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)  
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 JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)  
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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> 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 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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May**

6:00pm: ProPopulo  
 7:30pm: Thomas Garry (1<sup>st</sup>); Charlie & Josie Deens;  
 Chris (Festy) Joyce

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May**

9:30am: John & Josie Nolan  
 11:00am: Nancy Kinsella (1<sup>st</sup>); Carmel Lynch (1<sup>st</sup>);  
 Anne O'Callaghan; Frances Kelly & James Murtagh

**Ascension of the Lord**  
**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**

6:00pm:  
 7:30pm: Michael Halligan (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

9:30am: ProPopulo  
 11:00am: Claire O'Reilly (10<sup>th</sup>)

**Weekday Mass Intention**

<b>Mon. 9:30am</b>	<b>Tue. 9:30am</b> No Mass	<b>Thurs. 9:30am</b>	<b>Fri. 9:30am</b>
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● **Rest in Peace** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Sr Celestine Daly, RSM**, who was laid to rest on Wednesday & **Mai Ryan (neeMcEntee)**, funeral Tues. @10am in Johnstown



● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Richard Ruane & Abigail Mills**, who married this weekend in Johnstown Church. We wish them a lifetime of love, health and happiness as they enter the sacred covenant of marriage.

● **First Holy Communion** Next Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, our young parishioners attending St. Stephen's Primary School, will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at Masses at 10am and 12noon. We continue to pray for them, their families and the class teachers guiding them towards this special moment in the life of our parish. *"How holy this feast in which Christ is our food, his passion is recalled, grace fills our heart and we are given a pledge of the glory to come". - O Sacrum Convivium*

**Joyful, Joyful (tune Ode to Joy)**

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
 God of glory, Lord of love;  
 Hearts unfold like flowers  
 before You,  
 opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and  
 sadness;  
 drive the dark of doubt away;  
 Giver of immortal gladness,  
 fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy  
 surround You, earth and  
 heaven reflect Your rays,  
 Stars and angels sing around  
 You, centre of unbroken  
 praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and  
 mountain,  
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 Singing bird and flowing  
 fountain  
 call us to rejoice in You.

You are giving and forgiving,  
 ever blessing, ever blessed,  
 Wellspring of the joy of living,  
 ocean depth of happy rest!

You our Father, Christ our  
 Brother, all who live in love are  
 Yours;  
 Teach us how to love each  
 other, lift us to the joy divine.

# The Month of May - The Month of Mary - Our Lady of Fatima

While we continue this great month dedicated to our Lady, and approach the end of Eastertide too, we have the joy of celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Fatima this week. On the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917, three children Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta in the rural village of Fatima, Portugal were tending sheep and beheld an apparition of Our Lady in the fields surrounding their village, and was the first of several apparitions in and around Fatima, culminating in the Miracle of the Sun 13<sup>th</sup> October 1917. Our Lady's message was a simple call to prayer and repentance, particularly a call to devotion to the Rosary as a means of peace to come about in the world. During the month of May, it is a beautiful practice to pray the Rosary as part of our daily prayers, whether to pray as a family, between friends or personally during quieter moments of the day. The shrine of Fatima is about an hour from Lisbon Airport and well worth making a pilgrimage there.



Some of the prayers from the three Children of Fatima (two of whom have been canonised (St Francisco & St Jacinta) and Lucia has been declared Venerable, a step towards beatification:

● "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit I adore You profoundly. I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles throughout the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

● "O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You. My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament."

● "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.\*"

**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".

● **A Public Rosary** will be prayed each evening (Mon-Fri) at 7pm at the Grotto in Walterstown Church for the month of May, for the intention of peace in our world. All welcome.

● **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](http://www.joewalshstours.ie).

● **Finding God in Nature and Culture:** This is a day of pilgrimage, music, storytelling, and conversation exploring how we encounter God through nature, culture, story, and place. Solas Bhride Centre, Kildare Town, 27<sup>th</sup> June. 2pm-11:30pm. Tickets through Eventbrite.

● **Trocaire Boxes:** Thank you for your generous response to the Lenten Appeal. **The amount returned is €4,857.57** and has been forward on to the Diocesan Trocaire Account.

Offertory: €756.86 Envelopes: €550.00

Online: €55

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● **Walterstown Lotto-** 3<sup>rd</sup> May- Numbers drawn 3,15,26,28 No jackpot Winner. 2 with 3nos. Amy Ward- Whelan & Simon Mc Cabe. Next weeks' jackpot €1,400

● **Navan and District Historical Society** - talk on MEATH The Irish Revolution 1912 -23' in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row Navan on Thursday , May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm . Speaker Mr Ciarán Wallace N&DHS. members free. Non- members €5