

## 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

## THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

### 24<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

### The Solemnity of Pentecost

Saturday, 23rd May

6:00pm:  
 7:30pm: Terry & Esther Larkin & Michael Neary  
Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May  
 9:30am: Seamie Duffy (3<sup>rd</sup>); Ethna Mulligan (12<sup>th</sup>)  
 11:00am: ProPopulo

### The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May

6:00pm: Eileen & Larry McEntaggart  
 7:30pm: Mick O'Brien (MM); May McCormack (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May  
 9:30am: Sylvia Kennedy (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
 11:00am: Thomas Erasmus (14<sup>th</sup>)





### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am	Tue. 9:30am	Thurs. 9:30am	Fri. 9:30am
Mona Hallahan(20 <sup>th</sup> ) & John(12 <sup>th</sup> )		Michael & Annie Smith	

● **Baptism** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy: **Margaret Rose Bailey, Madisson Nally, & Bláithín Elizabeth Gaughan**, through the sacrament of Baptism, praying God's blessings on them and their families as they begin their Christian life.

● **First Holy Communion**: Congratulations to our young parishioners from Holy Trinity School, Lismullen and from St. Mary's Special School, who received the Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Eucharist as they made their First Holy Communion this weekend. As they take their place among God's Holy People at Mass each Sunday may they grow in the love and likeness of Christ our Saviour. We are very grateful for the support of the teachers and staff from both Schools for helping to prepare the children for this special moment in their lives, especially the children's Teachers, SNA's, Principals and staff.



● **The Solemnity of Pentecost** celebrated 50 days after the Resurrection of Jesus, when the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the Apostles as they gathered in prayer together in Upper Room in Jerusalem. The second chapter of Acts of the Apostles which is proclaimed in the First Reading today, describes how the room was filled with the sound of a mighty wind , and tongues of fire (little flames   ), symbolizing the presence of the Holy Spirit and from that moment the Apostles began their mission of announcing the Gospel (GOOD NEWS) of our Lord Jesus Christ to the world. For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common understanding of language, with a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

*Prayer to the Holy Spirit on all occasions but very handy before an exam!*

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**V. Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord and they shall be created.**

**R. And You shalt renew the face of the earth.**

**Let us pray. O God, Who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us, in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HYMN: COME, O CREATOR SPIRIT

Come, O Creator Spirit, come,  
And make within our hearts your home;  
To us your grace eternal give,  
Who of your breathing move and live.

Our senses with your light inflame,  
Our hearts to heavenly love reclaim;  
Our bodies' poor infirmity  
With strength perpetual fortify.

Our earthly foe afar repel:  
grant us henceforth in peace to dwell;  
and so to us, with you for guide,  
no ill shall come, no harm betide

May we by you the Father learn,  
And know the Son, and you discern,  
Who are of both; and thus adore  
In perfect faith for evermore.

### **HYMN: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on Me x2  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on Us x2  
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on All x2

● **Altar Servers** One of the great ministries that help children grow in understanding of Mass and the life of parish is that of Serving at the Altar. We hope the children would consider becoming Altar Servers, and they can only do so with the support and encouragement of their parents. Server Forms available from Sacristy and Parish Office



● **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.

● **Summertime Mass Schedule:** The Parish Pastoral Council is discerning a proposal to join our two Saturday Vigil's Masses into one Mass at 6:30pm in Johnstown for the months of July & August. If you would to feed into this discussion, please email or call the Parish Office before the next PPC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

● **Opening of the New St Mary's Special School:** With great joy, the school community invite parishioners to join in celebrating the Official Opening of St Mary's Special School on Tuesday at 11am. All very welcome to enjoy this special occasion. We congratulate Maria, Gemma and their team of staff, as well as the Board of Management on reaching this wonderful moment, and we wish them every blessing in their new school. With St Mary's Special School now permanently located in our Parish, it becomes under the pastoral care of the parish of Johnstown.

● **Pray for Life Novena:** is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@prayforlifenovena](https://www.instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram

● **Catholic Mothers Ireland:** Supporting Mothers, Strengthening Faith: You don't have to walk motherhood alone. Find faith, friendship and support, Retreats around the country, Play & Pray groups and more. To Pray and to Nurture. To find out more, visit [www.catholicmothers.ie](http://www.catholicmothers.ie). Get in touch today [Info@catholicmothers.ie](mailto:Info@catholicmothers.ie).



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Thank you to all who have chosen to donate in this way.

● **Walterstown Lotto-** 17<sup>th</sup> May Numbers drawn 5,9,11,17 No jackpot winner 5 with 3numbers Renata Tuffy. Terry Mc Mahon.Niamh Mc Guinness. Bidy Collier. Gerard M . Next weeks jackpot €1,600