

### 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

### SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

### 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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

#### Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June

6:00pm:  
 7:30pm: Mai Ryan (MM); Kevin Jones (15<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June

9:30am: ProPopulo  
 11:00am: Mary Brennan (1<sup>st</sup>); Tom Moloney (5<sup>th</sup>);  
 Jimmy Byrne (11<sup>th</sup>)

#### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June

6:00pm: Jim Kennedy (MM)  
 7:30pm: ProPopulo

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June

9:30am:  
 11:00am: Redvers Skelton (MM); John & Ellen Boland &  
 Martin & Sarah Cooney; Geraldine O'Flynn –  
 (née McLoughlin)

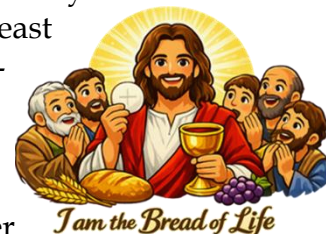
#### Weekday Mass Intention

<b>Mon. 9:30am</b> Betty Connell	<b>Tue. 9:30am</b>	<b>Thurs. 9:30am</b>	<b>Fri. 9:30am</b>
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● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy: **Archie John Mulvany & Patrick Carlos Stokes**, through the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday.

● **RIP:** We pray for the soul of **Gerry Gargan**, Slanetown who passed away on Thursday.

● **The Solemnity of Corpus Christi - The Body and Blood of Christ:** This great feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264, and was traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday as a memorial of the Institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, but has been changed to the Sunday following in many countries, in order to allow a greater



number of the faithful to participate. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ: In the Most Holy Eucharist and in the Church as the people of God. The primary purpose of this feast is to draw our focus more acutely to the Blessed Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the people of God who are the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his people. St Paul expresses this in his Letters by using the metaphor of a body in which Christ is the head, and we then make up the Lord's body. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

#### Corpus Christi Procession 2026:

● This Sunday evening, we will gather at 6pm in St Mary's Church, Navan before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Corpus Christi procession, following the Cross and our Eucharistic Lord from St Mary's to Railway Street, along St Finian's Terrace and back along Circular Road for Benediction in St. Mary's Church. An invitation is extended to all families to join in this journey with the Lord Jesus especially all parents, guardians and families who recently celebrated a First Holy Communion Day.

● **Clerical Appointments 2026:** Bishop Deenihan has announced the following clerical changes for the Diocese of Meath, effective from July 10<sup>th</sup> 2026. **Fr. Paddy Kearney**, Parish Priest of Kilskyre has retired. **Fr Seamus Mulvaney**, Parish Priest of Tubberclair (Glasson) to retire. **Fr Declan Smith**, Parish Priest of Taghmon to be Parish Priest of Kilskyre. **Fr. Phil Gaffney**, Administrator, Mullingar to be Administrator of Taghmon, in addition. **Fr. Barry Condron**, Parish Priest of Castletown-Geoghegan and Tyrrellspass to be Parish Priest of Tubberclair. **Fr. Robert McCabe**, Curate, Navan to be Parish Priest of Castletown-Geoghegan and Tyrrellspass. **Fr Norman Allred**, Curate, Mullingar to be Curate, Taghmon. **Fr. Marcin Pietras**, Polish Chaplaincy to be Curate Mullingar, in addition. **Fr. Andre Stolnicu**, Curate, Mullingar to return to Diocese of Iasi. **Fr Iulian Gherghel**, Diocese of Iasi, Romania to be Curate Mullingar.

**Hymn: Tantum Ergo**

Tantum ergo sacramentum Veneremur cernui, et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui. Præstet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.	Genitori genitoque laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio! Procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio! Amen
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**Hymn: I am the Bread of Life**



● **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June.** We celebrate the great feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following on from Corpus Christi, allowing us to meditate on the heart that has so loved us so perfectly. Images of the Sacred Heart from our homes can be brought to the 9:30am Mass for blessing.

**Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart:** O Divine Jesus, who said, "Ask and you shall receive" ,I kneel at your feet. From whom shall I ask if not from you ,whose heart is the source of all blessings. With a lively faith in you, I come to ask... *Share your petitions silently with the Sacred Heart.* I admit I am most unworthy of your favours, Jesus, but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. You are the God of mercies and you will not refuse a contrite heart. Look with pity on me, I beg you, and your compassionate Heart will find in my weakness a motive for granting my request. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me (x3) Amen

● **Cemetery Devotions 2026:** The Annual Parish Prayers for our Faithful Departed interred in the cemeteries of our parish will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

- TempleKieran Cemetery: 1pm**
- Mounttown Cemetery: 3pm**
- Old Kilcarn Cemetery: 5pm**



● **Summertime Mass Schedule:** Our 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 like to share suggestions, please email or call the Parish Office before next PPC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Offertory: €814.57 Envelopes: €422.00  
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● **Job Vacancy:** St Mary's Special School, Johnstown have four vacancies for Bus Escorts. The roles are starting as soon as possible. Please send your Curriculum Vitae to Office@smss.ie. ● **Walterstown Club Lotto-** 31<sup>st</sup> May Numbers drawn 2, 4, 6, 24- No jp winner - 2 with 3 numbers- Kathleen Farrell & Lily Davis .Next weeks Jackpot €1,800