

WEEKEND MASSES

JOHNSTOWN: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH JULY 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-MALABAR 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, 6:10PM

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 11th July

6:30pm: Maureen Deane (MM)

Sunday, 12th July

9:30am: ProPopulo

11:00am: Maureen O'Connor, Christopher & Leo

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 18th July

6:30pm: John & Esther Gaffney

Sunday, 19th July

9:30am: ProPopulo

11:00am:

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Fr Louis Illah

30th Ordination Anniversary

Tues. 11:00am

Funeral

Thurs. 9:30am

Intention

Fri. 9:30am

● **RIP:** We pray for the repose of the soul of **Marie Lenihan (née Ivory)**, Cill Foireann whose funeral will take place this Tuesday at 11am in Johnstown. (note, No 9:30am Mass on Tuesday)

● **Parish Office:** Will be closed this Wednesday.

● **Summertime Mass Schedule:** Our summer months Saturday Mass Schedule for July and August: there will be one **Vigil Mass at 6:30pm in Johnstown Church**, which will facilitate greater numbers of parishioners to gather, as many families are travelling through these months. Sunday Mass times at usual times. Normal Parish schedule will resume 5th/6th September.



Hymn: Christ Be Beside Me

1/ Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

2/ Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left
hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

3/ Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.



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us, I trust in you" – St Faustina

● **July – the Month of the Precious Blood.** Just as June is the month of the Sacred Heart, and May the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, similarly the month of July is given to prayerful reflection on the Precious Blood of our Lord. *"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Saviour shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in*

– Pope Pius O Blood and Water which gushed froth from the heart of Jesus as a font of mercy for

● **Saints celebrated this week: 14th July, Saint Camillus (1550 - 1614).** He was born in Italy of a noble family. He became a soldier but his taste for gambling and riotous living eventually lost him everything. At the age of 25 he converted as the result of hearing a sermon. Having had experience of hospitals as he was prone to sickness, he determined to improve them, and devoted the rest of his life to the care of the sick. Hospitals were filthy, and staff brutal and inadequate and so Camillus introduced many reforms and founded a congregation of priests and lay brothers, the Servants of the Sick (later known as the Camillians) to serve the sick both spiritually and physically. He was ordained priest in 1584. He resigned as head of his congregation in 1607 but continued to look after and visit the sick almost until the day of his death. A patron saint of the Sick and hospital. The Camilian Fathers run a nursing home in our Diocese in the parish of Killucan. The Habits of the order are black in colour with a large red cross on the front. Many sick people carry a small red cloth cross on their persons putting themselves under Saint Camillus Patronage.



● **Also 14th July Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656 - 1680):** Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks” and the “Geneviève of New France,” she was born in the Mohawk fortress of Ossemenon in what is now New York State, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior and a Catholic Algonquin woman whom he had saved from captivity at the hands of the Iroquois. When she was about four, smallpox killed her parents and her brother and left her scarred and with impaired eyesight. She was adopted by her uncle, the chief of the Turtle clan, and had many offers of marriage. She received some knowledge of Christianity from Jesuit missionaries when she was 11, and she determined to live the life not only of a Christian but of a Christian virgin: a heroic determination at the time. She was baptized when she was 20 and eventually, to escape persecution and death threats, she fled to an established Christian community at Kahnawake in what is now Québec. She advanced in union with God, with bodily mortification and intense prayer, and died at the age of 24. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 22 June 1980 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 21 October 2012.



● **16th July, Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Mount Carmel in Israel is celebrated in Scripture for its beauty. In the late twelfth century AD, near a spring called after Elijah, a group of hermits were living a life of solitude, prayer and absolute poverty by a chapel dedicated to ‘Saint Mary of Mount Carmel’. In the early 13th century the tides of history made it impossible for them to continue there, and they made foundations in Cyprus, Sicily, France and England. They were the nucleus of what became known as the Order of Carmelites. The Carmelites regard the Blessed Virgin as their Mother, and their model first of all in leading the contemplative life, and later in sharing the fruits of their contemplation with others. Many of the Faithful wear a Blessed brown Scapular on their persons as a sign of devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and a trust in her maternal protection and intercession

● **Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage** celebrating the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on Sunday 26th July at Knock Shrine, commencing at 2.30 pm with the anointing of the sick. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin A day of grace and blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly. All are welcome. Resources available: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

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

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



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