

## WEEKEND MASSES

JOHNSTOWN: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)  
WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)  
JOHNSNTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)  
PARISH PRIEST: FR. KEVIN HEERY PP



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JOHNSTOWN PARISH BELONGING TO THE ARDBRACCAN PASTORAL AREA ALONG WITH NAVAN, BOHERMEEN AND ORISTOWN PARISHES



## PARISH NEWSLETTER TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 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 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
BAPTISMS: SUNDAY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS – *ENQUIRIES TO PARISH OFFICE*  
CONFESSION: CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSIONAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 6:10PM

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August

6:30pm: Rosie McCabe (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> August

9:30am: Phil Brady (27<sup>th</sup>)

11:00am: Mary Carroll (1<sup>st</sup>); Gary Ryan (MM)

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August

6:30pm: Sheila Lynch; John & Breda Keogan;  
Irene Mangan (MM)

### Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

9:30am: ProPopulo

11:00am: Paddy Murphy & Mary Lynch

### Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am  
Intention

Tues. 9:30am  
Biddy Collier

Thurs. 9:30am  
Get Well Intention

Fri. 9:30am

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Fiadh Elechia Nic Dhonncha, Shonagh Else Duane, Oscar James Russell & Sam Vincent Murray**, into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray God's blessings on them and their families as they begin their Christian lives

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

**TempleKieran Cemetery:** 1pm

**Mounttown Cemetery:** 3pm

**Old Kilcarn Cemetery:** 5pm

Please be aware of those who may need assistance in tending a loved one's plot in preparation for our cemetery devotions. Take away and recycle where possible any rubbish that may arise in tidying graves.. A special word of thanks to all who maintain our parish cemeteries throughout the year.



● **Financial Support of the Parish:** Preparations for the printing of next year's Boxes of Parish Envelopes are underway. Parishioners who wish to begin contributing to parish funds by envelope, or Standing Order please contact the Parish Office or if you have decided to change in your way of supporting the parish from contributing by envelope to another means (S/O, Direct Debit, Online, Annual Contribution) please let the office know.

● **Memorial of our Lady of Knock 17<sup>th</sup> August.** On the rainy evening of August 21, 1879, in the village of Knock, County Mayo, fifteen faithful witnesses beheld a silent yet radiant vision at the gable wall of their parish church. In a scene bathed in heavenly light, they saw: **The Blessed Virgin Mary**, clothed in white, crowned in gold, hands raised in prayer, her gaze lifted toward heaven. **Saint Joseph**, with reverently inclined toward Mary. **Saint John the Evangelist**, the youngest apostle, vested as a bishop, holding a book and gesturing toward an altar. Upon the altar stood a **Lamb**, symbolizing Christ, with a cross behind it, surrounded by angels. ✨ The apparition lasted for two hours, during which the witnesses – young and old – stood in the pouring rain, praying



the Rosary. Miraculously, not a drop touched the vision itself. Though no words were spoken, the message was profound: a silent call to adoration, faith, and hope during a time of famine and hardship. The presence of the Eucharistic Lamb emphasized the centrality of Christ in suffering and redemption, and the Mass being the Source and Summit of the Christian life. Knock has since become a cherished Marian shrine, a place of pilgrimage and healing, where countless miracles have been reported – testimonies to the enduring grace of Our Lady of Knock.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Knock,** Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”. Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen.

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● **Annual Tara-Slane Pilgrim Walk “Bealach an tSolais”** Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> August. Info and Booking Forms are available in Johnstown and Navan Parish Offices.

● **National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 13<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> August. Family Day at Knock Shrine:** Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm. **Witness Walk:** Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.45pm. **DAILY PROGRAMME** Novena Ceremonies 3pm & 8pm in Knock Basilica. **Workshops:** 12.45pm daily in Knock Prayer Centre.

● **Marriage Enrichment Weekend (2-4 October)** Marriage Encounter Ireland invites couples to a residential weekend from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at the ‘Focolare Centre, Curryhills’, Co Kildare Step away from daily distractions, to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

● **Johnstown Pioneer Centre 75th Anniversary:** A special Mass will be offered to mark this important milestone in Johnstown Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 7.30pm. Presentation of Pioneer Emblems will be presented to those eligible in the following categories, 10 years, Silver (25 yrs), Gold (50 yrs), Diamond (60 yrs). For further information contact Kay Mob. 086 3684959 or Mary Mob. 086 3592636.



**Offertory: €797.71 Envelopes: €587.30**  
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**Walterstown GAA Club Draw:** 09/08/2026 - Numbers Drawn -13,14,21,22, - No jpot winner. 2 with 3 nos. Donal Traynor & Kevin O'Brien Lynch - Next week's Jackpot €2,800