

WEEKEND MASSES

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH 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-MALABRAR MASSES: JOHNSTOWN 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
BAPTISMS: SUNDAY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS – *ENQUIRIES TO PARISH OFFICE*
CONFESSION: CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSIONAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 6:10PM

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 8th August

6:30pm: Edward Dowdall (3rd), his mother Julia,
Christy & baby sister Julia

Sunday, 9th August

9:30am: ProPopulo

11:00am: Marie Lenihan (MM)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 15th August

6:30pm: Rosie McCabe (2nd)

Sunday, 16th August

9:30am: Phil Brady (27th)

11:00am: Mary Carroll (1st)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Tues. 9:30am
Special Intention

Thurs. 9:30am

Fri. 9:30am & 6:30pm

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy **Christopher Joseph Darragh Farrelly**, into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism last week. May the Lord bless him as he grows as a Child of God and a member of His Church.

● **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to **Edward Richardson and Korona Thain**, 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.

● 15th August - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Walterstown - Friday 14th - Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

The celebration of the Assumption of Mary into heaven is a Holy Day of Obligation, providing us with a wonderful opportunity to praise God for the graces that He bestowed on our Blessed Mother by bringing her, both Body and Soul into heaven. It was widely held through Christian history of the special privilege given to Mary at the end of her earthly life, but it was only in the Marian Jubilee year of 1950 that Pope Pius XII formally defined it as an article of faith. *"We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven"* - **Munificentissimus Deus**. This day is held with great solemnity in many Christian countries with special processions, festive foods and vesperal fireworks. Mary completed her life as a shining example to the human race, and so too the perspective of the gift of assumption is offered to the whole human race as we pray in the creed that *'we believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting'*. The patronage of Walterstown is given to Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven and so this day is the feast for the parishioners of Walterstown. On these great parish occasions it invites us to celebrate the bonds of parish life, to encourage delight in our local community, to welcome home relatives and visitors, and to use it as a good excuse to catchup with neighbours or welcome new families who have moved into our parish community.



Holy Mass of the Assumption will be celebrated as a Vigil in Walterstown Church, dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday (14th) evening at 6:30pm. There will also be Mass in St Mary's Navan at 8am and 10am on Saturday Morning (15th)

- **Saints celebrated this week:** Monday 10th – **St Lawrence**, Martyr (Patron Saint of Comedians)
- Tuesday 11th–**St Clare of Assisi**, Religious, Founder of the Poor Clares Order (Patron Saint of Television)
- Friday 14th –**St Maximilian Kolbe**, Priest & Martyr (Patron saint of Prisoners, Drug Addicts & Journalists)

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



- **Annual Tara-Slane Pilgrim Walk “Bealach an tSolais”** Sat. 29 August. Info from Navan Parish Office
- **National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 13th –21st August. Family Day at Knock Shrine:** Sunday August 16th from 11am to 3pm. **Witness Walk:** Friday, 21st at 6.45pm. **DAILY PROGRAMME** Novena Ceremonies 3pm & 8pm in Knock Basilica. **Workshops:** 12.45pm daily in Knock Prayer Centre.
- **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padua & Assisi** Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year, Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Deenihan to Padua & Assisi: 26th Sept, 5 nights. Cost €1,335. Bookings and enquiries JWT Travel Tel: 01 2410800 Email: info@joewalshtours.ie.



**Irish
Synodal
Pathway**

- **Irish Synodal Pathway:** Some Fruits in the Diocese of Meath: A practical development in our diocese is the rollout of new "Adult Faith Formation" initiatives such as the ‘Sycamore’, ‘YouCat’, and, ‘Baptised and Sent’ outreach programmes. In rolling out these courses lay people have been centrally involved and supported with the full backing and recognition of the Church community. Another visible change in our diocese is the creation of "Pastoral Areas". Neighbouring local parishes have been joined together to share resources, ministries, and clergy. This parish relational change isn’t just about managing resources; it’s a practical step that seeks to promote synodality. By sharing the load, we ensure that vibrant faith communities, youth groups, and outreach programmes can thrive across pastoral areas.

- **Lough Derg Programme of Retreats and Pilgrimages for August & September 2026:**

3 Day Pilgrimages – In the tradition of prayer, fasting and keeping Vigil: Begin on any day of the week until Thursday 13th August. Admission €85. Discounts available for Groups, Seniors & Students.

1 Day Retreats: Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - Places available on August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st, September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th. Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential. LoughDerg.org

Offertory: € 601.78 **Envelopes:** €486.60

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