

WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
JOHNSTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
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JOHNSTOWN PARISH BELONGING TO THE ARDRACRAN PASTORAL AREA ALONG WITH NAVAN, BOHERMEEN AND ORISTOWN PARISHES



PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH SEPTEMBER 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
BAPTISMS: SUNDAY FOLLOWING 11:00AM MASS – *ENQUIRIES TO PARISH OFFICE*
CONFESSION: CELEBRATED IN THE CONFESSIONAL IN JOHNSTOWN, SATURDAY, 6:10PM

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 12th September

6:30pm: Pro Populo
7:30pm: Jacinta Tang; Máirín Lydon O'Hora (3rd)

Sunday, 13th September

9:30am: Claire Tobin (1st) and husband John
11:00am: John McCormack (2nd); John Dowdall

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 19th September

6:00pm: Theresa & Bertie Tallon & dfm
McManus & Tallon families; Bartle Christie (7th)
7:30pm: Marie Valentine (2nd); Eamon Cleary

Sunday 20th September

9:30am:
11:00am: Jim & Dorothy Delahunty

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Clement Ling

Tues. 9:30am

Rose & Denis Dunphy

Thurs. 9:30am

Children of the Eucharist

Fri. 9:30am

Intention

- **The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, celebrated tomorrow honours the cross as the instrument of Christ's victory over death and the symbol of divine love and redemption.



✿ **Historical Roots:** (A) It commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, around 326 AD. (B) The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem was dedicated in 335 AD, and the cross was publicly venerated the following day (C) The feast also recalls the restoration of the Cross to Jerusalem after it was taken by the Persians and recovered by Emperor Heraclius in 628 AD.

† **Spiritual Significance:** The celebration emphasises not the suffering of the Cross, but the love and mercy of God revealed through Christ's sacrifice. It invites believers to "lift up their gaze" and recognise the Cross as a tree of life, a source of hope and salvation. In essence, this feast transforms a symbol of death into one of eternal life, reminding Christians of the transformative power of divine love.

† **Blessing of Crosses:** Parishioners are invited to bring any crucifixes from their homes for blessing after 9:30am Mass on Monday

St. John Paul II: "Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil".

- **Parish Pastoral Council:** Our Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 21st September, among the many pastoral initiatives to be discussed will be a new Baptismal Preparation Program.
- **Youcat Companion Study Group:** Would you like to know your faith better? (Learn what Catholics actually believe? Be able to answer those difficult questions about the Catholic faith that friends or colleagues put to you?) Join us on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Bohermeen Parish Centre beginning with an information night on 23 September. Contact bohermeenyoucat@outlook.com or 046 907 3805 for more information.

● **Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for September: For the Care of Water:** Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Pope Leo highlight's the truth that water is a universal gift and a 'right without borders' rather than a commodity, drawing attention to millions of people without access to clean drinking water. As we reflect on carelessness towards this precious resource, the Holy Father encourages the faithful to a renewed appreciation of this shared resource by avoiding waste, preventing pollution, and a commitment to safeguarding this precious gift.



● **Bus to Lough Derg** on Sunday 20th September. For further information – call - 087 9299544

● **Knock Pilgrimage:** Bus to Knock on Sunday September 27th. Pick up at Johnstown Church at 8:00am – Fairgreen Navan at 8:15am and at Trim Church at 8:30am. To book a seat – call 087 9299544



● **Johnstown Pioneer Centre 75th Anniversary:** A special Mass will be offered to mark this important milestone in Johnstown Church this Friday 18th September at 6.30pm. 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.

● **World Youth Day 2027 Seoul, Korea:** A group of young pilgrims from our diocese will travel to Seoul next Summer to gather with Pope Leo 14th and half a million other young Catholics for this great festival of youth and faith. If you would like to journey with our young pilgrims, please see bio.site/meathyouth to express your interest and to find out more.



● **Marriage Enrichment Weekend (2-4 October)** Marriage Encounter Ireland invites couples to a residential weekend from 2nd- 4th 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

● **Samuel Group:** For young adults (18-40 yrs) wishing to grow in their prayer life, beginning in October. The programme invites young people to being present once a month for a formation day meeting in Navan, talk with a spiritual director, and a commitment to daily prayer. Register by 01 Oct. For info and registration go to: www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-anthony



● **Honey for Sale:** Pure Local Honey from Johnstown Parish is available from the Parish Office.

Offertory: €840.62 Envelopes: €675.00

Online: €10.00

Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.
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Walterstown GAA Club Draw: 6th September - Numbers drawn 1,2,16,24 No jackpot winner 1 with 3 numbers - Linda O' Connor . Next week's jackpot €3,200

Navan and District Historical Society talk on 'Forty Years of Waiting for Seventeen Minutes of Sunlight ' Reflections on a Career at Newgrange in Columbanus Hall ,Canon Row, Navan on Thursday, September 24th, at 8pm. Speaker : Clare Tuffy. N&DHS members and Students free. Non members €5.