

WEEKEND MASSES

WALTERSTOWN: 6:00PM (SAT VIGIL)
JOHNSTOWN: 7:30PM (SAT VIGIL)
WALTERSTOWN: 9.30AM (SUNDAY)
JOHNSTOWN: 11:00AM (SUNDAY)
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH 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-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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 19th September

6:30pm: Theresa & Bertie Tallon & DFM
McManus & Tallon; Bartle Christie (7th)
7:30pm: Marie Valentine (2nd); Eamon Cleary
Thomas & Marguerite Davis & DFM

Sunday, 20th September

9:30am: ProPopulo
11:00am: Jim & Dorothy Delahunty;
Sean Walsh (4th)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 26th September

6:00pm: Rev Tomás Finn – (100th);
Josephine Cummins
7:30pm: Rory Nugent (1st)

Sunday, 27th September

9:30am: ProPopulo
11:00am: Kathleen Skelton (1st)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am
No Mass

Tues. 9:30am
Intention

Thurs. 9:30am
Children of the Eucharist

Fri. 9:30am
Intention

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Willow Mae Ann Darby- Smith** into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

● **RIP:** We commend to Almighty God the soul of **Rosaleen (Rose) Browne (née Kennedy)**, Walterstown who will be laid to rest after Requiem Mass in Walterstown Church on Monday.

Hymn: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of
God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be
added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

One does not live by bread
alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the
mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given
unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be
opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

● **Enrolment for Sacramental Preparation:** We welcome the Children of our Parish and their families next weekend for an enrolment Mass, as our young parishioners request to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion. We pray God's blessing on all who help our children prepare for these important moments in their Christian lives. That preparation begins at home by parents, is supported in our Catholic Schools and is lived among the Christian Community in our Parish who gather each Sunday around the altar of God to praise our Heavenly Father. As children enrol for this period of preparation, parents play that vital role in supporting and encouraging them, including making Sunday Mass a regular part of family life each week. As the People of God, we support and pray for our young parishioners throughout this time.



First Holy Communion
— PREPARING TO MEET JESUS —
JOHNSTOWN PARISH

● **Parish Pastoral Council:** Our Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Monday 21st September, among the many pastoral initiatives to be discussed will be a new Baptismal Preparation Program.

● **Diocesan 2nd Collection:** Bishop Deenihan has directed that all parishes of the diocese take up, on one Sunday either in September or October, a 2nd Collection for the **Care of Sick and Retired Priests** of the Diocese. The proceeds of this collection will be used exclusively to support the priests of the diocese, who in retirement or due to illness rely on the support of the diocese. This 2nd collection will be taken up on the weekend of 3rd/4th October. Thank you.

● **Saints celebrated this Week: St Matthew:** 21st Sept. Apostle & Evangelist. He was born in Capernaum, and was working as a tax-collector when Jesus called him. Patron Saint of Accountants, Bankers, Tax Collectors and Civil Servants. We continue reading from St Matthews Gospel on Sundays through to the end of November. The gospel goes through five major "Sermons" of Jesus before the detailed description of the events of Holy Week: the Sermon of the Mount, the Sermon on Mission for his Disciples, the Sermon of Parables on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Church Community, and finally the Sermon on the End Times and the Coming of the Son of Man, which will become our focus over the next few Sundays. St Matthew's relics are venerated in Salerno after his martyrdom in Ethiopia.



● **Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio):** 23rd Sept. Born in the small village of Pietrelcina and joined the Capuchin Order when he was 16. After being ordained, he lived for the next of San Giovanni Rotondo where he was sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor and intercessor. He died a few days after the 50th anniversary of his receiving the 'Stigmata' the wounds of the Crucified Christ and over 100,00 people attended his funeral "*Joy, with peace is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.*" -Padre Pio

A prayer of St Pio: May Jesus comfort you in all your afflictions. May He sustain you in dangers, watch over you always with His grace, and indicate the safe path that leads to eternal salvation. And may He render you always dearer to His Divine Heart and always more worthy of Paradise. Amen



● **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. You are welcome to a **Get2gether** on Sunday 4th October at 3pm in St. Anne's Resource Centre on the grounds of St. Mary's Church, Navan, Co. Meath. C15 W0YX to find out about the pilgrimage plans, meet the team and other interested pilgrims and pray together.



● **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

● **Open Night - Holy Trinity School, Lismullen:** Monday, 19th Oct. 7.00-9.00pm. We are delighted to welcome prospective new families to our Open Night at Lismullen N.S. (C15 NH68). This is an opportunity to meet our school community, view our facilities and find out more about what Lismullen N.S. has to offer. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about our school and admissions. We look forward to welcoming you!

● **School Art Work Commision - Artist Opportunity.** Holy Trinity School, Lismullen invites local artists to submit proposals for a commissioned artwork, in any suitable format, as part of our new school building project. Artists interested in putting forward a proposal are invited to contact Violet Molloy, Principal, at principal@lismullenns.ie for further information.

Offertory: €881.30 Envelopes: €946.92

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Walterstown GAA ClubDraw: 13/09/26 Numbers drawn 3,6,9,20. Next week jackpot €3,200