

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH 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, 7:10PM

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 26th September

6:00pm: Rev Tomás Finn, CC - (100th);
Josephine Cummins
7:30pm: Rory Nugent (1st);
James Callan, wife Elizabeth, son Vincent
Sunday, 27th September
9:30am: ProPopulo
11:00am: Kathleen Skelton(1st); Denis Whelan(1st);
Hugh & Mary Tully

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 3rd October

6:00pm: Noreen Walshe-Harte (MM)
7:30pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, 4th October

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

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Margaret Hennessy

Tues. 9:30am

Intention

Thurs. 9:30am

Children of the Eucharist

Fri. 9:30am

Intention

- **RIP:** We commend to God the soul of **John Sherlock**, late of Johnstown, laid to rest on Tuesday
- **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Maya Kusz** into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism, last weekend. We pray God's blessings on her and her family.
- **Enrolment for Sacramental Preparation:** We welcome the Children of our Parish and their families 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. This 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, praying that throughout this time they will grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus.
- **Parish Pastoral Council:** Our Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday, among the many pastoral initiatives discussed was the new **Baptismal Preparation Program**, to support parents in journeying towards the celebration of Baptism. The Baptism Preparation meeting will take place on the 1st Tuesday of the each month in Johnstown Church, and will be lead by members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Parents can register for the program through the Parish Office.
- **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.
- **Feasts of the Holy Angels this Week:** This week we will celebrate two feasts dedicated to the angels. The Archangels – **St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael** – will be celebrated on Tuesday, traditionally known as



Michaelmas. **St Michael** is mentioned in the Book of Revelation as the leader of the heavenly hosts. He is patron saint of Police Forces, Soldiers and those who stand up for truth and justice. **St Gabriel** is sent to Mary at the Annunciation to receive her consent to become the Mother of God. **St Raphael** heals Tobit from his blindness in the Book of Tobit and as is a guide to young Tobias on his journey and so is patron saint of youth. His name means God heals. On Friday, we will celebrate the feast of **the Guardian Angels**. Our Catholic teaching is that everyone is given an angel by God to guide and guard them in life. The prayer to the Guardian Angel is among the first prayers taught to children.

Prayer to St Michael

Blessed Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour of conflict; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil - may God restrain him, we humbly pray - and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust Satan down to hell, and with him, all the wicked spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Prayer to our Guardian Angel

O Angel of God
my guardian dear,
to whom His love commits me here,
ever this day (night) be at my side
to light and guard,
to rule and guide. Amen.

● **Meath Diocesan Choir** is recruiting new members and is hosting two information nights; 6th October in St. Paul's Church in Mullingar or 12th October in St. Anne's chapel, behind St Mary's, Navan Church.

● **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.



● **Contemplation and Meditation:** In the second half of life: Towards a better way of being. Dr Bernard McDonald, 10th Oct. An Tobar, Ardracran, Navan. To register for the workshop 046-9078973 or email reception@antobar.ie €35 including light lunch.

● **Blessing of Pets** on the **Feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th Oct):** St Francis was known for his love of animals and so his feast day is a great opportunity to ask God to bless our Pets. Blessing of Pets will take place after 9:30am Mass in Walterstown, and after 11:00am Mass in Johnstown on Sunday 4th Oct. 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

● **Feast of St Therese of Lisieux:** 1st Oct. A small relic of St Therese will be available to venerate after 9:30am Mass on Thursday.

● **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!

● **Enrolment St. Stephen's National School,** commences on 5th Oct. For children who would like to enrol for the school year 2027/2028. All information can be found in the 'Admissions Notice' on the school website www.ststephensns.ie, or email info@ststephensns.ie or call 0469020080.

● **School Art Work Commission - 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.

● **Bus Escorts** - 2 vacancies for St Mary's Special School, Johnstown. The roles are starting as soon as possible. Curriculum Vitae to Office@smss.ie.

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