

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5th September

6:30pm: Pro Populo

7:30pm:

Sunday, 6th September

9:30am:

11:00am: Helen Loftus (2nd); Marie McCarthy,
Frank Donnellan; Tony, Philomena &
Teddy Smith

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 12th September

6:00pm:

7:30pm:

Sunday 13th September

9:30am: Claire Tobin (1st) & John

11:00am: John McCormack (2nd); John Dowdall

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

No Mass

Tues. 9:30am

Intention

Thurs. 9:30am

Children of the Eucharist

Fri. 9:30am

Intention

●**RIP:** We commend to Almighty God the soul of **Conor Ahearn**, Athlumney who will be laid to rest after Requiem Mass on Monday.

●**Blessing of Graves** - People gathered in great numbers last Sunday at the cemeteries of Mounttown, TempleKieran and Old Kilcarne for the Annual Blessing of Graves. Our deep appreciation for all involved in any way in the ongoing care and maintenance of the cemeteries and the work involved on the day itself. It is a great time for families to come together and is one of those things which the Church and parish do best in providing familiar and effective rituals which, in word and action, bring some meaning to life and consolation to the bereaved. Special note of gratitude to our choirs, readers, sound technician, collectors, Farrelly Undertakers for provision of canopy in Old Kilcarne, and for the cup of tea after the blessings in Mounttown too!

With thanks for supporting collection for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemeteries:

Mounttown: €2681.47 TempleKiernan €900.00

Old Kilcarne €2728.20, (including €280 donated online)

Anyone wishing to contribute can drop an envelope into collection baskets or Parish Office. Donations can be made online through Bank Transfer to Parish Account with "Name of Cemetery" or scanning the QRCode overleaf.



●**Welcome back** to the members of the Johnstown parish choir after their summer break and we pray God's blessing on all our choirs as they continue to help us to praise God in song and music. If you enjoy singing, or play an instrument and would like to become a member of the parish choirs, please contact any choir member or call the Parish Office. New members are always welcome!

Weekend Mass Schedule: Our normal Weekend Mass Schedule will resume this weekend:

Walterstown at 6pm, Johnstown at 7.30pm

The Parish Pastoral Council welcome feedback from parishioners as to their experience of this summertime change as it plans for future pastoral initiatives.

● 8TH SEPTEMBER: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY - OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY. 🍰 🕯️ 🙏 🕊️ This feast is especially dear to our parish as it is our Patron's Day. The Church in Johnstown has the great honour of being dedicated to this beautiful devotion of Our Lady's birth or nativity. This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. It is thought that this feast originated in connection with the Feast of the dedication of a church dedicated to Mary, now the Church of St Ann, in Jerusalem in the 6th century. Tradition holds that this is where the house of Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, stood and where she would have



been born. The Feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the 8th century with Pope Sergius I (+8 September 701). It is the third such feast of a "nativity" on the Roman Calendar: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). The primary event in Mary's life always remains the Annunciation. The Church looks on her as the Mother of God, but also as the disciple who can best offer us an example and model of the Christian life. In her faith, in her obedience to her Son, in the way she made herself a neighbour toward her cousin Elizabeth and to the couple in Cana on their wedding day, Mary is the woman to imitate especially in the trust shown during the darkest moments in the life of Jesus, her Son. Here, and in many other moments, she explains why the people of God know they can find their refuge and comfort, help and protection in her. Happy Feast Day, and so a great cause to celebrate our Parish!

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● **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

● **Lourdes Pilgrimage:** We accompany with our prayer all who will be taking part in the Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. May it be a time of grace and blessing for all!

● **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: €703.28 Envelopes: €485.00

Online: €136.00

Bank details for direct debits etc. BOI Navan.

A/C name: Johnstown Church Current Account

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Walterstown GAA ClubDraw: - 1,8,14,24 Next weeks jackpot €3,100