

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MISSION SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

Saturday, 17th October

6:00pm: Christy & Joe Cullen
7:30pm:

Sunday, 18th October

9:30am:
11:00am: Joe Flannery, parents Mick & Kitty & Emer & Killian Linton

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 24th October

6:00pm:
7:30pm:

Sunday, 25th October

9:30am: Rosaleen Browne (MM)
11:00am: Tom, Clare & Hugh Cooney;
Joe Curran

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am
No Mass

Tues. 9:30am
No Mass

Thurs. 9:30am
Children of the Eucharist

Fri. 9:30am
Margaret McCarthy

● Please note **There will be no 9.30am Mass on Monday & Tuesday of this coming week.**

● Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Margaret Finneran**, Athlumney, laid to rest on Tuesday

● **Baptismal Preparation Program**, A meeting to support parents in journeying towards the celebration of Baptism will take place on the **1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm** in Johnstown Church, and will be lead by members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Parents can register for the program through the Parish Office.

● **Mission Sunday**: With joy we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Mission Sunday with its invitation to all believers to recognise the mandate God gives each person to proclaim the Good News of Jesus wherever they may be. This mandate comes from our baptismal identity as children of God called to make known the love of the Father by lives of holiness, love and generosity in whatever vocation or circumstance that we find ourselves in. The theme of this years Mission Sunday is "One in Christ, united in mission" – emphasizing unity, evangelisation, and renewed missionary zeal following the Jubilee Year last year. Pope Leo XIV calls for: Renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit", Deepened unity in Christ as the foundation of mission, Reconciliation, cooperation, and shared responsibility among all baptised Christians.

The retiring collection goes to support the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,150 young dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God. We are blessed to have the home of the Columban Fathers located in Dalgan Park here in our parish whose society has been so dedicated to work as missionaries of hope in China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and in South America. A collection basket will be made available for donations at the end of Mass.

● **An excerpt of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV's** message for World Mission Sunday: The theme for this year's World Mission Sunday - *One in Christ, united in mission* - highlights the unity of believers and

marks the 100th anniversary of this global celebration. It invites all of the members of the Church to a deeper communion in Christ and to a fuller unity in his divine mission of love, unity and communion centered on Christ, and to promote it through your activities among the faithful.

My dear brothers and sisters, the Second Vatican Council insisted that the "Church on earth is by her very nature missionary since, according to the plan of the Father, it has her origin in the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Ad Gentes, 2). Mindful of this, I invite you all to appreciate the urgency of embracing an ongoing missionary conversion and to look together for ways of being a missionary Church for the healing of our world, so fraught with tensions, conflicts and wars. In this important task, the work of the the Pontifical Mission Societies remains essential. Let us therefore continue our missionary journey with joy and renewed zeal. In all that we do for the work of evangelization, may we always place Jesus Christ at the center, embracing the beautiful Gospel principle expressed by John the Baptist: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). "Leo XIV PP



Dates of the Celebrations of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation:

First Confession

The celebration of God's mercy in the sacrament of First Confession will take place in the evening of:

16th February 2027 Holy Trinity School, Lismullen, Church of the Nativity, Johnstown
17th February 2027 St Stephen's School, Church of the Nativity, Johnstown

First Holy Communion

We will celebrate the children of our Parish receiving the Lord Jesus Christ in the sacrament of First Holy Communion on:

24th April 2027 St Stephen's School 10am & 12Noon Church of the Nativity, Johnstown
15th May 2027 Holy Trinity N.S., Lismullen: 10am Church of the Nativity, Johnstown

Confirmation

The celebration of receiving the fulness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on
9th March 2027 at 12Noon in St Mary's Church, Navan.

- **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.



- **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,** began 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.

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Walterstown Lotto Results - 11th October - Numbers drawn 6-9-12-23 No jackpot winner 1 with 3 numbers Milissa Byrne
 Next week's jackpot €3,700

Navan and District Historical Society talk on 'Navan's Railway Architecture' in Columbanus Hall, Canon Row, Navan on Thursday, October 22nd at 8pm. Speaker: Dr Siobhan Osgood. N&DHS members and Students free. Non members €5.

