

WEEKEND MASSES

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH 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-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, 7:10PM

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 3rd October

6:00pm: Noreen Walshe-Harte (MM)

7:30pm:

Sunday, 4th October

9:30am: ProPopulo

11:00am: Dorothy & Jim Delahunty;
Seamus Reilly (15th) & his father Tom

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 10th October

6:00pm:

7:30pm: Conor Ahern (MM)

Sunday, 11th October

9:30am: ProPopulo

11:00am: Peter MacMahon (5th)

Weekday Mass Intention

Mon. 9:30am

Special Intention

Tues. 9:30am

Margaret McCarthy

Thurs. 9:30am

No Mass

Fri. 9:30am

No Mass

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

● **Office Closed:** Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday this week.

● **Baptism:** God's Holy Church welcomed with great joy, **Delliah Katie Rose Ward** and **Nela Rupocinska** into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism, last weekend.

● **RIP:** We pray for **Celia Daly**, Garlow Cross who passed away on Friday.

● **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.

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

● **Blessing of Pets:** This Sunday is usually celebrated as the feast of St Francis of Assisi who had a profound love of creation, because it reflected the beauty of God, the creator of heaven and earth. A number of stories of this Saints life show his care for animals, whether it was preaching to birds, instructing them to sing the praises of God to the pacification of the wolf terrorising the town of Gubbio, and of course his famous hymn to creation "The Canticle of the Sun". It has become a day that we thank God for the gift of creation and invite His blessing upon the animals that share our lives; our family pets. Blessing of Pets will take place in the church grounds after 9:30am Mass in Walterstown and 11:00am Mass in Johnstown.



● **Parish Safeguarding:** Today we highlight the children and young people who take part in our parish activities such as our Altar Servers and Children's Choir. We thank the volunteers, parish staff, and parents who support our young people in taking part in the life of the Parish. Thanks also to our Parish Safeguarding Representative. For further information see www.meathsafeguarding.ie, and the noticeboards in the porches.

● **Síol Youth Group** For young people (12-18), to explore their faith, make friends, and have fun. Meetings have resumed on Thursday evenings. Contact the Parish Office for registration form.



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.

Notable Feasts this week:

● **7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary.** October is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Rosary because of this feast, and so is also an invitation to keep or renew the rosary as part of your prayer life, either privately or as family prayer. Each morning before the 9:30am Mass, the rosary is prayed by parishioners.

● **The Rosary for the month of October** will be prayed in Walterstown church each evening from Monday to Friday at 6:45pm. **All welcome.**

● **9th October: St John Henry Newman:** (1801 -1890), An English intellectual who converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism on the 9th October 1845, later becoming a Priest, a Founder of the Birmingham Oratory and then elevated to become a Cardinal. He was a founding member of UCD Dublin, and some of his prayers and hymns are still loved and prayed by the faithful.

● **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. Scan QR to find out more!

● **Open Night - Holy Trinity School, Lismullen:** Monday, 19th Oct. 7.00-9.00pm. for prospective new families. Meet our school community, view our facilities and find out more about what Lismullen N.S. 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.

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



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