

Parish Office

Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 11.30am
Outside of these hours please phone
Tel: 01 4502649 where you can leave a message
and we will contact you at our earliest convenience.

Email: walkinstownchurch@gmail.com

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Parish Staff

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Christmas Newsletter



**Assumption Church
Walkinstown**

DECEMBER 2022

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Masses are streamed
live on Webcam and
Broadcast on Parish Radio

Christmas Mass Times are as follows:

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass	Saturday 24 th December 6.00pm
Christmas Day	Sunday 25 nd December 11.30am
St. Stephen's Day	Monday 26 th December 10.00am
Morning Mass from Tuesday 27 th December up to and including Friday 30 th December 2022 will be at 10.00am	
Vigil Mass:	Saturday 31 st December 6.00pm
New Year's Day	Sunday 1 st January 2023 11.30am
Morning Mass from Monday 2 nd January to Wednesday 4 th January 10.00am	
The Epiphany - Vigil:	Thursday 5 th January 7.00pm
Feast of Epiphany	Friday 6 th January 10.00am

PARISH OFFICE – The Parish Office **will be closed** from **Monday 26th December until Thursday 29th December 2023**. The office will **open Friday 30th December**. The office will be **closed on 2nd January 2023**. The office **will re-open 3rd January 2023**.

If you would like to volunteer and assist with the running of the Parish, we will do all we can to make you feel part of the Parish family and match you with a role that you will find enjoyable, helpful, and rewarding.

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Monday to Friday:	10.00am
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	11.30am
Holy Days – Vigil	7.00pm
Holy Day	10.00am
Confessions:	Saturday before Vigil Mass. Sunday 11.00am (when priest available). On request or by appointment



Celebration for our Sacristan Joe Morrison



On Sunday 13th November 2022 we celebrated Joe Morrison, Sacristan, long and tireless service to Walkinstown Parish. Joe began as sacristan on the first day Walkinstown church opened in 1956. His wealth of knowledge of the liturgy, of Walkinstown church, and its history is very impressive. His loyalty and dedication is cherished as he continues to be our sacristan into the future. May God continue to bless him and his family.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:
Thursday after 10.00am Mass until 11.30am

Devotions
Miraculous Medal Novena Monday after 10.00am Mass

Rosary Monday – Friday before 10.00am Mass

Church is open for private prayer from 9.30am to 3.00pm
Monday to Friday outside of Church Holidays



Blessing of our Baby Jesus figurine for our Crib

At this time of year, we bless the Baby Jesus figurine, to remind us of the wonderful gift that God our Father gives us in Christ Jesus. Each family is encouraged to say this prayer together before the crib:

*Heavenly Father,
we thank You that You love us so much that You gave us your only Son,
Jesus, as a most precious gift.
We ask you to bless this crib that we have prepared. Let it remind us of
your presence with us in all the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows of
our human lives.
We thank You for the gifts we are about to receive; let them remind us
of the gift You gave us; Jesus, your Son, who became one of us and
taught us to be fully human.
Help us to be generous like You. Help us to follow the example of Jesus
in all we do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Pope St John Paul II

Christmas Greeting

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish you a joyous and blessed celebration of Christmas. May the many gatherings with family and friends during this holy season bring much joy and cheer to you in these dark and cold days. May the Baby Jesus bring you much spiritual blessing to your homes and hearts.

I want to thank sincerely the many volunteers who keep our parish running throughout the year whether during the liturgies or all the hidden work behind the scenes. May the Lord reward you for your service to our parish community.

I want to especially thank all those who contribute to the running of the parish through the Family-Giving-Envelopes and all the support for the diocese and the priests through the mass collections. I'm always touched by the humble and faithful support week-in and week-out that is received into the parish.

I also want to thank our catholic schools, their principals and teachers, particularly those who do so much to prepare the children for the sacraments. Thanks also to Ann Conway our parish secretary for all her work.

Finally, I would like to share with you a thought on the Crib scene that we contemplate at this time of year.

"You and I are the innkeeper, will I have room in my heart for the baby Jesus?"

A Blessed Christmas to you all.

Fr Paul Glennon





Parents and children have been invited to attend mass throughout the year and also four preparation talks as part of their preparation.

First Communion

The following are the remaining talk dates for First Communion for 2023:

Boys –at 11.00am	Girls – at 11.00am
Sun 26 th February 2023	Sun 29 th January 2023
Sun 23 rd April 2023	Sun 26 th March 2023
Communion Day: Fri 19 th May @ 2.00pm	Communion Day: Friday 12 th May @ 2.00pm



Confirmation

The following are the remaining talk dates for Confirmation for 2023:

Boys – at 5.30pm	Girls – at 5.30pm
Sat 21 st January 2023	Sat 7 th January 2023
Sat 25 th February 2023	Sat 28 th January 2023
Sat 11 th March 2023	Sat 4 th March 2023
Confirmation Day: Thur 27 th April @ 2.00pm	Confirmation Day: Thur 25 th May @ 12.00



Marriage

Weddings can be booked by **contacting the Parish Office Tel: 01 4502649**

All couples must give at least three months notice of their marriage. If either of the couple is under 18 then at least six months' notice must be given.



Baptism is the beginning of your child's life-journey with the Lord. If you are interested in having your child baptised in Walkinstown, **please contact the Parish Office Tel 01 4502649**

Lectio Divina Prayer Meeting

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is a way to prayerfully reflect on the living Word of God in Scripture. **A meeting is held every Friday after 10.00am mass in a room off the sacristy.** All Welcome.

Social Service Centre

The Social Day Centre caters for senior citizens from the local area. The service includes Day Care services and a Meals on Wheels Service. Freshly made hot lunch are served as well as offering a transport service and many social events. **For further information please telephone 01 4505881**

World Youth Day 2023

Fr. Paul and the Emmanuel Community will be leading a pilgrimage to World Youth Day, Lisbon, 27th July to 6th August 2023. If you are 18 (by July 2023) to 30 years and would like more information **please contact Fr. Paul 089 2389681**



Family Offering (Weekly Collection)

We are deeply grateful to those who contribute to the Family offerings which is a main source of income used to meet the Parish expenses. Boxes for 2023 are now available.

If you are not a regular Contributor and would like to contribute by way of the Weekly Envelope box or by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office Tel 01 4502649. Or donate online on our new website from January 2023 – www.walkinstownparish.ie

Let us be there for one another...

Many of us will visit our neighbours for Christmas but maybe more of us could make it a new year's resolution – to call in after Christmas too, to call in at least one day a week, maybe doing a rota with others so that each one calls on a specific day.



Checking that your neighbours are safe and well is important but it's also lovely to bring some cheer into their homes with the gift of your company. This helps to build up our parish and our community and make it one we are proud of.

Legion of Mary



Why not join the the Legion of Mary. Members meet weekly for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting.

Members also carry out two hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of their Spiritual Director. **Contact: Mary 085 7221008 or Michael 085 8146691 www.legionofmary.ie**

Prayer for Our Deceased Loved Ones

Remember Lord, those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray.

May those and all who sleep with Christ find in your presence, light, happiness and peace. Through Christ Our Lord Amen



Hospitality Tea



You are all welcome to attend our hospitality tea after Mass on the 2nd Sunday of every month. We can catch up with everyone over a cup of tea. We would love you to stay for a cuppa!!

Special Thanks to Robbie



We wish to say a very special thanks to Robbie, and his support worker team, from WALK (Long Mile Road). Robbie supports the church by voluntary as a church carer one day a week.



Drimnagh Castle Boys



On Wednesday mornings, under the mentorship of Teacher Barry Hazel, five 2nd year boys from Drimnagh Castle School come to provide refreshments and most importantly to chat with some of our parishioners. We are extremely thankful for the invaluable service they give to our parishioners.

SVP ...St. Vincent DePaul

The members of St. Vincent de Paul in Walkinstown would like to thank the people of Walkinstown for their generosity and support not only in 2022, but also in previous years as well. With the cost of living crisis and all the difficulties this brings, your support is more important than ever so that we can help your friends and neighbours through these difficult times. We would also like to thank Fr. Paul for his support with our work in the Parish. *The Vincent de Paul wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy 2023.*



Home Visitation.

If any parishioner would like a home visit, or a visit in a nursing home, especially those who are sick and housebound, please contact the Parish Office and we can arrange for Fr. Paul or our Parish Sister to visit. Please ensure you have the permission of the parishioner.



Parish Partnership – Building Hope -



Walkinstown Parish is now in the partnership of parishes in the **Cullenswood Denary with Crumlin, Clogher Road and Mourne Road.** While each parish will retain its identity, its particular sense of community and financial independence, it will be enabled within the partnership structure and with synod engagement, to draw strength for our shared mission.