

**ST OLIVER PLUNKETT STATUE** - The Archbishop will unveil a new bronze statue in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on July 9th this year to mark the 350th anniversary of the appointment of St Oliver Plunkett to the See of Armagh and honouring the martyrs of yesterday, today and tomorrow. If you would like to be part of this project, information flyers and donation envelopes can be found in Church porches and can be returned to the Sacristy at any time.

**THE IRISH CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION** is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year in St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Remembering, Celebrating and Moving Forward is the theme for this year's celebrations. Celebrations will begin with a two-day Conference beginning 1-2 July. Keynote speakers are Fr Michael Joncas (guest director) and Professor Lizette Larson-Miller.

**NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP:** we continue to keep in our prayers during the coming months Bishop Elect Michael Router who has been appointed as the new Auxiliary Bishop to the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Martin. He will be raised to the Episcopate on 21 July 2019 at 3.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. We pray God may bless him with happiness, courage, faith and love in his new ministry among us.

**MEN'S SHED** - Lilac have started a Men's Shed in Coalisland. We are operating from the premises at Lilac Charity Shop at the moment while looking for more suitable premises to operate from and grow membership. All welcome. Contact Lilac in Cookstown- 02886766866 or Chris on 0751776060.

**NOTICES FOR BULLETIN** - if anyone would like to include notices in the bulletin please email them to the parish office at [coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk) or deliver to parish office by **10.30am the previous Wednesday** for inclusion subject to space.

**INTERNET BROADCASTING:** Mass and other services will be broadcast each day over the internet. The operator of the system is Fr. Eugene O'Neill PP, Parochial House, Coalisland, Tel 8774 0221, to whom queries should be referred.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am - 4.30pm  
*Fr Eugene O'Neill: 8774 0221 / Fr Aidan: 8774 0302 / Fr Michael Seery: 8773 9133*

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# Ballyclog & Donaghenny

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Love is a wonderful thing – the feeling that someone in this world thinks that you are the best, most special person that has ever been. We've all hopefully known what it is to be loved – because love is all around – husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, just friends – love is everywhere and will always be because everyone loves to be loved. So much of the love we hear of today is mushy love, and sometimes you can get too much of a good thing, but the love we hear of in today's Gospel is pure love – the love we're all asked to show to God, neighbour and ourselves. I often think the love of God might have a slight boredom to it, because it's not that terribly exciting, but it is a love that should make us all feel truly special if we take to think about what it really is.

The love of God is simply 'perfect acceptance' – our acceptance of the hand of God in our lives no matter what, God's acceptance of us no matter what we do, how we mess up or fall short, and then our acceptance of others with all their faults and failings and yet still seeing them as special. But of course none of it is possible unless we love ourselves first. Loving yourself doesn't mean idling the day away looking in a mirror and saying 'how wonderful am I', it means accepting yourself as you are, not living your life trying to be someone else or be bigger or better than everyone

else, but just being happy with yourself as you are. Not being ashamed that you can't do everything and not being a pain because you can do something. Only when we accept that we're not perfect but that we're still special can we start to do the same to everyone else. When we accept that we won't do everything right ourselves we can accept that sometimes God doesn't or won't give us what we want or think we need, but that He still thinks we're His perfect creation. When we admit our own imperfections we can accept them more easily in other people and then pure love or perfect acceptance becomes second nature to us. But today's world doesn't encourage that so much – instead it sets an ideal before us – look a certain way, think a certain way, act a certain way and you will be fabulous. I suspect God knows a bit more about these things than the modern world does, and if you do one thing against modern culture let it be this – throw away all notions of changing yourself to fit in with what is perfect today. Just be yourself (warts and all), accept yourself (weaknesses and all), love yourself (strengths and all) and give everyone the same chance you give yourself. When you do you'll find it's not really that hard to love God at all.

With best wishes for the week,

Fr O'Neill

**ROSARY** at Our Lady's Grotto Sunday at 7 pm and Monday to Friday at 8 pm.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** every **Wednesday @ 7.00pm** in Holy Family Church.

**BAPTISMS** are held in the Holy Family Church on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at **1 pm** and in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown on the third Sunday of each month **immediately after Mass**. Please give **one month's notice**. Baptisms are to be booked through the parish office, 8774 0221, or email coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk.

**A meeting for parents and godparents** will take place on the **Wednesday evening before** Baptisms in the O'Brien Room, 7.30 pm to help parents and godparents prepare for the Sacrament and to complete all necessary paperwork.

#### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Monday to Saturday @ 10 am

**CONFESSIONS:** After 10am Mass on Saturday except in case of a Funeral

**MONTH'S MIND:** Martin Ward – Thursday 23rd May 10.00am

**MONTH'S MIND:** Pauline Quinn – Saturday 25th May 6.00pm

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

**PERPETUAL NOVENA & MASS** on Monday evening at 7 pm.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7pm; Tuesday, Friday: 10am

**FLOWERS** for 26<sup>th</sup> May : E Smith & A Campbell

#### ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

**NOVENA & MASS:** Every Monday evening at 7.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Friday 7.30pm MM and 1st Anniversaries by arrangement.

**MONTH'S MIND:** Eilish Harte – Tuesday 21st May 7.30pm

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 12th May: Envelopes: £2220.12    Offertory: £1348.20

Many thanks for your generosity. If anyone would like to make a donation by cheque please make cheques payable to "Coalisland Catholic Church".

**LATELY DECEASED:** Please pray for Eilish Harte; Martin Ward; Bridie Hughes; Pauline Quinn; Bernie Devlin; Mary McKernan; Sean O'Neill; Sally Mackle; Sheila Donnelly; Ann Canavan; Anne McShane; Fr Sean Hegarty

**LEGION OF MARY** meets every Monday evening in the O'Brien Room at 8.00pm.

**MAY DEVOTIONS** will continue every Sunday evening of May at 7.00pm in the Church of the Holy Family. All are welcome.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS** for John Currie in St Malachy's Church, Edendork on Friday 24th May at 7.30pm

**CHURCH CLEANING IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH** - we are trying to organise a new team to help with Church cleaning of the Holy Family Church on a regular basis to assist the Sacristans in their ever increasing workload. All volunteers would be warmly welcomed and if you would be interested in giving a small amount of time to this task it would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer please leave your name in the Sacristy at any time over the coming weeks.

**ANNUAL PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION MASS** will be celebrated on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 28th June at 7.30pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville. Anyone who would like to join the Pioneer Association or who is eligible to receive their Diamond Pin, Golden Pin or Silver Pin is asked to contact any committee member or the Parish Office over the coming weeks.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Primary 4 children of St Mary's PS, Stewartstown who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May. We pray that this day may see them grow in faith and become familiar members of our Parish life.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN** are keen to recruit new Eucharistic Ministers to assist at Sunday Mass. If anyone would like to volunteer for this ministry, please leave your name in the Sacristy over the coming weeks. Many thanks for your interest.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** urgently require good quality second hand clothing and shoes to sell in our thrift shop. We also have an outlet for lesser quality clothing and shoes which can go for recycling. Funds acquired from recycling allow us to help the needy in society. We also accept good quality furniture.

**CURSILLO WEEKENDS - RENEW, RECHARGE AND GROW!** Benburb Priory, Tyrone is venue for these residential weekends. Mens: Thurs 30th May - Sun 2nd June, Ladies: Thurs 6th - 9th June. For more info or to book your place contact Martin- 02887748623, Donna 02887752589 or Veronica 07733171082

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTOS:** Join thousands of people around Ireland as we go to our local Grottos to pray the Rosary each day during the month of May at 8.00pm (unless otherwise stated). To sign up to your local Grotto simply visit [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or call/text 087 278 6552

#### DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGES

Lough Derg Youth Pilgrimage: 21-23rd June, ages 18+

Fatima Pilgrimage: 27th June - 2nd July, ages 16+

Camp LifeTeen, England: 10th -15th August, 14-15 year olds

Camp Assume, Newcastle Co. Down: 11th - 15th August, 12-13 year olds

Further information available on the Diocesan Website or contact Dermot Kelly on 075-25774024 or email [dermot@adyc.ie](mailto:dermot@adyc.ie)

**CAMPA CHORMAIC 2019** will take place from 22nd - 26th July in Branry/Eglis and from 29th July - 2nd August in St. Joseph's Grammar School Donaghmore. Registration and further information available online at [campachormaic.com](http://campachormaic.com) or by emailing: [siobhanhughes04@gmail.com](mailto:siobhanhughes04@gmail.com)