

STORMONT ROSARY FOR LIFE - Please join for a special Rosary Vigil for Life at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, (meeting at main gate entrance on Upper Newtownards Road) at 2.30pm on Sat 19th October. For more info contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on 028 9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com

COASTAL ROSARY FOR LIFE, FAITH AND LOVE- 13 October 2019: Join in with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love at 2.30pm. Joining many countries around the world. To register a location please visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

ACCORD PORTADOWN - The Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service Portadown Centre (Archdiocese of Armagh) has relocated to Drumcree Pastoral Centre, Garvaghy Road, Craigavon, Armagh, BT62 1EB. Marriage and Relationship counselling and Preparation for Sacramental Marriage services are available at our new location. To book a Marriage Preparation course visit our website on www.accord-ni.co.uk Marriage and Relationship Counselling is available to couples and/or individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships. To book a counselling appointment call: 028 90233002 or email: armagh@accordni.com

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR CLERGY

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, it is not always possible for a priest to be in the Parish at all times. In case of an emergency, Clergy can be contacted at any of the numbers below.

Fr O'Neill - Brackaville - 02887740221 Fr Seery - Stewartstown - 02887739133
Canon Fee - Clonoe - 02887749184 Fr McCallion - Brocagh - 02887738381
Fr McGuigan - Moortown - 02886737236 Dean Donaghy - Dungannon - 02887722775

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.

NOTICES FOR BULLETIN: If anyone would like to include notices in the weekly bulletin please forward to the Parish office by Wednesday morning, and inclusion will be made subject to available space.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am - 4.30pm

Fr Eugene O'Neill: 8774 0221 / Fr Michael Seery: 8773 9133

PARISH EMAIL: coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk **PARISH WEBSITE:** www.ballyclogdonaghenny.org

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Parish Bulletin | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 13th October 2019

Billy Bob and Percy were two frogs who shared a lovely pond. One afternoon, just like every afternoon, the two frogs were lazily perched on lily pads taking in the warm sunshine. It didn't take long for a fly to flutter past Billy Bob. "Mmmmm," said Billy Bob. "That was fine and juicy! Absolutely delicious!" Soon after, Percy also caught a fly. He munched on it with a sour look on his face, swallowed it with a grunt, and then said, "Well, that was a skinny fly. Quite disgusting, actually." As the afternoon wore on, Billy Bob caught many fine flies, each one as tasty as the one before. Percy's flies all left something to be desired. Then Billy Bob remarked, "What a fine life we have here, Percy. Good food, great weather, and excellent songs for our evening pleasure. I think I'll enjoy a nap before the sun goes down." "It doesn't seem so great to me," muttered Percy. "The flies are skinny, it's too hot out here, and you can't even carry a tune."

That night, under a full moon, Billy Bob sang out his gratitude with joy and all his friends in the nearby ponds hopped over to share in his happiness. His inner beauty shone like a beacon in the night. Even the night moths were drawn to it, providing a feast for the evening's fare! But poor old Percy just sat nearby in the

dark, complaining about how Billy Bob always got everything he wanted, while he had to scrape by, all alone. They lived in the same place, with the exact same circumstances, but lived two very different lives. The difference was that Billy Bob was grateful for what he had. They lived the exact same life, one thought it was great but the other was never happy. Gratitude and ingratitude made two different lives out of the one set of circumstances, a happy life for Billy Bob and a sad, lonely, miserable life for Percy. Who was the wise one?

Today's Gospel gives us a very simple example of gratitude and ingratitude in life. When we look at our lives the right way, there's really so much to be grateful for, so many good things, happinesses, little blessings from God in all shapes and sizes, so much to say thank you for. In our lives we owe so much to God and to other people. It's said that 'Gratitude is the heart's memory'. Never let it be said that your heart has no memory at all. Instead, from now on, everyday till the day you die, let your words and actions say one thing - let them say 'Thanks be to God.'

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: Tuesday - Friday @10.00am

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday at 6.00pm **every week**, including First Friday week.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: Sunday @ 7.00pm

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

PERPETUAL NOVENA & MASS on Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday & Friday: 10am

FLOWERS 20TH OCTOBER: L Mulgrew & R Wylie

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 20TH OCTOBER: Maura Gallagher (also minister to the sick), Delores Carron, Ann 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.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Monday 14th October: Sean O'Neill

COLLECTION: Sunday 6th October: Envelopes: £1415.05 Offertory: £1282.51

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

If anyone would like to arrange donations to the Parish by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for any necessary details. Thank you to those who already contribute in this way.

LATELY DECEASED: Please pray for Johnny Hughes, Sadie Quinn; Geraldine McLernon; Eileen Campbell; Patrick McGlinchey; John Mulgrew; Joe Coney; Colette Campbell

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - COALISLAND - a new Rota for October and November is available for collection in the Sacristy. Rotas displayed in the Church Porches and on the Parish Website.

CONFIRMATION 2020 - Thursday 2nd April @ 5.00pm in the Church of the Holy Family

PARISH CHOIRS - all our Parish Choirs are keen to recruit new members. If you would be interested in joining any of our three choirs please leave your name in the Sacristy or contact any Choir member for further details. Many thanks for your interest.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS - will be celebrated each Sunday evening during the month of October in the Holy Family Church at 7.00pm. They will consist of Rosary and Benediction and offer a brief, quiet time for reflection, prayer and adoration. All are welcome.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS - will be celebrated on **Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm** in the Holy Family Church. This Mass remembers all those who have died since 1st November 2018 in our Parish and concludes the annual Novena of Masses offered for all those on the Parish Dead List. A Remembrance Board will be erected in the Church containing the names of all who have died in the past year and families are invited to place a Memoriam Card for their loved ones on the board as we keep them all in our prayers.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION - all couples who plan to marry in the Parish in 2020 are asked to contact the Priest who will be celebrating their marriage to arrange for the completion of all necessary paperwork over the next few months. All paperwork for both Church and State must be completed, at the very latest, 3 months before the wedding is due to take place. Please see notice regarding ACCORD.NI on back page.

STEWARTSTOWN ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE will hold their annual Dinner Dance in Dungannon Golf Club on Friday 25th October at 7.15pm. A bus will leave the Square in Stewartstown at 6.15pm and return at 10.15pm approximately. To book tickets please phone 07879615643 or 07837188789 or contact any Committee member before Monday 21st October.

STEWARTSTOWN HALL: Cup of tea after Mass on Sunday 27th October. Everyone welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING - every Wednesday evening at 8pm in the St Vincent De Paul Centre, Coalisland. This is for anyone who suffers from a drug addiction and wants help! For further details contact SVDP Centre

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST'S SOCIETY for Coalisland and Clonoe will hold a meeting in Clonoe Church Meeting Room on Monday 14th October at 7.00pm. All members are asked to attend and new members are always welcome.

PARKING AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - while it's wonderful to see so many at weekend Masses, local residents have asked if those attending Services could please take care to not block entrances or access points to properties around the Church. Many thanks.

ABORTION LEGISLATION: Last week a joint statement was issued by the Church Leaders of Ireland regarding the imminent threat of the introduction of abortion to the North of Ireland. The Archbishop has made the following appeal to all Parishioners in his Diocese:

1. to take time to pray over the weekend of 12-13 October for the protection of the unborn in our society and for women facing difficult and challenging pregnancies along with their families;
2. to consider signing the online petition that Baroness O'Loan has launched via Change.org at <http://chnng.it/jkFMmSZB9n>;
3. to encourage your local elected representatives to take the necessary steps to prevent these laws coming into effect in Northern Ireland.

CHURCH REDECORATION FUND: Many thanks to those who have already made such generous donations towards the repainting of St Mary's Church, Stewartstown and the recarpeting of Holy Family Church, Coalisland. Donation envelopes can be found in Church porches for anyone who would like to assist this necessary work. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity as always.