

LITURGY OF WITNESS - RED WEDNESDAY 2019

To mark the "Week of Witness" when the Catholic Church remembers those who gave their lives for their faith, everyone is warmly welcomed to attend a "Liturgy of Witness" in Armagh Cathedral on Red Wednesday, 27th November at 7.30pm.

A special book "Not Force or Might - the Gift of the Martyr" edited by Canon Benny Fee will also be launched and refreshments will be available afterwards.

To support this event St Colman's Pastoral Area Resource Team is organising free transport for those parishioners who may wish to travel by bus.

The bus will collect people and depart sharp from the following venues:

6pm - Ardboe Parish Centre

6.20pm - Clonoe Chapel

6.30pm - Coalisland Parochial Centre

Seats on the bus can be booked by calling the Parish Office on

02887740221 (Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am - 4.00pm)

or by leaving your name in the Sacristy before Sunday 24th November

YOUTH ALPHA COURSE

Youth Alpha provides a space for young people to explore life and their faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Youth Alpha will help accompany our young people along the road of their faith journey. ADYC are hosting a one-day free training session to equip leaders from your parish with the skills to deliver Youth Alpha. The training day is taking place on Saturday, 30th November 2019, in the Newry Conference Centre at 10:00am. For further detail please contact Dermot on 0044 75257 74024 or dermot@adyc.ie. The Parish hopes to run this course next year as part of the works of the PPC and is keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking part. Details in the coming weeks.

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 Michael Seery: 8773 9133

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Today's Gospel reminds us of Christ's encouragement to us all to stand strong in our faith, despite what the world throws against us. But very often it can be a bit hard to do, because in a world that just seems at times to be totally cowed, faith, values and virtues can be very easily shoved to the side and looked down on as something ridiculous or old-fashioned or valueless. But what is right is always right, and what is good is always good. It takes brave people though to stand for what is good and right today. As always, the example of others can be our inspiration. Anne Frank was a teenage Jewish girl who lived in Amsterdam during the early years of World War II. When the Germans began rounding up all the Jews, she and her family went into hiding in some concealed rooms behind a bookcase in the building where Anne's father worked and lived there, haunted by the constant fear of detection. So it was anything but a normal existence for the young teenage girl and her terrified family. During that time, Anne Frank kept her famous diary, which her father found only after the war had ended. In it she wrote her thoughts and feelings with a maturity way beyond her years. So inspiring was that diary that it has been translated into many languages and continues to inspire people of all ages even today, 70 years later. In one remarkable passage she wrote: "It's twice as hard for us young people to hold our ground, in a time when all ideals are being shattered and destroyed, when people are showing their worst side, and do not know whether to believe in truth and right and God. It's really a wonder

that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are good at heart. I see the world being turned into a wilderness; I hear the ever-approaching thunder, which will destroy us too; I can feel the suffering of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think it will all come right, that this cruelty will end, and that peace and tranquillity will return again." In spite of her hope and optimism, poor Anne did not live to see her dream fulfilled. In 1944, she and her family were found, arrested, and she and her sister Margot were imprisoned in the horrific Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp, where the Jews were exterminated, and died there in February, 1945. What sustained Anne Frank during her ordeal was her Faith in God and in humanity. - Living a genuinely Christian life today certainly poses a tough challenge; it takes courage and confidence, it means rising above the sometimes insults, laughs or scorn of others. But faith makes a difference wherever it is, because it reminds the world that love will always win, goodness will always help and trusting in God in Heaven and the world will make that world a much better place. "A person without fear is no hero; the person who overcomes fear is" Stand firm, bear witness to Christ by your way of life, never be afraid to show and live your faith for people to see and try to keep your world a good and decent place.

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.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

PERPETUAL NOVENA & MASS on Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Wednesday & Friday @10am

FLOWERS 24TH NOVEMBER: A Coyle & M Coyle

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 24TH NOVEMBER: Dick Lee (also Minister to the Sick), Nuala Kennedy, Tony Donnelly.

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 18th November, 7.30pm : Peter Fox

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 22nd November, 7.30pm : Phil Morgan

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER: Deceased Members of Brackville Owen Roe's GAC- 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER: Morning Mass will be celebrated in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackville at 10am due to no electricity on Platers Hill that morning.

COLLECTION: Sunday 10th November: Envelopes: £1619.97 Offertory: £1351.76

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 Margaret Gates; Tom Monaghan; Rita Laverty; Phil Morgan; Mary Hasson; Annie McCormack; Seamus McDonald; Elizabeth Quinn (Draperstown)

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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: a meeting for Eucharistic Ministers in the Church of the Holy Family and St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackville will take place in the O'Brien Room on **Wednesday 20th November at 7.15pm** to arrange the new Rota including Christmas Masses.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: All couples planning to marry in the Parish during 2020 are asked to begin their marriage preparation as soon as possible. All couples are required to undertake a marriage preparation course which can be booked through Accord.NI. All couples must complete Notification of Marriage forms with their local Council by 3 months before marriage, and complete Church Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms through the Parish office. To arrange a date to complete these forms please email the Parish Office at coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk. Please share this information with any couple whom you know it is relevant for. Thank you.

CHURCH REDECORATION: Many thanks to all those who have been so generous in their donations towards the upcoming redecoration of Holy Family and St Mary's Churches. So far the amount raised is just shy of £20,000 and we are fast approaching the half way mark of the final estimated costs. It is hoped that work will begin in spring 2020 when we have raised sufficient funds, and I thank you for your interest and generosity in helping bring about these necessary improvements. If anyone would like to donate, envelopes can be found in all Church porches or private donations can be made at any time.

CONCERN CHURCH GATE COLLECTION – will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE– will take place on Sunday 22nd December in St Mary & St Joseph's Church in Brackville and all choir members are warmly invited to take part. Preparations for this service of Carols and Readings will begin in the coming weeks. A donation basket will be available on the night and all donations will be forwarded to the St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas Appeal.

THE WAY FORWARD: PRECIOUS LIFE information evening regarding the change of the law on abortion here in the North, and on the upcoming elections with advice on candidates and their stance on abortion. It will take place on Thursday 21st November @7:30pm in InVolve House, Queen St, Magherafelt. All welcome. For more information contact Precious Life on 02890278484 or email info@preciouslife.com

ORDER OF MALTA – Annual Mass for deceased members will be celebrated on Friday 29th November at 7.30pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER sponsored by St Vincent De Paul will take place in Gervin's Restaurant on Sunday 1 December at 4pm. All senior citizens welcome

COALISLAND FIANNA GFC present their Annual Christmas Fayre in Coalisland Parochial Centre on Sunday 1st December, 1pm to 5pm. Santa will be making appearance for all the children and there are plenty of stands featuring local crafts, handmade gifts and much more!

COFFEE MORNING in aid of Coalisland Order of Malta will take place in the Cornmill on Saturday 23rd November from 10am - 2pm. All welcome.

'THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS' - A Celebration of Christmas Music with Malachi Cush, Karl McGuckin and Andrea Begley in Church of the Assumption, Pomeroy on Sunday 15 December 2019, at 7.30pm. Tickets on Sale now from Fr Moore 028 87757867 and Dympna at Pomeroy Parish Office, Mon, Wed and Fri. 10-1pm. Price £20