

**3 DAY ONLINE RETREAT FOR LENT:** The Priory institute in Tallaght invite you to do a free three-day retreat focusing on The Pillars of Lent as signposts for our journey in Christ: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. The presenters are John Littleton, Director of the Priory Institute, Donagh O'Shea OP, Director of the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght. Philip McShane OP, MA Programme Leader, Priory Institute, Tallaght. Sinead Fallon Pastoral Resource, St Dominic's Parish, Tallaght. The retreat is available on line throughout Lent.

You may register at anytime throughout Lent. This Lent retreat is offered entirely online with one introductory video and three videos reflecting on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The video reflections will be available from the first day of Lent to watch at your convenience. The retreat is Free of Charge, but you must register with your email address and have access to the internet to participate.

#### 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.

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

**NOTICES FOR BULLETIN:** please forward to the Parish office by Wednesday morning for inclusion, subject to availability of space.

**PARISH EMAIL:** [coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk) **PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.ballyclogdonaghenry.org](http://www.ballyclogdonaghenry.org)

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# Ballyclog & Donaghenry

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Today's Gospel throws the cat among the pigeons for a lot of us when Jesus challenges us to try to treat people a different and a better way, by giving us 4 different ways to become holy – by not seeking revenge, by trying to love the one that hurts us, by trying to forgive others and by praying for those who hurt us. In so many ways it seems like an awful hard ask for any of us because, being human, we all have a great ease to take offence, a great comfort in being hurt and a secret satisfaction in getting our own back. But what does any of it achieve? When we think about all the best things that have ever happened in the world, not one of them was built on or born out of hatred. When we think about all the terrible horrors that have ravaged the world, not one of them was born out of love. Good breeds good and bad breeds bad. We mightn't think that our little offences and revenges really matter but they do, because they effect real people, and nearly always those people are the same ones we have to look at and meet every day and every week, and the bad will we let grow turns into an awkward scar that makes life difficult for us as much as them. In the world today, you might be classed a bit of a clown for being too nice, too decent, too soft – but if that's the worst that anyone can say about you, it's an easy criticism to live with. When Christ says forgive your ene-

mies, turn the other cheek, pray for those you hate, love your fellow man, He knows your only human and He knows how hard it can be. What He really asks is that you try to be brave, try to have courage when the world might seem to be against you – sometimes we all have to be willing to take a blow or a hit in life and not have to get our own back. When we let anger and hate build up in us we start to drip feed a little poison into our hearts and our souls and over time we turn into miserable, angry and grumpy people – people who aren't happy and who struggle to find or see happiness. So often, we're not even aware that it's happening to us. When we forgive good things happen. Nelson Mandela was locked up for 28 years and after that time he could have walked out of jail an angry and bitter man, looking for revenge, but he didn't. In prison he made the decision to respect those he met and that made all the difference. Because he suffered and because he forgave he gained a moral authority that helped him lead his country peacefully to a new future rather than into a bloodbath of hate. Loving your enemy worked for him and it can work for us too. Maybe Lent is the time to give up hate and start to live happily again.

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** this Wednesday @ 6.30pm 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:** Wednesday - Friday @ 7.30am; Tuesday - Friday @ 10.00am

**CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday at 6.00pm - 6.30pm

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

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Wednesday & Friday @ 10am

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 1ST MARCH:** - Maura Gallagher; Grace Collins; Dermot Kennedy (also minister to the sick)

#### **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:** Monday 24th February - 7.30pm - Joe McGrath

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 16th February: Envelopes: £1518.75    Offertory: £1281.79

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 Joe McGrath; Barney O'Hagan; Aaron Dutton; John Doris (Downpatrick); Patsy Nixon; John Joe Dillon; Susan Murray; Adrian McGrath; Clodagh McEntee; Clare Mallon; Ann Woolsey; Sharon Elliott; Maureen Donnelly; Sheila Kelly

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES - WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY**

7.30am - Holy Family Church, Coalisland

10.00am - Holy Family Church, Coalisland

10.00am - St Mary's Church, Stewartstown

7.00pm - St Mary's Church, Stewartstown

7.30pm - Holy Family Church, Coalisland

#### **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES FOR LENT**

**Holy Family Church: 7.30am Monday - Friday & 10.00am Tuesday - Friday**

**St Mary & St Joseph's Church: Monday 7.30pm**

**St Mary's Church: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10.00am, Tuesday 7.00pm**

**TROCAIRE:** will hold their annual appeal throughout the country again this Lent in an effort to help those who suffer most in the world today. To aid this Trocaire Boxes are available in all Church porches. Please take one home and even if it's only a small contribution, every bit helps save a life somewhere and a real difference can be made. Many thanks in advance for your generosity to this appeal.

**ORDER OF MALTA:** Annual Church Gate Collection will be taken up after all Masses next weekend - 29th February/1st March

**PRECIOUS LIFE** will be hosting a talk given by Fr Stephen Imbarrato in the City Hotel, Armagh on Monday 24th February at 8.15pm. Please come along and hear the amazing personal testimony of this Priest for Life, who has dedicated the last 25 years to Pro-Life Ministry in the USA. For more info contact Precious Life on 02890278484 or info@preciouslife.com

**HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE, COOKSTOWN:** A Post 16 Information Session will be held in Holy Trinity College on Thursday 27th February 2020 from 3.30pm - 5.30pm, in preparation for September 2020. A wide range of subjects are on offer, including AS/A2 Academic Subjects / Applied Subjects / or a combination of subject pathways.

**SHORT-TERM PIONEER PLEDGE FOR LENT:** for adults over the age of eighteen years. This enables a person who does not wish to make a life commitment to total abstinence to take a pledge for a limited period of time and make a worthwhile sacrifice. If you would like to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent, please go online at [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and follow the links to join.

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE, BUDAPEST, 12 - 21 SEPTEMBER:** will be led by Bishop Kevin Doran to join a gathering to celebrate the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; to help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and to draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist. Cost: From €1,050 per person sharing. For more information see [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) To book <https://www.joewalshtours.ie/holidays/pilgrimages-international-eucharistic-congress>

**ST MARY'S PS AND LOUGHSHORE PLAYGROUP MAGHERY** fundraiser on Friday 13th March 2020 in Maghera Community Hall. American Country Night with Full Bar, tickets are £15, Over 18s only. Tickets can be purchased for the primary school or by contacting 07845302616.