

CONSECRATION OF THE PARISH TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - Will take place at 6.00pm on Wednesday 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, asking the intercession and protection of our Blessed Mother at this and at all times on our Parish and our homes. The prayer of consecration is below for all who wish to join in this brief ceremony via the Webcam.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Health of the Sick,
at this time of great challenge to our country from the coronavirus,
we consecrate to Jesus through your Immaculate Heart:

ourselves, our family, the members of our parish and Diocese, and the people of Ireland.
O Mary, Queen of Ireland, when you appeared at Knock, you gave hope to your people in a time of
distress, and brought them comfort in a time of sorrow.

Be with us now as a sign of salvation and hope, as we entrust ourselves to your loving care.
We renew the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation and ask your intercession that we may be
always faithful to Christ and to His Church.

Bring under your mantle of protection all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, those
who care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

O Loving Mother,
at the foot of the Cross, with steadfast faith,
your Immaculate Heart was pierced by grief at the suffering of your Son.

You know what we need during these difficult days.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us -

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

O Blessed Mother, Our Life, our Sweetness and Our Hope,
we wish that this Consecration be for the glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus your Son.

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.

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

Bulletin sponsored by:

**The Talbot Family of Ardnaskea Court
in loving memory of the late Tommy Talbot
who died 14th March 2019**

May God reward him with the perfect rest of Paradise



Ballyclog & Donaghenny

Parish Bulletin | Fourth Sunday of Lent | 22nd March 2020

It's been a week since things began to shut down and the threat and panic of the Covid pandemic started to hit home for us all. Lives began to change and between rushes at the supermarket, schools closing down, business beginning to slow down and Church doors being closed at rare times it all felt very surreal, and we all know that it's going to get worse before it gets better. But on a positive note - we're all still here and we've all made it through the first week.

Everyday there's a great temptation to sit and obsess about it all and to over-watch the latest bulletins and updates to the point we drop ourselves right into the depth of panic and depression, and then when we throw in the fact we're keeping ourselves to ourselves more than we normally ever would, it would be very easy for people to get down. But the human spirit is a wonderfully positive one when we step back and let our minds rest. Over the next few weeks it's important to give yourselves a mental break just to keep sane and healthy. If we've company at home it might be easier - put the phones away for a while and have a chat, dig out the old board games and waste an hour, learn to cheat at cards and escape reality for a while, give each other a break or a little free reign to not be quite as civil and placid as normal. Be patient with each other and more than ever be friends to each other when its really needed. With a smile, a nod, a hug a little reassurance at the right time, the human spirit will always bounce back, and we will always get through.

Some people though have it harder by the fact they live alone. Over the past few days local organisations have volunteered to help anyone who is struggling. Our local football clubs, Friends of Zambia group and the Order of Malta have volunteered to help those feeling isolated and please do contact them or contact the Parish Office if you are lonely, cut off, housebound or need messages or prescriptions taken care of. The contact numbers can be found below.

In the parish, Mass is being offered daily for anniversaries but also for the health and well-being of all our Parishioners, and please do join in via the webcam. The Churches are open daily from 10.30am to 6.00pm and again, pop in and say a prayer, rest the head or just turn the worries over to God. On Wednesday next we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation and on that day the Parish will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, asking her protection and guidance for us all.

Aesop's fables gave us a lovely little line - United we stand, divided we fall. As a Parish and as a community, let's all stand with each other and let the best of us all come to the fore.

Brackaville Owen Roe's GFC: Brian McGeary - 07809118264

Friends of Zambia & Order of Malta: Yvonne Donnelly - 07833755438

Na Fianna GFC: Gerard McStravick - 07900345319

With every blessing - Fr O'Neill

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

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be broadcast Wednesday @ 7pm.

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**. Baptisms are limited to parents and godparents only due to current health restrictions.

WEDDINGS & FUNERALS: due to current health restrictions are encouraged to be limited to immediate family only, and attendance at present cannot exceed 100 people.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - WEBCAM BROADCAST ONLY

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday; Wednesday - Friday @ 7.30am; Tuesday - Friday @ 10.00am
CONFESSIONS: Wednesday at 6.00pm

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN - WEBCAM BROADCAST ONLY

PERPETUAL NOVENA & MASS on Tuesday evening at 7 pm.
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Wednesday & Friday @10am

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH - WEBCAM BROADCAST ONLY

NOVENA & MASS: Every Monday evening at 7.30pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Friday 7.30pm MM and 1st Anniversaries by arrangement.
MONTH'S MIND - Monday 23rd March - 7.30pm - Shannon Whitehouse
FIRST ANNIVERSARY - Friday 27th March - 7.30pm - Eugene McCann
MONTH'S MIND - Friday 27th March - 7.30pm - Mary Mongan

GRAVE SURROUNDS - a minor issue regarding grave surrounds has recently arisen in Brackville graveyard and was brought to my attention on Monday evening. After discussion with Gravediggers and Monument Masons the issue has been resolved. **Grave surrounds cannot exceed measurements of 6ft 8in Wide and 7ft long.** To assist families and avoid any distress to others in the future, all graves will be marked by pegs after the Interment.

COLLECTION: Sunday 15th March: Envelopes: £390.00

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 Shannon Whitehouse; Mary Mongan; James McCann; Fr Vin Darragh, Anne Barton, Donal Corr

COVID-19 NEW NORMS REGARDING WORSHIP

The Public celebration of Mass is suspended until further notice. Mass will be broadcast at the normal times on the Parish Website. Thank you for adhering to the guidelines and for joining us for Mass via the webcam service.

All anniversaries will be offered on the appropriate day and you are invited to join together as a family and spend a few moments in prayer on that day to remember your loved ones.

The Churches will be opened daily from 10.30am until 6.00pm for all who wish to visit for prayer, reflection or a moment of calm at this worrying time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed each Sunday evening during Lent at 7pm in the Holy Family Church and in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown. Please join online.

FIRST CONFESSIONS - due to the closure of Schools and due to the limitations that have been placed on large gatherings, the celebration of First Confession planned for Tuesday 24th March for the P4 children of Primate Dixon PS has been postponed. Arrangements will be made when normality returns to ensure the Sacraments are celebrated with these children.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION - similarly the celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation have been suspended throughout the Diocese and arrangements will be made to reschedule them for a later date, when it is once more safe for families to gather in large number. Apologies for any disappointment and inconvenience.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: The new series of weekly envelopes will begin on Sunday 5th April. The new envelopes are available for distributors to collect from the Sacristy at a convenient time. However if your details have changed or you would like to be added to the envelope list please leave details in the Sacristy at any time. Many thanks to all our distributors and thank you to all parishioners who are so generous and loyal in their support of the Parish.

WEEKLY COLLECTION - for those who may wish to continue to make contributions, donation boxes will be placed in the Church in which to leave the weekly offering. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

GRAVEYARD SAFETY - over the past few weeks a number of attempts have been made to force the donations box for candles at the Grotto. While those who are attempting to access the donations will be disappointed with the net gain for the effort made, I would ask you all to please be careful in the Graveyard at all times and do not approach anyone who is acting suspiciously, but rather report your suspicions as soon as possible. Many thanks.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS - Our local Football Clubs along with the Friends of Zambia Group and the Order of Malta have volunteered to help anyone who is struggling at the moment to renew their prescriptions or run messages due to self-isolation. Contact numbers can be found on the Parish website or through the Parish Office. Many thanks to them for their kindness.

BRACKVILLE OWEN ROE'S GFC - Registration Day, Coffee Day and Skills training will take place on Sunday 22nd March from 11am -2pm in the Club Rooms. All club members are invited to attend. Parents of underage members and new members are also welcome.

BINGO - Parochial Hall - is cancelled until further notice due to the current health concerns.