

**CEREMONIES OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM WILL BE BROADCAST FROM  
THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES**

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm  
Holy Thursday - Adoration - 8.00pm - 9.00pm  
Holy Thursday - Night Prayer - 9.00pm  
Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord - 3.00pm  
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm  
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - 8.00pm  
Easter Sunday - Mass - 11.00am



**CONTACT NUMBERS FOR CLERGY**

At the moment it may not always be possible for your local priest to be available, especially as health concerns rise. 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.

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The world has sadly seen too many epidemics and pandemics in its history, and probably for the people who lived through them it felt like the end of all normality to them as they fought on and tried to keep in mind that normality would return. In 1869 Kathleen O'Meara wrote a poem entitled "And People Stayed Home", summing up the experience of so many after a great cholera epidemic had hit Paris in that year. They're wise words that will hopefully encourage us all.

*And people stayed home  
and read books and listened  
and rested and exercised  
and made art and played  
and learned new ways of being  
and stopped  
and listened deeper  
someone meditated  
someone prayed  
someone danced  
someone met their shadow  
and people began to think differently  
and people healed  
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,  
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,  
even the earth began to heal  
and when danger ended  
and people found each other  
and grieved for the dead people  
they made new choices  
and dreamed of new visions  
and created new ways of life  
and healed the earth completely  
just as they were healed themselves.*

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** will be broadcast Wednesday @ 7pm.

**BAPTISMS** are currently suspended until Government restrictions have been lifted. The next scheduled Baptisms for Holy Family Church are not until Sunday 26th April. Hopefully the regulations will have been relaxed by that stage, but the situation will be reviewed closer to the time.

**FUNERALS:** due to current restrictions are strictly limited to immediate family only.

**WEDDINGS:** for the moment all weddings have been cancelled at the request of the Governments and the Archdiocese, until safety restrictions are lifted. If you are concerned about a booking, please contact the Parish Office.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - WEBCAM BROADCAST ONLY**

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday - Wednesday @ 7.30am; Tuesday - Wednesday @ 10.00am

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

**MASS WILL NO LONGER BE BROADCAST FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH, UNTIL THE CURRENT HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN RELAXED.**

**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.

**GRAVE SURROUNDS - 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.

**PAROCHIAL CENTRES/HALLS** - will remain closed until further notice. However, the Parochial Centre in Coalisland has been made available to the emergency services in case of necessity

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 29th March: Envelopes: £989.10

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 Fr Vin Darragh, Anne Barton, Donal Corr, Val Matthews, Brigid Connolly, Patricia McCusker, Fr Tom Hamill, Paddy Rushe; Eddie Polin

**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.

In line with Diocesan Stipulations and with Government advice **all weddings and baptisms are currently suspended.** In the case of an emergency please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals are a sad reality, and will continue as normal in the Parish. However we're all asked to respect the advice of experts and limit attendance strictly to family only, and to maintain distancing regulations throughout.

Due to the impossibility of respecting the confidentiality of Confession while still maintaining sensible distancing requirements, at the decision of the Diocese, **Confessions are currently suspended.**

This is a particularly difficult time for all those who are sick at home and also for their families as they possibly cannot be with them as much as they would like. So too it is very difficult to have to not call with the sick to bring them Holy Communion or to administer the Anointing of the Sick. **However, if someone is seriously ill please do call on your Priests to administer the Last Rites in an attempt of bring them comfort at the end and the grace of God to strengthen them in their last days.**

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.

Sadly the Stormont Executive has ruled that all Churches remain closed throughout the day as a safety precaution to avoid social contact. In line with this ruling the Churches of our Parish will unfortunately remain closed for the present. We can only hope that this is a short term measure so that people will once more have the opportunity of private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed this Sunday evening at 7pm in the Holy Family Church. Please join online.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES:** The new series of weekly envelopes begin this Sunday 5th April. We have endeavoured to deliver envelopes in as far as is possible. Many thanks to Ms Ursula Hughes for her work in organising the envelopes and to our distributors and especially Mr Sean Devlin and Mr Paddy Gates for their great help, and to all parishioners who are so generous and loyal in their support of the Parish, especially in these difficult times.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** - A Standing Order Form can be found on the Parish Website for anyone who would like to continue their contribution towards Parish expenses. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

**HOLY WEEK** - Normally we celebrate Holy Week and the Ceremonies of the Easter Triduum as the centrepiece of the Christian year. This year however, for obvious reasons, the Churches remain closed for the Ceremonies, but please join in via the Parish webcam and mark these days out as a special time of prayer for all those who most need it at this time - especially the sick and suffering, the health professionals, the housebound and the lonely. May God, in answer to your prayers, strengthen them all with His grace.