



Knock Pilgrimage and Novena

The annual Knock Pilgrimage will sadly, like so many things, not be able to take place this year. The Knock Novena has been broadcast daily on the Diocesan Website (www.armagharchdiocese.org) during the past week from various Grottos around the Diocese. The Novena will conclude today with Mass from Knock celebrated by the Archbishop at 3.00pm. This can be viewed on the Diocesan Website

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
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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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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.
Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen.



Ballyclog & Donaghenny

Parish Bulletin | Pentecost Sunday | 31st May 2020

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the feast of the Holy Spirit, which commemorates the moment He descended on the Apostles in the upper room and gave them all they needed to go out into the world and teach that world the great message of Christ – the great message of love to above and to all around us. In the Jewish faith the Feast was known as Shavuot – a day to give thanks for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and for the Christians the theme carried on, but their first fruits were a much better gift, the same gifts we all receive from the same Holy Ghost. At confirmation we all received 7 gifts – wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence. At different times of our lives the different gifts come into their own. Sometimes it would be great to be wise, at other times it would be wise to have proper judgement and know when to act or speak and when not to. Reverence is always admirable and wonder and awe helps us see the greatness of God in everyone and everything. But I often think the best gift of the lot is courage – the courage to do what is the right thing even if it's hard, the courage to stand up for what is right, to defend those who need it, to be the friend to the lonely reject, to not be bullied out of our opinions or beliefs, to not bend with the wind but rather stand firm and true for what is right, honest, decent and holy. When he got the gift of courage the greatest man of the lot was St Peter, and yet a few weeks ago we heard of him terrified when asked did he even know Christ. But just think what he went on to do – become the first leader of the Church and willing to give his life for his faith and his God. Whenever you find it difficult to follow the right path in life, he's a good example to follow because he shows that we all have just enough strength from God to do what we need to and ought to. In your life, never be afraid to do the right thing regardless of what others think. Never be afraid to use those other gifts you have for good. There'll be not a thanks or a recognition maybe, but who cares – if your greatest mistake is to be too decent, too kind, too generous, too helpful, and too good to people, or even to be too holy in your ways – it'd be a great mistake to be known for. But it takes courage to do it. you've been given that courage already through your faith – use it well, use it often and always use it just that little bit too much

With best wishes for the week,
Fr O'Neill

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

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

BAPTISMS are currently suspended until Government restrictions have been lifted. Hopefully the regulations will soon be relaxed and we will be in a position to take bookings for small baptisms once again.

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

WEDDINGS: are now permitted in an outdoor setting with a maximum total of 10 people in attendance. If anyone would like to discuss this, please contact us at any time.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - WEBCAM BROADCAST ONLY

CHURCH OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER: MON - SAT 10.30AM - 6.00PM; SUN 12.30PM - 5.30PM

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday - Friday @ 10.00am

MONTH'S MIND: Thursday 4th June - 10.00am - Tess McLoughlin

MAY DEVOTIONS conclude this Sunday at 6.00pm.

ROSARY will be recited on Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS APPROXIMATELY TO ALLOW FOR THE RE-PAINTING OF THE BUILDING. APOLOGIES FOR THE INCONVENIENCE BUT I'M CONFIDENT IT WILL BE WORTH THE SACRIFICE WHEN THE WORK IS COMPLETE.

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

CHURCH OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER: 8.30AM - 6.00PM

NOVENA & MASS: Monday @ 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Friday 7.30pm MM and 1st Anniversaries by arrangement.

COLLECTION: Sunday 24th May: £1398.00

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 Kate O'Neill; Tess McLoughlin; Lorenzo Quinn; Sally McLoughlin; Martina Donnelly; Edie Symington; Joe Cullen; Anna Anderson (nee Woods); Maria Luisa Heenan; Malachy Nixon

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 joining us for Mass via the webcam service.

Due to the impossibility of respecting the confidentiality of Confession while still maintaining sensible distancing requirements **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. **However, if someone is seriously ill please do call on your Priests to administer the Last Rites in an attempt of bringing 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.

MAY DEVOTIONS will conclude this Sunday at 6.00pm consisting of Rosary and Benediction. Please join in online with this brief period of worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament when the prayer intentions of all Parishioners will be remembered.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY - will take place every Wednesday evening from the Holy Family Church at 6.00pm for anyone who wishes to join in via the Webcam.

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. **An online donation can be made via the Parish Website by following the link on the Donate Now icon beside the webcam screen.** Thank you for your ongoing generosity in these difficult times, but please ensure your own needs and necessities are met before any others.

COALISLAND FOODBANK: is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Parochial Centre from 5pm until 8pm, as part of the community response to the Covid 19 Pandemic. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be left to the Parochial Centre at these times.

CONFIRMATION: As you all know Schools closed in mid March this year as part of the national response to the pandemic, and with the closing of Churches at the same time Confirmation was suspended and postponed. As yet we don't have any indication as to when this Sacrament will be rescheduled for, but I trust that as soon as it is deemed safe and practical to host such a large gathering, new arrangements will be made. On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit and I'd ask you all to keep our Confirmation classes in your prayers this week, that God may bless them and inspire them in life, strengthen their faith and give them the courage and confidence they need as they prepare to begin a new chapter in their lives this year.

TROCAIRE: Many thanks to all those who been so generous in their donations towards Trocaire at this time of struggle for everyone. It is hoped that the Trocaire collection from the Parish will be forwarded this week and the total raised will be included in next week's bulletin.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: With the slow release of lockdown precautions and with the ongoing concerns regarding large gatherings it is unlikely that the Blessing of Graves will be celebrated this year as a public ceremony. However, all graves will be blessed privately during the summer. Many thanks to all those who have given of their time to help maintain the graveyards during the past weeks and months.