



Dear God, You generously blessed Your servant, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, with the gifts of the Spirit.

You marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness to the saving Passion and Death of Your Son.

Endowed with the gift of discernment, St. Pio laboured endlessly in the confessional for the salvation of souls.

With reverence and intense devotion in the celebration of Mass,

he invited countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ

in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina,

I confidently beseech You to grant me the grace of (here state your petition).

Glory be to the Father... (three times). Amen.

Prayer for the Intercession of St Pio of Pietrelcina

Feast Day 23 September

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR CLERGY

It may not always be possible for your local priest to be available. In case of an emergency, Clergy can be contacted at any of the numbers below.

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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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There's little more annoying than the person who thinks they're just that little bit better than everyone else and who thinks they're entitled to just a little bit more than everyone else - more respect, more money, a better seat at everything, a bigger hello than everyone else and even a bit more from God. Behind the big false self belief, we're all very equal in this world - we'll all worry just the same, we'll feel pain and hurt just the same, we'll all be sick the same and we'll all laugh, love and smile just the same too, and when we come to our end, we'll all sit in the same spot in Church as the same funeral prayers are prayed over us. When the fluff and fluff of life is taken away, we're all equal because we're all made by the same God and all born with the same dignity and it's only the things of the world that make us different. Today's Gospel reminds us of that, that despite what the world might say, God has no favourites and God treats all believers the same - the rigidly devout and the stumbling trier are all the one in God's eyes because they all believe, all worship to the best of their ability. In a world filled with so many big movements all aimed at the latest equality of the age there's a growing danger that the fight for one equality actually causes another inequality somewhere else in the human chain. Of course the mouthpiece will always shout, the militant will always stomp his way through, but oddly the quiet soul who just tries to genuinely treat all people as equals rather than special equals for some, is ignored or left behind in the rush of action. Based on today's Gospel we're encouraged to think about how we can build a genuinely equal world that mirrors the kingdom of heaven in our own age. Equality is all about respect for others in every part of life, and only when we begin to respect each other with all our faults and failings as well as our talents and gifts, will equality start to grow in the world. It's only when greed or snobbishness, lust or an inflated sense of our own importance comes in that equality goes out the window. And those are never the things of God. When Christ came to earth He didn't come to save a lucky few, He came to save everyone, and whether we're strong or weak in life, big or small in the world, if we treat others in the ways of God - fairly, with respect, with tolerance, with graciousness and with love, then God will treat us that way too. Every day is a chance to think about our actions and the huge impact they have on others, unbeknownst to ourselves. Maybe now is the time to really think about what we do ourselves and think a little less about what others do and don't do. In a world that needs to improve very quickly, where do you fit in? What do you really want your world to be like and what do you (not others) have to do to make that world happen? In the great level of Christ we're all judged on our own lives and on our own commitment based on our particular abilities - now is the time to stop and measure your life as Christ does and use that life for the world not just for you.

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 - Wednesday @ 7pm.

BAPTISMS Are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month in the Church of the Holy Family and on the 3rd Sunday of each month in St Mary's Stewartstown. At present, due to the ongoing health crisis, there is a limitation of 20 guests as a maximum per Baptism party. To book please contact the parish office by email: coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk.

FUNERALS: are still limited to **family and close friends only** in line with current guidance.

WEDDINGS: All couples intending to marry in the coming months are asked to contact the Parish Office to arrange for the completion of any necessary paperwork before the 3 month guideline expires. Please feel free to discuss any concerns regarding numbers or ceremony and we will try to help.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6.00pm; Sunday - 9.30am & 12.00pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - 7.30pm; Tuesday - Friday - 10.00am

NOVENA MASS: Monday - 7.30pm

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 21st September - 7.30pm - Paddy Hurlle

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 25th September - 7.30pm - Brigid McCaughery

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 25th September - 7.30pm - Geraldine McLernon

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 25th September - 7.30pm - Johnny Hughes

ROSARY will be recited on Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Only on request due to social distancing and sanitising requirements

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

SUNDAY MASS: 10.30am

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 10.00am

NOVENA MASS: Tuesday - 7.00pm

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

CHURCH OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER: 8.30AM - 6.00PM

MASS TRANSFERRED TO HOLY FAMILY CHURCH AT PRESENT

COLLECTION: Sunday 13th September 2020: £2115.60

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 Paddy Hurlle; Brigid McCaughery; Gerry Quinn; Declan Morgan; Patrick McCann

GRAVEYARD DEVELOPMENT: A sincere word of thanks to Western Build, especially Martin, Shane, Cathal and Johnny for the time and professionalism they have given to work on the Parochial land over the past few weeks, that will hopefully be our new Graveyard extension in years to come. This will leave the Parish with ample burial space for many many years, until we're all but a memory. The land will be now be blessed in the coming days as it finally forms a true part of the grounds of St Mary & St Joseph's. A sincere Thank You for all the work that will benefit the entire community for years to come.

COVID RESURGENCE: We're all sadly aware that Covid 19 appears to making a startling resurgence throughout the country, and in an effort to maintain the safety of everyone in Church, I sincerely ask you to follow all the guidelines set in place. Please book your slot for Mass as this enables us to keep a record, for a safe period only, of all attendees in the case of local infection. You can book Online or in the Church well in advance. Please enter only by the Main Church doors and sanitise well. Please maintain a safe social distance at all times, even in the procession for Holy Communion, to ensure safety and comfort for all. I know this is a continuing nuisance to us all, but these guidelines are only there to ensure that everyone feels safe in the Church for services. The Church is disinfected daily to maintain our highest level possible of hygiene. Many thanks to all for their patience and co-operation.

FACE MASKS: Please remember to wear your face mask at all times when participating in Church Services. I'm sure we're all agreed they can be uncomfortable things at times but it is a requirement of Law at the moment that face coverings must be used in all social settings, and is required only to ensure the safety of both yourself and others as the pandemic makes a resurgence.

STEWARDS FOR 12.00PM MASS: If anyone would be willing to volunteer to help with stewarding the 12noon Mass in Coalisland over the coming weeks it would be greatly appreciated. While we have many stewards for our other Masses, there is need for a few extra volunteers to help with this particular Mass. The responsibilities are easy but the work of all our Stewards is invaluable. Please consider helping out and thank you in advance.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place for the children of Primate Dixon PS on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday coming at 1.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville and on Saturday in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown at 11.00am for the children of St Mary's PS. All those receiving their First Communion are invited to take **5 guests** along with them to join in this most special day and are asked to **be in their seats 15 minutes before the ceremony begins**. We wish them all the best in their final preparations.

VISITING HOSPITAL: All visiting across all Southern Trust hospitals and sites has been suspended for the time being. The Trust is encouraging virtual visits, e.g, through smartphones, tablets, etc. Those who might need help setting this up can contact the Virtual Visiting Co-ordinator on 07776516419, from 9am - 5pm daily. Emergency, on-call chaplaincy cover remains in place.

GRAVE SURROUNDS: all those erecting grave surrounds are asked to ensure that the measurement of completed surrounds does not exceed 8ft long by 6ft 8in wide. Thank you for also ensuring that all monument workers remove all waste with them, to keep the graveyard tidy for all.