



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot, at this moment,
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated from You again.*

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 service provider is www.churchmedia.tv and 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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Parish Bulletin | First Sunday of Advent | 29th November 2020

Today we begin the great season of Advent, our annual time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas, the birth of perfect love, of endless hope and of unblemished goodness in the world. Christmas is a very special time for most of us, and while this Christmas may be a bit low key compared to others we have had, at its heart it is still a time when we're invited to let the best in us rise to the top - a time when we care a little more, smile a little easier, help and love a lot more. All the expected things of Christmas like the dinner, the gifts, the gatherings are all expressions of the happiness that the birth of Christ should bring to our souls and our selves. Of course we're always invited in Advent to give some time to spiritual preparation, so that the real meaning of Christmas won't be lost on us. On Friday we entered into another phase of lockdown in the country in an attempt to halt the spread of illness, and it would be easy to think that our spiritual preparations have been halted before they even began, but not necessarily so. Advent gives us all a time to do the things that count - to say a little prayer at some stage during the day for ourselves, our loved ones and all who need help - after all that's who Christ was born to help. So too a little act of kindness or charity - it doesn't have to cost a penny - it could be as little as a chat, a wave or a smile - but it's a lovely gift because it's the gift of friendship. Maybe this is the time to forgive and let go of that silly, daft old grudge and resentment - if ever a year has taught us just how precious every moment with everyone who's important in our lives actually is, it's the one we've lived through. Maybe this is the year to put the practical practice of our faith in a more important position in our lives. If we had all the usual trappings of Christmas but hadn't people to share it all with, hadn't easy friendships, loving families, the feeling of having helped a soul along, the feeling of being at peace with all people - would it really be that special a Christmas? Advent is the time to prepare for those special few days that lie ahead. This year think of something real you could do to prepare - and when you've thought of something good, go and do it. Half life is wasted just thinking and every life is made twice as happy when things are done. Advent is the time to make that jump and do the things that count. Do them to honour and to say thanks to the Christ that was born 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 - Holy Family Church, 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 10 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 only** with a maximum limit of **25 people** in attendance in line with current guidance. **This is a government restriction over which we have no discretion.**

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. Current guidelines limit attendance to 25 people only.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

As of Friday 27th November the Church is closed for public worship as per the latest Government regulations. The following services will continue and will be live streamed for those who wish to join in prayer. Church open daily after Mass for Private Prayer.

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

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

NOVENA MASS: Monday - 7.30pm

DEVOTIONS FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Sunday 29th November at 6.00PM

ROSARY will be recited on Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER - 8.30AM - 6.00PM

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

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SUNDAY MASS: 10.30am

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 10.00am

COLLECTION: Sunday 22nd November 2020: £1834.80

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 John O'Leary PE AP; Joe O'Neill; Martina Newell; Brian King; Martin Sally; George Atcheson; Bernie Whitehouse

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS: are now available from the Sacristy at Holy family Church **before and after all Masses or from the Parochial House in Brackaville.** All Masses for Christmas Day will be offered for the intentions of those whom you request your Bouquet for. The Mass Offerings (donations) for this will be given to the Sick and Retired Priests Fund of the Diocese. 5 design options are available for Mass Bouquets so please feel free to make enquiry at any time.

S.V.P CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE IS BACK!! Due to Covid 19 and in the interest of everyone's safety S.V.P have made adjustments to the Christmas Appeal this year. The Coalisland Conference are asking for donations this year rather than gifts. Those in need will receive vouchers in advance of the big day to ensure everyone has a happy and most importantly a safe Christmas. If you would like to buy a gift or make a donation you can do so through the following link <https://www.paypal.me/coalislandgivingtree>. **A DONATION BOX WILL ALSO BE IN PLACE IN THE CHURCH. DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE HANDED INTO THE SACRISTY AT ANY MASS TIME OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL IMMEDIATELY.** Thank you for your support which helps so many.

PROVISIONAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St Mary's Church - Stewartstown - Christmas Vigil - 7.00pm
Christmas Day - 10.30am

Holy Family Church - Coalisland - Christmas Vigil - 8.00pm
Christmas Dawn - 7.30pm
Christmas Day - 11.00am

Attendance at all Masses will be by **TICKET ONLY**, (available after Masses from Friday 11th December subject to Church reopening) with **EACH PERSON ATTENDING** needing to have their ticket on entry. No one wants to have to be in a position of turning someone away on Christmas night but we are still limited by Government regulations over which we have no individual discretion. With families in attendance the maximum number for Stewartstown can be increased to 90 and the maximum number in Coalisland to 200. If numbers necessitate it may be possible to celebrate a second Vigil Mass in Coalisland. All Masses will be live streamed for those who wish to be cautious and careful, and the obligation to attend is fulfilled through online participation this year. This is all uncharted territory for everyone and I thank you in advance for your understanding. **THIS IS A PROVISIONAL PLAN AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE AND REGULATIONS.**

ANNIVERSARIES: even though public worship with a congregation may be impossible at the moment, all anniversaries will be offered on the day requested and Masses can be Participated in online. If anyone has an anniversary booked which they would like to change to a different time, this is easily accommodated.

CONFIRMATION 2021: will be celebrated in smaller class groups next year. The **provisional dates** are as follows: Primate Dixon PS: 20th, 21st & 22nd April; St Mary's PS - 23rd April.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will also be celebrated in smaller class groups. The **provisional dates** are as follows: Primate Dixon PS: 4th, 5th & 6th May; St Mary's PS: 22nd May.