



Feast of the Chair of St Peter - 22nd February

O Holy Apostle Peter, because you are the Rock upon which Almighty God has built his church; obtain for me I pray you, lively faith, firm hope and burning love; complete detachment from myself, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, recollection in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

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.

- Fr O'Neill – Brackaville – 02887740221
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- 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 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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There's a legend from the 16th Century that tells the tale of Dr Faustus, supposedly a German genius who made it as far as he possibly could on his own brains and with all his learning and still felt that greatness eluded him. Whatever of the great learnings of the day he looked at – medicine, law, science, theology – he felt none of them had anything to offer him, so he looked elsewhere. He was given a choice of paths in life – a good Angel offered him eternal life if he lived by his conscience, the Devil offered him power and happiness in this world for 24 years but at the end of it the Devil would come for his soul. Faustus took the easy path and gave into the temptation of the Devil, made a pact and had a wonderful time for the 24 years he was given. But time ticked on and the years ran quickly in, and one night at 11.00 the clock struck and Faustus realised he had only one more hour before he had to surrender his soul to Satan. Suddenly he was terrified. He cried out in fear “Stand still, you ever moving spheres of heaven, that time may cease, and midnight never come; Fair Nature's eye, rise, rise again and make perpetual day; or let this hour be but a year, a month, a week, a natural day, that Faustus may repent and save his soul.” But it was all too late, at midnight the Devil came and claimed his own. It's a sad tale with a clear message to us all, the temptation to go the easy way in life is great, but giving in to temptation can never end well and can never make us happy. In life, we always come to times and situations where we sell out. Sometimes we sell out for good and sometimes for bad. We sell out either to God or to the Devil. God's way will always be a more difficult path to tread, but it's the one that brings long term happiness, peace and the gift of being able to look the world in the eye and stand proudly before God at the last. The easy way is to give in to the temptation for the quick fix, the easy answer, the path that doesn't cost us, exert us and ask anything of us – the instant result. But the instant result rarely brings a happiness that lasts because deep down we know we could have done things better or just done things right. We sell out to temptation for handiness, appearances, popularity or sometimes even fear, but deep down we know it's not right. Today's Gospel tells of Christ being tempted in the wilderness – how easy it would have been for Him to give in and sell out too, think of the pain and suffering He could have avoided, but He knew the path of good and the path of God was the only way to live, the only one that gave lesson, example and the long-term happiness of all mankind. To say no to temptation isn't easy, it takes courage, but when you doubt your ability to do what is right, think of Christ and His example and be brave too, be good and do things as best as you can.

With best wishes for the week,
Fr O'Neill

ROSARY at Our Lady's Grotto Sunday to Friday at 8.00pm.

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - Broadcast from Holy Family Church, Wednesday @7pm.

BAPTISMS The next available date for Baptisms is Sunday 13th March. Due to the ongoing health crisis, **THERE IS A LIMITATION OF 10 GUESTS PER BAPTISM PARTY.** To book please contact the parish office by email: coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, COALISLAND

CHURCH CLOSED FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP BUT OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

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

NOVENA MASS: every Monday evening at 7.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sunday - 6.00pm; Monday 7.00pm

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 20th February - 6.00pm - Rosaleen O'Hagan

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Thursday 25th February - 10.00am - Shannon Whitehouse

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 26th February - 10.00am - Vera Lardner

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 26th February - 6.00pm - Mary Christina Mongan

ROSARY will be recited on Wednesday evening at 6.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Currently suspended to maintain distancing regulations.

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER

COLLECTION: Sunday 14th February 2021: £1860.00

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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 Joe McKeever PE; Fr Tommy McGeough PE; Michael McGurk; Aidan Morris; Pam Devlin; Lily Devlin; Anthony Curran

CHURCHES REMAIN OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Churches remain open for Private Prayer throughout the day and outside Mass times. Please remember to wear your mask and sanitise when in the Church so as to maintain all legal requirements, to ensure your own safety and the comfort and safety of others who may wish to visit. Everyone is welcome to come and pray at any time but please keep safe.

LENTEN MASSES: will be offered at 7.30pm on Monday evening and on Tuesday - Friday mornings at 10.00am. Morning Mass will be recorded daily for those who wish to participate at a later time in the day and can be accessed through our Parish Website or Churchmedia.tv. To access recordings of Mass, go to webcam, select recordings, select the particular Mass you wish to join with, press download and then press play. (Much simpler than it sounds). If we exit lockdown during the season of Lent we will have our normal early morning Mass at 7.30am as usual for those who can attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be prayed each Sunday of Lent at 6.00pm from Holy Family Church and also at 7.00pm on the Monday evenings of Lent prior to the celebration of the weekly Novena Mass.

KNOCK SHRINE TO HOST ONLINE FAITH DISCUSSIONS FOR LENT: which can be accessed at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live at 8.30pm on the Thursdays of Lent.
Thursday 25 February 'Living Christian Faith as Young Adults'
Thursday 4 March 'Living Christian Faith in the Classroom as Young Teachers'
Thursday 11 March 'Living Christian Faith in Public Life'
Thursday 18 March 'Proclaiming Christian Faith as a priest or religious today'
Thursday 25 March 'Studying Christian Faith'

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