



**Prayer for Forgiveness
of our sins during Lent**

*O Lord, Jesus Christ,
Redeemer and Saviour,
forgive my sins,
just as You forgave Peter's denial
and those who crucified You.
Count not my transgressions,
but, rather, my tears of repentance.
Remember not my iniquities,
but, more especially,
my sorrow for the offenses
I have committed against You.
I long to be true to Your Word,
and pray that You will love me and come to
make Your dwelling place within me.
I promise to give You praise and glory
in love and in service
all the days of my life. Amen.*

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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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In her book, *The Whisper Test*, Mary Ann Bird shares a story of the happiest moment in her life. She was born with a cleft palate. When she started school her classmates let her know that she was different: a little girl with a misshapen lip, crooked nose, lopsided teeth, and garbled speech. If they asked what happened to her lip, she told them she fell and cut it on a piece of glass. For her, it was easier to say that she'd been injured rather than being born different. Along the way Mary Ann became convinced that no one outside her family could love her. However, when she got to our P3 she was assigned to a teacher, Mrs. Leonard, who was happy and sparkly, the teacher everyone loved. Every year in school the students were required to take a hearing test. When the day came for Mary Ann to take hers, she was supposed to stand at a distance, cover one ear, and listen closely for something the teacher would whisper to her so she could repeat it back. Usually the teacher would say something like "The sky is blue," or "What color are your shoes?", but that day Mrs. Leonard spoke seven words that changed a little girl's life when she whispered, "I wish you were my little girl." At that moment she knew she was loved just as she was, and her life was changed. Love can do that. When you know that someone loves you just as you are and demonstrates it in their words and actions, it can change and transform your life. Today first reading tells us of the Ten Commandments – the great rulebook for how to live as a believer in God, as a Christian. We could easily see them as a list of don'ts, a list of reprimands, but they're not - instead they're really a reminder to us all of the things that can break down the great relationship of love we have between ourselves and God, between ourselves and others, a reminder of the hurt that selfishness can cause when it replaces goodness, care and love as a lifestyle. When we show our love for God by a respectful, prayerful life we really say we value and want God in every bit of our life. When we show our love for others by treating them with respect, honour, care, fairness or just as equals we say by our actions that we value them as a treasure in our lives. The commandments are really the guide as to how to love properly. How much better would the world be for everyone if we tried? That's why the commandments don't go out of date, don't tell us off, but just ask us to be the best we can be in life to try to be happy and make everyone in our lives happy too. They remind us that faith and life are about love, something we all have so much of inside us. Your love is your greatest gift to give, always be generous with it.

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.

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.

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

ROSARY will be recited on Wednesday evening at 6.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Currently suspended to maintain distancing regulations.

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKVILLE

OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER

COLLECTION: Sunday 28th February 2021: £1990.00

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 Aidan Morris; Pam Devlin; Lily Devlin; Anthony Curran; Frankie Hughes; Jim Sherry; Josephine Quinn

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.

GRAVEYARD SECURITY: following on from a number of thefts of flowers and ornaments from graves in St Mary & St Joseph's Cemetery last year, Security Cameras have been installed in the graveyard which give a wide scope of vision of graves. The Cameras will only be accessed in the event of a return to the problems of last year, but in the event of any further thefts any relevant footage will be forwarded to the relevant authorities.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS TIMES: due to the ongoing restrictions and the absence of physical congregations the provisional times for St Patrick's Day Masses will be **Tuesday 16th March - 7.30pm Vigil Mass & 17th March - 10am Morning Mass.** Any changes to this proposal will be included in next week's bulletin and announced at Masses next weekend.

PARISH SYMPATHY MASS CARDS & MASS BOUQUETS - following on from our Christmas Mass Bouquets and at the request of a number of Parishioners, we have produced Parish Mass Bouquets and Parish Sympathy Mass Cards for the Dead. They are now available from the Sacristy. Masses for the dead will be offered on the First Friday of each month and Masses for those with a special intention Mass Bouquet request will be offered on the first Monday of each month. All Mass offerings will go towards the Sick and Retired Priests Fund for the Diocese.

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 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'

NEW PARISH ENVELOPES: The new series of Parish envelopes will begin on Easter Sunday, 4th April 2021. A sincere word of thanks to all those who have been so generous to the Parish over the past year and in very challenging financial times, your kindness is genuinely appreciated and has made a huge difference over the past 12 months. The new envelopes will be available from the Sacristy this week.

WEDDINGS 2021: At present weddings are still permitted to take place with a maximum of 25 in attendance, and hopefully these restrictions will be relaxed somewhat in the coming months. I would invite all couples planning to marry in the coming year to contact the Parish Office to arrange to complete all necessary paperwork. Marriage preparation courses are still a requirement for marriage and you are asked to book your place through Accord. NI where a range of online participation courses are now available. Please book your place as soon as possible due to high demand. **All State and Church paperwork must be completed 3 months before the wedding takes place.** If you wish to discuss alternative dates this can easily be done and hopefully a little peace of mind can be brought to all.