



St Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Breathe into 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.*



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This week we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish when the Primary 7 students from our two Primary Schools will stand and avow the faith, be anointed with the oil of Chrism and will become adult members of the Church and our community. This final Sacrament of Initiation marks both an endpoint and a beginning point in the life of faith. Up to this point these young people have spent more time than they ever will again learning about their faith, learning the stories and teachings of Christ, learning how they apply to everyday life and hopefully growing closer to God in prayer and in the things they do. And that happens not only in School but also in the home, where parents are asked to fulfil the promises they freely made when they asked to have their child baptised 11 years ago. But from the moment of Confirmation, these young people are now asked to take what they have learned and put it into practice - to think of the things of God and ask how they could make them come alive in our own little bit of the world, to look at the world itself and see where they can improve it, develop it, change it for the better, and to have the courage and confidence to stand up and do it. It's a difficult task that's set before them and before all Christians because that's what we're all asked to do. At 11 years of age they want to do all things and yet as adults we can be slow to let them even try. Is that really fair? These young people will never be able to take on or complete that task without your help, support and encouragement. This week as a community, take a little time to pray for them all, and make a promise too to give them their chance in life, to always be there for them in life, with a word of guidance, a word of thanks when they do well, a pat of encouragement when they fail, or a second chance when they're young, wild and need it most. The greatest waste in life is the talent squashed and the enthusiasm dampened. These young people are at that stage of life when they're ready to tackle the world, to change anything and make their mark, but it's only with your help that they will ever achieve it. Who knows what good could come about through them, and you could be the one who lets that happen. This week as we wish them all well and pray for them, let's all promise to try to be there for them too, to give them their chance, to trust them, to help them and to do everything we can so that one day we can all sit proudly and say they came from us, they did this for us and they made life better because we let them.

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 Brackaville Church on Wednesday 21st April @7pm.

BAPTISMS The next available date for Baptisms is Saturday 22nd May. Due to the ongoing health crisis, **THERE IS A LIMITATION OF 10 GUESTS PER BAPTISM PARTY.** Please note that from May, in line with the new Mass schedule, our Baptism times will be changing. **Baptisms will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 4.00pm in Holy Family Church and after 11am Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month in St Mary's.** To book please contact the parish office by email: coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, COALISLAND

WEEKEND MASS: Vigil Mass - 6.00pm; Sunday Mass - 9.30am

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

NOVENA MASS: every Monday evening at 7.30pm

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 17th April - 6.00pm - Baby Ryan Lorkan Quinn

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 19th April - 7.30pm - Rose Cullen

ROSARY: will not be recited this Wednesday evening due to Confirmation

CONFESSIONS: will be heard on request after weekday Mass

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

OPEN FOR DAILY PRAYER

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 19th April - 6.00 pm - Teresa McDonagh

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

COLLECTION: Easter Sunday 4th April 2021: £3360.00

Low Sunday 11th April 2021 : £2675.60

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 Teresa McDonagh; Rose Cullen; Denise Morgan; Betty Brown; Pascal Quinn; Malachy O'Neill; Jimmy O'Neill; Ellie McGrath; Kate Conway

REOPENING MITIGATIONS: as part of Churches reopening for public worship strict mitigations and regulations have to be kept in place in accord with Government guidance.

1 Masks (face coverings) must be worn at all times in Churches - this is non optional

2 Maximum capacity (175 Holy Family & 50 St Mary's) cannot be exceeded.

3 Contact details must be left and will be destroyed after a safe 3 week period.

4 Social distance must be kept at all times

These are all regulations beyond our control but which will facilitate gathering again for Mass. They are only there to keep everyone safe and comfortable and to help avoid an increase in transmission. Thank you for your co-operation and **please feel free to challenge anyone whom you feel is not working inside these regulations.**

WHY WEAR A MASK? we have all come to know and expect that a very small number of Parishioners seem to have some issue wearing a mask/face covering/visor in Church. Unfortunately this is a direct regulation from the Government that face coverings must be worn at all times. Not only does this protect you but it also protects others and ensures their comfort to return to the Church for Worship. None of us particularly like wearing them, but if they prevent us from becoming seriously ill, it is a small price to pay. Equally if our wearing a mask helps to save someone else from becoming seriously ill, then that is a heavy weight removed from our consciences, as I'm sure no one would ever like to think that their carelessness or stubbornness was the cause of the suffering of any fellow Parishioner. If you cannot wear a mask for a genuine medical reason, **YOU MUST WEAR A VISOR.** If you are unable to wear either for serious medical reasons then with such a poor state of health it would be wiser to delay your return to Church or any public gathering until all risks are finally removed from society. On a final thought - we have sadly buried 18 Parishioners who were effected by Covid - please don't let your actions lead to a 19th!!

FUNERALS & WEDDINGS are now limited to a maximum attendance depending on the capacity of each Church. Our capacities are: Holy Family Church - 175 people; St Mary's Church, Stewartstown: 60 people; St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville - 70 people, **CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated this week for Primate Dixon PS on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 5.00pm, and for St Mary's PS on Friday evening at 5.30pm, with each child to be confirmed inviting 5 guests to accompany them. Best wishes to all Confirmandi in their final preparations.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated for the children of Primate Dixon PS on Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th May at 1pm, and for St Mary's Ps on Saturday 22nd May at 11.00am. First Confessions will be held in School, before these dates.

TROCAIRE BOXES/ENVELOPES can be returned to the Churches at any time. Thank you for your generosity in this annual collection for the poor of our world.

SR CLARE CROCKETT RETREAT: Sr Clare aged just 33 years died on 26th of April 2016 when an earthquake struck the home and school of The Servant Sisters of the Mother in Playa Prieta, Ecuador. A week long retreat celebrating her life will be held in Longtower Chapel, Derry from Monday 19th April at 7.30pm. The retreat can be followed online at <http://longtowerchurch.org/webcam/> and on Longtower Facebook page