



**Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage**  
7th -12 May

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. 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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The month of May has always been a special one in the prayer of all Catholics as we set time aside to pray to our Blessed Mother, asking petition and giving her praise in a tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages. We're asked in this month to reflect on all Mary has been and does for us and honour her for the grace and hope she brings to the world. From the first moment she said Yes to the plan of God when the Angel Gabriel spoke to her, the whole plan of salvation began, because she was willing to give birth to the Son of God despite the mystery and uncertainty it brought. She was the first person to hear the Good News of God and then spent her whole life as that first and perfect disciple - loyal, trusting, unshakable in her love and devotion to her Son, our God. As a mother she watched as her Son went through His life teaching and blessing, and she must have been so proud, and then she had to watch all those horrors at the end, and it must have been wretched for her to weep as her Son was beaten, bullied and killed, but she stood with Him because she knew it was God's plan and His way of proving for all time how much He loves us all. She did it all out of love for God and the world and because of that she is our Heavenly Mother. It's good to remember that we have such a wonderful friend in Heaven to help us when we need it, to do for us what she did for her Son. From God's side she does what any mother would, she stands up for us and tries to help us, she has the quiet word that makes life easier or better for us, she smiles on our happiness and cries at our sadness and loves in the way only mothers can. This month, if you have a little time to spare, why not give time to a little honouring of that Mother. On Mothers Day we all do something to repay the love that our mothers here in this world have given us in some small way - May is the chance to do the same thing for our Heavenly Mother. A little decade whispered quietly during the day is a wonderful worship and a wonderful gift of peace to you, because those prayers are carried straight by Mary to the ear of her Son, and what son can refuse what his mother asks? 30 minutes on a Sunday evening for Devotions, a trip to the Grotto, even just to stop and look at her statue and remember she's there in your life, working quietly away for you in the background - all those things can make a difference to our lives because they give us hope, peace and quiet, time to reflect, time to stop worrying and a chance to let us grow in trust of Mary's wise and loving care for us all. Mary has given so much to us and still does, give her something back in return - a thought, a thanks, a prayer or even better an effort to be like her in life. Look at her and what her life did and praise her well this month.

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** - Wednesday @7pm in Holy Family Church

**BAPTISMS** 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.

**GRAVE SURROUNDS:** Please note that grave surrounds cannot exceed measurements of **6ft 8in wide by 8ft long**, and please remind all monument builders of this. This not only helps utilise all available space but ensures everyone is treated equally and fairly, and helps us maintain the planning of each section of the graveyard. If you need any guidance please contact our Sacristans, grave digger or email the Parish Office. Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

#### 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

**MONTH'S MIND:** Tuesday 4th May- 10.00am - Betty Brown

**ROSARY:** will be recited this Wednesday evening at 6.00pm

**CONFESSIONS:** will be heard on request after weekday Mass

#### ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

**MONTH'S MIND:** Friday 7th May - 7.30pm - Pascal Quinn

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY:** Geraldine Donnelly

**CHURCH FLOWERS 9TH MAY & 16TH MAY:** L Mulgrew & R Wylie

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 25th April 2021: £2390.00

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 Betty Brown; Pascal Quinn; Malachy O'Neill; Jimmy O'Neill; Ellie McGrath; Kate Conway; Fr Harry Coyle; Dr Michael Dorman; Joe McNally; Patricia Corey

#### DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Unfortunately the ongoing Pandemic means that for the second year Pilgrims cannot travel to Lourdes for the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage, but in an effort to unite our prayers for all those in any suffering or woe, the Pilgrimage will take place via the internet from 7th May - 12th May, and all services can be joined in with online at Facebook page: Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Friday 7th May** - 12.00pm - Opening Mass from St Brigid's Shrine, Faughart  
5.00pm - Rosary led by Dr Sean McNichol (Armagh)

**Saturday 8th May** - 12.00pm - Mass from St Patrick's Church, Cullyhanna  
5.00pm - Rosary led by Ann Forbes (Ardboe)  
7.00pm - Torchlight Procession from St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

**Sunday 9th May** - 12.00m - Sunday Mass from Holy Redeemer Church, Dundalk  
5.00pm - Rosary led by Cora Muckian (Dundalk)  
7.00pm - Holy Hour from Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Magherafelt

**Monday 10th May** - 12.00pm - Healing Mass - Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Drogheda  
5.00pm - Rosary led by Gabriel McGuigan (Armagh)  
7.00pm - Stations of the Cross - Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maghera

**Tuesday 11th May** - 12.00pm - Mass from St Patrick's Church, Dungannon  
5.00pm - Rosary led by Joe McCrystal (Magherafelt)  
7.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Procession from St Patrick's Church, Keady

**Wednesday 12th May** - 5.00pm - Rosary led by Gerry Woods (Armagh)  
7.30pm - Grotto Mass from St Malachy's Church, Armagh  
Close of Pilgrimage

All Masses will be offered for those who have travelled to Lourdes throughout the years and for all deceased pilgrims and volunteers.

A dedicated email account has been set up if anyone wishes to forward petitions which will then be printed and placed in front of the Altar during the Pilgrimage ceremonies. The address is [armagh Lourdes petitions 2021@gmail.com](mailto:armagh Lourdes petitions 2021@gmail.com)

**MAY DEVOTIONS:** will take place each Sunday this month at 6pm in Holy Family Church.

**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. Best wishes to all our P4 children.

**COMMUNION SERVICES** will be held instead of morning Mass on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th May.

**TROCAIRE 2021:** Many thanks to all those who contributed to the annual Trocaire collection which amounted to £7164.50. Your kindness will make a huge difference to so many.

**ORDINATION TO DIACONATE:** Stephen Wilson from Coalisland will, by the grace of God, be ordained to the Diaconate in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Sunday 16th May at 3.00pm. We wish Stephen every blessing and happiness as he prepares for this day. Parishioners can view the service online via the Cathedral website: [armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam](http://armaghparish.net/cathedral-webcam).