



## Feast of the Archangels 29th September

### PRAYER TO THE ARCHANGELS

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael our protector;  
come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones,  
and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel messenger of the Good News;  
help me to clearly hear Your voice  
teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael the healing angel;  
take my need for healing and that of everyone,  
lift it up to Your throne of grace  
and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord,  
to realize more fully the reality of the archangels  
and their desire to serve us.  
Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.

### CONTACT NUMBERS FOR CLERGY

At times it may not always be possible for your local priest to be available. In case of emergency, Clergy can be contacted at any of the numbers below.

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It was one of the most gripping news stories of 2003, and if you missed the news you probably heard the story anyway in the film '127 Hours'. In the beautiful but desolate mountains of southeastern Utah, a twenty-seven-year-old mountain climber named Aron Ralston, made a desperate decision. A keen outdoors man, Aron was rock-climbing one day when his right arm became trapped under a boulder, a boulder that was said to weigh at least eight stone. He knew straightaway that he was in big trouble. No matter how he wriggled or squirmed he couldn't free himself and so Aron took out his pocketknife and chipped away at the rock for 10 hours, but after all that effort all he managed to produce was a small handful of dust. Obviously, this was not going to work. Days were passing. No one knew where he was. Even worse, his family and friends were used to his going off for days without contacting anyone, so they weren't even looking for him. With his arm still wedged beneath this enormous boulder Aron Ralston recorded a video message to his parents telling them how much they meant to him and saying good-bye. At the end of several days with no food or water - 127 hours - he knew he was left with only one choice. The only thing left to do was to amputate his arm in order to save himself. And that's exactly what he did, using that same pocketknife. It was an amazing display of courage and determination, a desperate man desperate to save himself if he could and willing to make the sacrifice needed if he wanted to save his life! After he was finished, with his one good arm he tied a tourniquet to the other and abseiled nearly 70 feet to the floor of the canyon. Then he hiked five miles downstream where he finally met some other hikers and was rescued. Ralston made the obviously horrible decision to amputate his right arm to save his life. It is an amazing story and a true one! Who can read this story without thinking of Jesus' words from our Gospel today, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell"? Christ doesn't hold back! Aron Ralston certainly made that choice – to sacrifice his arm in order to save his life. The determination and the simple desire to live were enough to give him the courage he needed when he needed and he did save his life. Life here is one thing but life in heaven is even greater, and we all want to save our lives up there. Everything that causes us to sin, everytime we let temptation win, it's like trapping our spiritual lives under that boulder, and it's so hard to escape. Sin becomes habit and the habit becomes indifference and then we don't care any more. Today is the right day to cut out whatever leads us to sin and free ourselves of our habits and our demons and live as best we can. Courage is all it takes, a decision to act now to save ourselves forever. There are choices that must be made in life, and those choices determine our destiny.

With best wishes for the week - Fr O'Neill

**ROSARY** at Our Lady's Grotto every evening 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 2nd Sunday of each month in St Mary's.** To book please **email** the parish office at: 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

**MONTH'S MIND MASS:** Saturday 25th September - 6.00pm - Davy Robinson

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Saturday 25th September - 6.00pm - Ella Weston

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Monday 27th September - 7.30pm - Brigid Hughes

**MONTH'S MIND MASS:** Monday 27th September - 7.30pm - Tess O'Donnell

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday 10.30am - 6.30pm

**ROSARY:** Wednesday evening at 6.00pm

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

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

**CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER**

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

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR OCTOBER:** Kelli Ann Bleeks

**MONTH'S MIND MASSES** celebrated on request Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES** celebrated on Sunday mornings at 11.00am

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 19th September 2021: £2841.00

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 Tess O'Donnell; Alice O'Donnell; Margaret Jane Maxwell; Baby Rui Dias McDowell; Mary O'Regan; Ann Quinn; Seamie O'Neill; Tommy Rafferty; Mickey Maye; Stella Gervin; Josie Rafferty; Mary Teresa McNeice; Mary Sullivan; Teresa McStravog; Charlie McCausland

**ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:** will be closed from 27th September until 26th October to allow for redecoration and some necessary repairs. Many thanks in advance for your understanding and co-operation and apologies for any inconvenience.

**ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS:** The **provisional date** for our annual Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died from 1st November 2020 until 31st October 2021 has been set for **Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland. All our deceased loved ones will be remembered in our Mass on that day which will be the final Mass of the Novena of Masses offered for all those whose names are on the Parish list of the Dead. The date will be confirmed nearer the time.

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS** will begin next Sunday at 6.00pm in the Church of the Holy Family, Coalisland, and will continue every Sunday evening for the month. Please feel welcome to join for this half hour devotion which consists of Rosary and Benediction.

**WEDDING PREPARATION:** All couples who intend to marry in the remainder of 2021 or in 2022 are asked to contact the Parish office by email to arrange for the completion of all necessary paperwork in advance of their celebration. Completion of paperwork is essential as the wedding cannot be celebrated without both State and Church requirements being fulfilled. Many thanks for your help.

**KRAFTY KIDZ OUT OF SCHOOLS CLUB,** AGM will take place on Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Parochial Centre Coalisland.

**COALISLAND & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOOD BANK** will be holding their 2021 AGM on Wednesday 7th October 2021 at 7pm in their premises at St Patrick's Hall, 6 Barrack Street, Coalisland. New members welcome. Any nominations for Committee positions must be submitted via email to ccfoodbank2020@gmail.com or by post to above address 7 days prior to the AGM. Due to Covid restrictions we would ask anyone wishing to attend contact the Secretary in advance on 07871800551 or by email/post.

**THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE** will take place on Saturday 9th October on Radio Maria Ireland at 2pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr. Patrick Kenny, Fr. Gerry McCloskey, and Dr. Blythe Kaufman.

**COASTAL ROSARY** will take place at 2.30pm on Sunday 10th October. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or text your location to 087 278 6552.

**LOUGH DERG:** Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sun 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Booking is essential. For further info email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** if anyone would like to include notices in the weekly bulletin, please forward them to the parish office by email by the previous Wednesday. The address is coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk