

and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Christ had been crucified on it. The moral of the story is very simple, so many of our dreams and ambitions are about making only ourselves happy, and yet the dream of greatness can be a very empty one. Sometimes the greatest things happen in the simplest way. Sometimes the humble, forgettable almost unnoticeable act is the one that changes lives. Sometimes the person who doesn't live for their own glory, wealth, advance or fame is the one who is most remembered because they live serving God in the way He wants rather than themselves in the way they want. *Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant...and slave to all.* Today's Gospel lays down a big challenge to us all, but it's a path that leads to a happiness that lasts for eternity rather than just the here and now. Christian humility asks only that we live for the good of God, the world and others, not just for our own dreams. There's a lot of wisdom in that if we think about it honestly. Dreams are for dreaming, but lives are for living, and its lives not dreams that change the world. The simple, humble, basic things you do could be the greatest things ever done for someone else.

With best wishes for the week, Fr O'Neill

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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Once upon a time there were three trees on a hill in the woods talking of their hopes and dreams. The first tree said, "I hope to be a treasure chest filled with gold and gems and decorated with fancy carving and everyone will see the beauty." The second tree said, "Someday I'll be a mighty ship. I will take kings across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of my strength." Finally the third tree said, "I want to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me and look up high and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me." After years praying that their dreams would come true a group of woodsmen found the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I can sell the wood to a carpenter," and he began to cut. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest. At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I can sell it to a shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came on the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams wouldn't come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special so I'll take this one," and he cut it down. When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals and placed in a barn and filled with hay. This wasn't what he had prayed for. The second tree was made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into pieces and left alone in the dark. Years went by and the trees forgot their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time. Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew it had carried the King of Kings in its boat. Finally someone came and got the third tree. It was carried throughout the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree

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

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: Sundays - 6.00pm

NOVENA MASS: every Monday evening at 7.30pm

MONTH'S MIND MASS: Saturday 16th October, 6.00pm - Mary Theresa McNeice

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS: Monday 18th October, 7.30pm - Johnny Curran

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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
MASS TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER - 7.30PM

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 10th October 2021: £2573.00

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 Mary Sullivan; Charlie McCausland; Elizabeth Bradley; John Duffy; Rosaleen O'Neill

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS will continue this Sunday at 6.00pm in the Church of the Holy Family, Coalisland, and 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 2022 are asked to contact the Parish office by email to arrange for the completion of all necessary paperwork in advance of their celebration. This is essential as the wedding cannot be celebrated without both State and Church requirements being fulfilled. Many thanks for your help.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS will be available in the Church porches this week and can be returned to the Church from mid week onwards. All those whose names are recorded on the Parish List of the Dead will be remembered in a Novena of Masses which will conclude on 3rd November.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS: will be celebrated on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the Church of the Holy Family Coalisland. This Mass especially remembers all those who have died since 1st November 2020 in our Parish and concludes the annual 9 days of Masses for all those whose names are recorded on the Parish List of the Dead.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS: have been delivered to the Parish this week and will be available in both our Sacristies from 1st November. All Christmas Masses will be offered for these intentions and all donations will be forwarded to the Sick and Retired Priests Fund for the Diocese.

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE: Will reopen on Tuesday 26th October with Mass at 7.30pm celebrated by Bishop Michael Router. He will bless the Church and Dedicate the new Altar on that night. Please do feel welcome to come and join in this event which marks 25 Years since the Church reopened.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE CHURCH GATE COLLECTION for our local Hospices will take place after all Masses in the Parish, next weekend - **23rd/24th** October. All donations are gratefully received. 2021 marks the 32nd Year of Southern Area Hospice Services and this year £3million must be raised to continue providing this specialist palliative and end of life care services free of charge to patients in the Southern Trust area. In 2019 collections in Parishes raised over £25,000 for our Hospice and with your support again this year we hope to build on this amount. Thank you for your support.

PRECIOUS LIFE will be holding a 'Pro-Life Chain' at Belfast City Hall on Saturday 23rd October at 2pm to commemorate the second anniversary of abortion legislation in Northern Ireland. For more information please contact Precious Life on 028 9027 8484 or email info@preciouslife.com.

CONCERN ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will take place after all Masses in the Parish on the weekend of 13th/14th November. Despite the ever growing cost of living and the drain on everyone's resources we thank you in advance for your generosity which will help so many lives around the world.

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.