



**Feast of
St Thomas Aquinas
28th January**

PRAYER OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS

Make me, O Lord,
obedient without complaint,
poor without regret,
patient without murmur,
humble without pretense,
joyous without frivolity,
and truthful without disguise.
Bestow on me, O God,
understanding to know You,
diligence to seek You,
and wisdom to find You;
a life which may please You,
and a hope
which may embrace You at the last.
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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This week we celebrate Holocaust Memorial Day which tries to keep in our minds the horrors of the past century, not as a way of frightening us, but as a way to always remember the power humanity has to bring about good or evil, and to remind us of what can happen when people lose their heart, lose their goodness, lose their sense of care and respect for each other. The world of today is a very different one to that which saw the Holocaust happen, as now the world is much smaller, easily visited or seen, and people move so much more around that world for work, for peace or in the hope of a better life. And yet while the world might be a smaller place, sadly a lot of people also have developed a smaller mind, where they can look at the stranger who comes from afar with suspicion or ridicule, where the non-national among us can be dammed or rejected too easily. As a nation we know better than most what it is to travel to new lands in the hope of a better life, and we know also the tales of how difficult that was for so many. Memory can be long or short when it suits. It never does us any hurt to think about our own attitude to others and to remind ourselves that deep down most people move lands in the hope of gaining what we take for granted – to live in peace, to enjoy the very basic things, to be tolerated and to even know what it is to be respected just for being yourself. It's easy to assume that everyone enjoys those basic things, and yet we know so many don't – even in our own locality. As Christians, we know that our own Saviour was an exile for his childhood years, lived under the threats that so many endure today, and yet his message was one of respect for others, goodness to others and love of others. As Christians we're asked to live by that message today – “I was a stranger and you made me welcome”. I suppose it's the same old question we have to ask ourselves – if we want to live in a world where people are treated fairly, decently, treated with a little heart and given a little respect – what are we actually doing ourselves to make that happen? Attitudes and words have great power, and it takes so little to make someone feel accepted and respected – a smile, a hello, just treating someone like we would like to be treated. It also takes so little to make someone feel worthless, unwanted and unwelcome – the wrong sharp tongue, the attitude that reminds someone they're different, the sneer, the snigger or the velvet clad fist of intolerance. The past is filled with so many horrors that Holocaust Day remembers, but the past is filled with so many good people and deeds that outweigh the bad. Do your bit at home to make sure the good always wins, to make sure everyone knows the basic respect we all deserve, teach your children and your neighbours to do the same by the way you live. “In so far as you did this to one of the least of these – you did it to me” – let Christ one day say those same words to you.

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 @3pm 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. The next Baptisms will take place on the weekend of 12th/13th February 2022

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, COALISLAND

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

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday (Novena) - 7.30pm & Friday - 10.00am

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 22nd January - 6.00pm - Nellie Hughes

CONFESSIONS: will be heard on request after weekday Mass

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 10.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday - 10.30am - 6.30pm

ROSARY: Wednesday at 6.00pm

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 28th January - 7.30pm - Barry Corr

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Jean Coyle

MONTH'S MIND: Tuesday 25th January - 7.30pm - Patsy Devlin

MONTH'S MIND MASSES on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm by arrangement.

Please note that 11am Mass on Sunday 6th February and weekday Masses from 7th to 12th February will be replaced by a Communion Service. During that week Funerals will be kindly catered for by Deacon Malachy and Canon Fee and Fr McCallion of Clonoe Parish. Contact details are on the back of the Bulletin.

COLLECTION: Sunday 16th January 2022: £2732.00

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 Patsy Devlin; Barry Corr, Molly Teale, Martin Groogan; Patrick Hanna; Kitty Graham; Dessie Atcheson; Seamus O'Neill; Mary Doris; Eileen Casement; Kevin O'Kane

WEDDINGS 2022: All couples who plan to marry in 2022 are asked to ensure that the following requirements are completed **as soon as possible**. They are easily fulfilled but legally must be completed at least **3 months before the wedding**.

1) Arrange for your Pre- Marriage Course – details of all available courses can be found at accord.ni who facilitate all these programmes.

2) Contact your local Council Offices for Notification of Marriage Forms. These must be signed by whomever is celebrating the marriage and returned to the Council.

3) Complete Pre-Nuptial Enquiry forms with the Priest of the Parish you live in, regardless of where the wedding is to take place. Arrangements for this can be made by emailing the Parish office at coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk.

All these requirements can be attended to well before the wedding takes place and removes any worries about the day. If you would prefer to have a Wedding Service rather than a Wedding Mass, please notify the Parish and this can be easily facilitated.

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST PATRICK is taking place on Wednesday evenings in the coming weeks, to pray for the renewal of faith in Ireland at this time. Shalom World Prayer will broadcast the Novena each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 16th March at www.swprayer.org. from various Churches associated with the life of St Patrick.

Wednesday 26 January Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Slemish

Wednesday 2 February St Patrick's Church, Saul, Co Down

Wednesday 9 February St Patrick's Church, Slane, Co Meath

Wednesday 16 February St Mary's Church, Westport, Co Mayo

Wednesday 23 February St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly, Co Carlow

Wednesday 2 March St Patrick's Well, Limerick, Co Limerick

Wednesday 9 March St Mary's Church, Pettigo, Co Donegal

Wednesday 16 March St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

LENT 2022: begins on 2nd March and hopefully we will have our normal 7.30am Mass daily, Stations of the Cross on Sunday evenings and before Mass on Monday evening. However, if any groups would like to organise to lead prayer events outside these, please feel free to come and discuss the possibility. Thanks as always for your involvement.

RECORDING OF FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS: this service is freely available through the Parish website or Churchmedia.tv but must be booked in advance as events cannot be recorded or made available retrospectively. Please contact the Parish office to book.

ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL will hold their AGM on Tuesday 8th February @ 8pm. Please come along and support your community. All new members welcome.

SYNOD.IE WEBSITE has been launched to support engagement with the national synodal pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland. The website provides information about the synodal pathway and the timeline for the work, as well as making available a variety of resources to support engagement. Please visit and get involved.

SUSE+ are holding a Welding Academy on Monday 14th February in Kilcronagh Business Park, Cookstown. For further details contact Laura Anderson at South West College.