



**Our Lady  
of Loving Protection  
Pray for us**

**THE MAGNIFICAT OF OUR LADY**

*(from Evening Prayer of the Church)*

*My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.  
He looks on His servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.*

*The Almighty works marvels for me,  
Holy His name!*

*His mercy is from age to age  
on those who fear Him.*

*He puts forth His arm in strength  
and scatters the proud hearted.*

*he casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.*

*He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.*

*He protects Israel his servant,  
remembering His mercy,*

*the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever. 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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# Ballyclog & Donaghenny

**Parish Bulletin ✦ 5th Sunday of Easter ✦ 15th May 2022**

In 1921, Lewis Lawes became the warden at Sing Sing Prison in New York State. No prison was tougher than Sing Sing during that time. But when Warden Lawes retired some 20 years later, that prison had become a humanitarian institution. Those who studied the system said credit for the change belonged to Lawes. But when he was asked about the transformation, here's what he said: "I owe it all to my wonderful wife, Catherine, who is buried outside the prison walls." Catherine Lawes was a young mother with three small children when her husband became the warden. Everybody warned her from the beginning that she should never set foot inside the prison walls, but that didn't stop Catherine! When the first prison basketball game was held, she went ... walking into the gym with her three children, and she sat in the stands with the inmates. Her attitude was: "My husband and I are going to take care of these men and I believe they will take care of me! I don't have to worry." She insisted on getting to know them and their records. She discovered one convicted murderer was blind so she paid him a visit. Holding his hand in hers she said, "Do you read Braille?" "What's Braille?" he asked. Then she taught him how to read. Years later he would weep in love for her. Later, Catherine found a deaf-mute in prison. She went to school to learn how to use sign language. Many said that Catherine Lawes was the body of Jesus that came alive again in Sing Sing from 1921 to 1937. Then, she was killed in a car accident. The next morning Lewis Lawes didn't come to work, so the acting warden took his place. It seemed almost instantly that the prison knew something was wrong. The following day, her body was resting in a casket in her home, three-quarters of a mile from the prison. As the acting warden took his early morning walk he was shocked to see a large crowd of the toughest, hardest-looking criminals gathered like a herd of animals at the main gate. He came closer and noted tears of grief and sadness. He knew how much they loved Catherine. He turned and faced the men, "All right, men, you can go. Just be sure and check in tonight!" Then he opened the gate and a parade of criminals walked, without a guard, the three-quarters of a mile to stand in line to pay their final respects to Catherine Lawes. And every one of them checked back in, down to the very last one! They learned the commandment of love as practiced by Catherine, love without judgements, without repayments owed, without limits or conditions, love that is simply sacrificing a little of yourself, laying down a little of your life for another. That is what Christ asks of you in today's Gospel – "love one another just as I have loved 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** - Tuesday @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. The next available space for booking is for Sunday 12th June in St Mary's Stewartstown or Saturday 28th May in Holy Family Church. 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:** Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 10.00am

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Sunday 15th May - 9.30am - Bernadette Doris

**CONFESSIONS:** On request after weekday Mass

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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Monday 7.30pm

**MAY DEVOTIONS:** Sunday - 6.00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday - 7.30pm; Wednesday - 10.00am

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

**ROSARY:** Wednesday at 6.00pm

**MONTH'S MIND:** Monday 16th May - 7.30pm - Molly Dillon

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

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Sunday 22nd May - 11.00am - Rose Wylie

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY:** Geraldine Donnelly

**MONTH'S MIND MASSES:** Wednesdays at 7.30pm - by arrangement

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** Sunday mornings at 11.00am

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 8th May 2022: £2938.63

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 Molly Dillon; Mary Kelly; Jimmy McVeigh; Brendan Devlin; Pdraig Hughes; Baby Lorcan Leo McGlinchey; Jude Jackson; Bob McQuillan; Frank Corr; Mary McLaughlin; Aileen Finnegan; Marie McGuckin

**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 – see accord.ni for details
- 2) Contact your local Council Offices for Notification of Marriage Forms.
- 3) Complete Pre-Nuptial Enquiry forms with the Priest of the Parish you live in.

A suitable time to complete all paperwork can be arranged by emailing the parish office. **MAY DEVOTIONS:** continue this Sunday evening at 6.00pm in St Mary and St Joseph's Church, Brackaville consisting of rosary and Benediction. Please join us for these evenings as we continue the ancient custom of Marian devotion during this month.

**FIRST MASS CHOIR:** The invitation to join the choir for Rev Stephen Wilson's first Mass of Thanksgiving on 27th June remains open to all who would like to take part. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered. **The first practice will take place on Wednesday 18th May from 6.45pm until 8.00pm in Holy Family Church.**

**ORDINATION COLLECTION:** in line with long standing Parish tradition we hope to have a collection for Rev Stephen as he begins his priestly ministry. If anyone would like to contribute please enclose your donation in an envelope marked 'Ordination' or use one of the special collection envelopes in the envelope box. Many thanks for your kindness to and support for him.

**PARISH RECEPTION:** there will be a Parish Reception in the Parochial Centre following the First Mass. All will be welcome to come along

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Congratulations to the P4 children from St Mary's PS who received their First Holy Communion on 7th May and of Primate Dixon PS who received their First Holy Communion on 14th May. We all pray these days may see a renewal of faith in our Parish and see them become regular and active members of our congregations.

**READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS:** we are always keen to recruit new Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers in the Parish. If you are a regular attendee and would like to become involved in any of these ministries, please leave your name and contact details into the sacristy at any time.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** will take place on Sunday 29th May. Booking can be made through Clonoe Parish Office at 02887749184

**LOUGH DERG:** is reopen this year for the traditional 3 day Pilgrimage and also for 1 day Pilgrimages. It is advised that those travelling pre book their place. This can be done by phone to 0(0353) 71 9861518.or by email info@loughderg.org.

**ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY** in Knock will take place on Saturday June 4th from 1.30pm, including Mass, Rosary, Stations of the Cross and a talk on the Rosary. The Main Celebrant is the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Okolo. Bishop Michael Duignan will deliver the homily. A bus will leave from Armagh that morning. For more details or to book, contact - Gabrielle - 07933521105