



## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ who, before ascending into heaven,  
promised to send the Holy Spirit  
to finish your work in the souls of your apostles,  
be pleased to grant the same Holy Spirit to me,  
that He may perfect in my soul  
the work of your grace and love.  
Grant me the spirit of wisdom,  
that I may despise the perishable things of this world  
and aspire only after the things that are eternal;  
the spirit of understanding to enlighten my mind  
with the light of your divine truth;  
the spirit of counsel, that I may ever choose  
the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven;  
the spirit of fortitude, that I may bear my cross with You  
and that I may overcome all obstacles that oppose my salvation;  
the spirit of knowledge, that I may know God and know myself in Him;  
the spirit of piety, that I may find the service of God sweet and pleasurable;  
the spirit of fear of the Lord, that I may be filled with a loving reverence  
towards God and may dread in any way to offend Him.  
Animate me in all things with Your spirit. Amen.

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**PARISH OFFICE** Tues & Weds: 10am - 2pm

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Please note the Parish Office is opened every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10.00am until 2.00pm to arrange baptisms, anniversaries or certificates.



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# Ballyclog & Donaghenry

Parish Bulletin ✠ Pentecost Sunday ✠ 28 May 2023

Birthdays are an odd sort of thing, when we're young we want all the fuss possible to mark our big days, when we're old we're the same – recognition of how wonderful we are to have achieved such years, but with the in between years we'd really rather prefer the birthday passes unnoticed because they can be a reminder of fading youth and growing grey hairs. And yet looked at properly, birthdays are a wonderful day – they mark the fact that something that never was before and never will be again – you – came into being, and with a life well lived, so much happiness came about because you came to be in the first place. Everyone has one, everything has one too and today on Pentecost Sunday we mark the birth day of the Church. For 50 days the Apostles were cowering chaps, locked away and then when the Holy Spirit came down on them in a great force of power, up they jumped, out they went and opened their mouths and proudly told their story and from that day the Church began to grow. The Holy Spirit is a wonderful gift, and one we all have from our Baptism and Confirmation. What the Holy Spirit gives us though is what makes us proud, active and useful members of the Church. The 7 gifts we all know well – wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence. At different times of our lives the different gifts come into their own. Sometimes it would be great to be wise, at other times it would be wise to have proper judgement and know when to act or speak and when not to. Reverence is always admirable and wonder and awe helps us see the greatness of God in everyone and everything. But I often think the best gift of the lot is courage – the courage to do what is the right thing even if it's hard, the courage to stand up for what is right, to defend those who need it, to be the friend to the lonely reject, to stand by our opinions or beliefs, to not bend with the wind but rather be firm and true for what is right, honest, decent and holy. Now on a day like this we're all encouraged to think of how and where we use those gifts ourselves, where are our opportunities looking forward and where have we used them looking back? Like any birthday we're asked to do the usual things – look back to the good things faith has done for us and others and look to the future to see where and how it can be used again and used even better. The young and the old have the right idea on birthdays, and maybe we could all share that same spirit as members of our Church. There's an awful tendency in Christians to be like the apostles and lock themselves away in a wee safe room and not pop their heads out into sunlight at all – what a waste of life and of faith. Our faith is a wonderful thing – it gives us direction, it gives us hope, it gives us purpose, it gives us the reminder that every day is a life changing event if its lived well. As Fulton Sheen said "We are God's chosen people but more times than not we act like frozen people". Listen to today's readings and listen to what the apostles achieved when they showed the world how wonderful their faith was. You have just as much courage, faith and goodness in you as they did in them. Where do you use those gifts? In You something special was given to the world, on Pentecost day proudly use your faith blessed life to show the world what God keeps giving it in every soul and in every day. Step out of the shadows and live your faith.

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 normally take place on Saturdays at 4.00pm in Holy Family Church and after 11am Mass on Sundays in St Mary's.** The next available spaces for Baptisms are for Saturday 10th June in Holy Family Church and in St Mary's Church on Sunday 11th June To book please **email** the parish office at: coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk or telephone the Parish Office on Tuesday/Wednesday mornings.

#### **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, COALISLAND**

**WEEKEND MASS:** Vigil Mass - 6.00pm; Sunday Mass - 9.30am  
**WEEKDAY MASS:** Friday - 10.00am  
**MONTH'S MIND:** Saturday 27th May - 6.00pm - Elizabeth McCann  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Saturday 27th May - 6.00pm - Sheila Higgins

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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Monday evenings at 7.30pm  
**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday - Thursday: 10.00am  
**MAY DEVOTIONS:** Sunday - 6.00pm  
**MONTH'S MIND:** Monday 29th May - 7.30pm - Christopher Nixon  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Friday 2nd June - 7.30pm - Katie O'Neill  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday - 10.30am - 6.30pm  
**ROSARY:** Wednesday - 6.00pm

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

**WEEKEND MASS: SUNDAY - 11.00AM**  
**CHURCH CLEANING FOR JUNE:** Phyllis Donaghy  
**SUNDAY READER: 28TH MAY:** Martin Kennedy  
**SUNDAY READER: 4TH JUNE:** Eileen Devlin  
**SUNDAY READER 11TH JUNE:** Lisa Mulgrew  
**SUNDAY READER 18TH JUNE:** Eva Gallagher

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 21st May: £4016.50

Many thanks for your generosity. If anyone would like to make a donation by cheque please make cheques payable to "Coalisland Catholic Church". For those who would like to set up a Standing Order, forms can be downloaded from the Parish website.

**LATELY DECEASED:** Please pray for those who have died recently: Elizabeth McCann; Christopher Nixon; Gerard Devlin; Sally Lowe; Lily Cremin (nee McGlone); Desmond McCusker; Ita Ingles; Malcolm Hughes; Doreen Lockhart; John Joe Cummings

**WEDDINGS 2023:** All couples who plan to marry in 2023 are asked to contact the Parish Office by email at coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk to arrange for the completion of all necessary Church and State paperwork. Meetings to complete this paperwork will take place on Monday evenings at 5pm and at 6pm and should last no more than 30 minutes. **The completion of the necessary Church and State paperwork is a legal requirement and without completion the wedding cannot take place.** The requirements are:

- 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.

**MAY DEVOTIONS** continue this Sunday at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church and will continue for the Sundays of May, consisting of the Rosary and Benediction.

**RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS:** will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh from 11th – 13th June, being received at 11am Mass on that Sunday. Blessed Carlo Acutis died aged only 15 in 2006, having used his computer genius to spread his faith in the Blessed Sacrament. He is an example of the goodness of youth and the difference young people can make through their ways in the world. Please feel welcome to come along for veneration of his relics at any time and we pray his visit may be a source of grace and inspiration for us all but most especially all younger people in our land.

**FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2023:** Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin from 20 July 2023 for 7 nights - £799 per person. Includes direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon (20kg bags included), airport transfers, 7 nights full board in Hotel Avenida, a full religious programme with guided tours and visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos. Optional: travel insurance & single supplement. For information, please contact: Joe McLaughlin 07711808207. All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours 0808 1890468.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** will take place on Saturday 3rd June 2023. In conjunction with Dungannon Parish a bus is being run, leaving Holy Family Church carpark, Coalisland at 7.45am and returning there at approximately 8.15pm on the same day. To book a seat please contact James Morgan at 07771810558

**ANAM CARA ARMAGH:** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 31st May at 7.15pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT601E. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anam-cara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

**COALISLAND CANAL BRANCH IWAI:** A general meeting of the Branch will be held on Tuesday 13th June at 7.30 p.m. in Coalisland & District Development Association office, Dungannon Road, for the purpose of electing a new committee and to discuss the maintenance and further development on the Canal. All those who have an interest in the canal and its environs are invited to attend.

**ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL HALL STEWARTSTOWN:** bingo continues each Wednesday night @ 8:30pm . Please come along and give your support.

**DROMANTINE FAMILY FUN DAY:** Sunday 11th June 2023 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm. Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Vintage Tractors, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more! Admission £5 Donation per car.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** will be celebrated in St Mary & St Joseph's Cemetery on **Friday 16th June at 7.00pm** and in St Mary's Cemetery on **Sunday 18th June immediately after 11am Mass.** Please do share these dates with all those who may wish to be present.