

St Vincent de Paul
27th September

Prayer to St Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent,
patron of all charitable associations
and father of those who are in misery,
come to our assistance.

Obtain from Our Lord, help for the poor,
relief for the infirm, consolation for the afflicted,
protection for the abandoned,
a spirit of generosity for the rich,
grace of conversion for sinners,
zeal for priests, peace for the Church,
tranquillity and order for all nations,
and salvation for them all.
May we be united in the life to come,
by your intercession,
and experience joy, gladness,
and everlasting happiness. Amen.

For those Parishioners who wish to talk or consult. I will always be available a half hour before and after Mass in any of our Churches.

In the case of an emergency clergy can be contacted at the following numbers:

Fr O'Neill (Brackaville): 02887740221 Canon Fee (Clonoe): 02887749184
Fr McCallion (Brocagh): 02887738381 Fr Tremer (Moortown): 02886737236
Dean Donaghy (Dungannon): 02887722775 Fr McCamley (Dungannon): 02887722631

Parish Office is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10.00am until 2.00pm to arrange for Baptisms, Anniversaries or to collect Certificates

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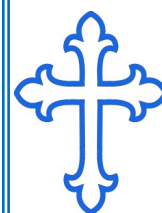


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Parish Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 2023

There's nothing surer to rankle us all than the mention of wages, which are one of the greatest measurement of equality in the modern world and yet it seems strange that it's only been 25 years since the National Minimum Wage law was passed to ensure everybody is a basic equal. In principle we all agree with it, but in our minds we sometimes question it too. When it comes to people we like, we can often say loudly "they don't get paid half enough for what they do", and when its someone we dislike we can often be heard mumbling "they've a hard neck taking a wage for all that they do". Circumstances and personal opinions are a huge influence in life. The wages of this world are one thing, the recompense due to us in the next world is a very different thing, because there the only union agents to argue our case are our own works of faith and charity and those are like a timesheet – you just can't argue with what's written down. Luckily for us, God is a lot more generous than we can ever be and that is the point of today's Gospel, when we have the parable of the workers in the vineyard all being paid the exact same wage for a days work as for an hour's work in the evening – everyone who works at all is treated equally. Christ throws the parable out as a gentle lesson to everyone of any degree of faith. He speaks to those who work hard all their lives, to let them know they will be rewarded – for us that means that everyone who believes in God, who worships God daily, who performs works of goodness, charity and kindness often will be rewarded by God. But just because we're the dedicated ones we won't get any honour over any other believer or worker for God – everyone who lives the Christian life is equal and its not really for us to comment or grumble about anyone else. If God is happy to treat all His followers the same then we should follow His lead and encourage, support and welcome all people not just the few we think are the real holy ones. In all His life on earth Christ tried to prove that by everything He did. Think about it – He chose twelve ordinary men to be his closest allies, ordinary workers with no big skill or grace rather than the great people of the day – it worked out well. He turned no one away – the prostitutes, the tax collectors, the outcasts, the ones nobody else wanted – He gave them a chance and that worked out well too. For Christ everyone was the same and if they had faith, whether it be weak or strong, He loved them. Do we? In a world that makes such clamour for equality and rights it's odd that we all seem to harbour a very judgemental side. We look down on those we think don't live as well as us, don't believe as strongly as us, don't do things our way or as good as we think we do it ourselves, we look for the failings rather than the successes, we look for the mistakes rather than the daily triumphs. It does nobody any good. If Christ were here walking among us He would treat them all the way we like to think He would treat us – with at least a national minimum love and that could make all the difference. The lesson for us is to try to do the same.

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 dates for Baptisms are Saturday 14th October in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 8th October in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown. 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

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER: Opening Year Mass for St Joseph's College

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Tuesday - 7.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Available on request after weekday Mass

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Thursday: 10.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday - 10.30am - 6.30pm

ROSARY: Tuesday & Thursday - 9.30am, Wednesday - 6.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday: 9.15am - 9.45am

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 24th September - 11.00am - Veronica Gahan

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sunday 24th September - 11.00am - Liam Dillon

CLEANING FOR OCTOBER: Kelli Ann Bleeks

SUNDAY READER: 24TH SEPTEMBER: Eileen Devlin

SUNDAY READER: 1ST OCTOBER: Maggie Nargis Rehmat

SUNDAY READER: 8TH OCTOBER: Catriona McErlean

COLLECTION: Sunday 17th September: £4017.50

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: Veronica Gahan; Marcus Devlin; Eddie Devlin; Adrian McDermot; Seamus McGill; Silvino Feliciano da Conceicao Silva; Ted Taggart; Michael O'Regan; Joe Wylie

WEDDINGS 2023/2024: All couples who plan to marry in **2023/2024** 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 paperwork will take place on Monday evenings at 5pm / 6pm and should last no more than 30 minutes. **The completion of the necessary 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: on Sunday 1st October we begin our month of Marian Worship where Devotions will be celebrated each Sunday evening at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church. On Sunday 1st October, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available for all who wish to receive it immediately after Devotions and we will offer our prayers on that night for the sick of our Parish and those who are sick in any way that we ourselves know and love. Please feel welcome to come along and to invite those to whom you think this may be a strength or comfort to join us also.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated in Holy Family Church on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 5.00pm.

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING WITH ACCORD: offers help and support for all marriages and relationships. If you feel your relationship is in crisis or needs a little guidance or feel that you and your partner could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Call us on 02890 233002 for all N. Ireland centres or email: info@accordni.com

STRAY DOGS: are a constant nuisance in the graveyards as with all areas of our towns, and sadly Parish workers are powerless to do anything about this problem. To help try to resolve these issues please join us in contacting Mid Ulster Council Dog wardens at 02887738861 or by email at info@midulstercouncil.org. The more issues reported the swifter the response.

ST MARY'S HALL, STEWARTSTOWN: Bingo on Wednesdays at 8.30pm in the Hall. All welcome.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE SERVICES are looking for new members for their **Hospice Lottery** – be in with a chance to win up to £5000 and help support your local Hospice. You can join in minutes online at www.southernareahospiceservices.com or by phoning John on 028 3026 7711

WARM CHATTY CAFÉ: has opened at St Patrick's Hall, Coalisland and will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am until 1pm for anyone to drop in and have coffee, scones and a chat if needed. Everyone welcome.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE: annual Church Gate Collection will take place at all Masses on the weekend of 30th September/1st October. Many thanks in advance for your generosity which makes a huge difference in providing dignified care and comfort for those in the later stages of life.

CTS - FREE COURSES: For residents of Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal Area

SAGE L2 - 3 places remaining - usual cost £230 - FREE Tuesday 7pm-9pm

DIY for Ladies - 2 places remaining - Tuesday 7pm-9pm

Communication - GCSE English equivalency few places remaining - Weds 7- 9pm.

To book contact Carmel - 028 87 748512 or carmel@coalislandtrainingservices.co.uk