



St Columbanus
23rd November

PRAYER OF ST COLUMBANUS

I beseech you, merciful God,
to allow me to drink from the stream
that flows from your fountain of life.
May I taste the sweet beauty of its waters,
which spring from the very depths of your truth.
O Lord, you are that fountain from which
I desire with all my heart to drink.
Give me, Lord Jesus, this water
that it may quench the thirst within my soul,
and purify me from all sin.
O King of Glory, you give to your faithful people
without counting the cost,
and you promise even greater things in the future.
You have given yourself to mankind on the cross.
I pray that you will give yourself to me.
You are my light, my salvation, my God. 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
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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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Parish Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November 2023

Some Gospels give us a wonderful insight into all that Christ gives us - encouragement, forgiveness, interest, justice and love, and sometimes we get one that seems a tad harsh of itself, where we could look and say well that wasn't very fair. Today's Gospel is one of those where we hear of the three servants given talents by their Master and told to use them well. Two did and were praised and hailed as wonderful chaps, one didn't because he said he was afraid to waste it so just kept it buried to hand back one day. He was disowned and thrown out because he made nothing of what he had, because he wasted his chance. Is it harsh? - not really, unless we look at it with the weird goggles of the 21st Century that claims reward as a right rather than something earned. Christ is quite clear and fair though - everyone is given some talent as their tool to use in the service of God, mankind and the world. Those who use them well will be given more to do because they are loving, loyal and capable, those who waste their talents, are lazy in their lives and their gifts will be punished. In short - God has given you something to use well and wisely so prove your devotion to God and others by just getting on with it. Of course, that brings up the inevitable problem - what if it doesn't work out when we try to do something? The greatest thing that holds any of us back in life is fear - especially fear of failure. But we all know that success doesn't come about without risk, sometimes we just must try in life and if it doesn't work out, get up and go again. When we were small and learning to ride our bikes, we all had the comfort of stabilisers for a while - the guarantee we would never fall unless we were beyond awkward. At a certain point the stabilisers were removed, and we had to take the risk that the bike would stay standing. It only did when we learned the wit to pedal, and just get going. In life we all have some talent that is God given - we could be listeners, thinkers, teachers, helpers, carers, talkers, inventors, managers, inspirers or doers. We all have endless opportunities to use our gifts and lives to bring about a bit of hope or happiness - never be afraid to try. If you fail, it's like falling of the bike - get up and go again. If one thing doesn't work then try something else. If you're too busy, try to make a little time. If you're too down in the dumps to try - getting out and doing something good might just help. If you're one who won't try for fear of laughter or ridicule - why do you care about those who would say something bad? If nothing has worked for you in the past remember the next try could be the one that pays the reward. Christ doesn't expect miracles from any of us, but He does expect we all use our lives and time and gifts not for selfish glory and comfort but for His glory and the good of His world. Is it really that much to expect? Think of who you are, what you're good at, where you find yourself and who you find yourself in the middle of and every day try to do one thing that makes a difference. Whatever your gift in life is, it's been given to you for a reason - use it well and wisely, use it often and generously, use it and never waste it.

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 St Mary & St Joseph's.

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 2nd December in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 3rd December 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, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet

COALISLAND SILVER BAND Deceased Members: Sat 25th November - 6.00pm

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

BRACKAVILLE OWEN ROE'S GFC Deceased Members - Mon 20th - 7.30pm

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesdays - 3.00pm

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday: 9.15am - 9.45am

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 19th November - 11.00am - Mary Mitchell

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sunday 26th November - 11.00am - Ciaran Coyle

CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER: Ann Campbell

SUNDAY READER: 19TH NOVEMBER: Martin Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 26TH NOVEMBER: Eileen Devlin

SUNDAY READER: 3RD DECEMBER: Catriona McErlean

COLLECTION: Sunday 12th November: £4017.00

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: Marie Mitchell; Stephen Stokes; Seamus Hampsey; Brendan Barrett; John Telford; Philomena McMullen; Fr Brian White

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.

CONCERN ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: will take place at all Masses in the Parish this weekend, 18th/19th November. All donations will go towards alleviating the poverty and suffering of those most in need throughout the world. Every little bit can help someone.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS: are now available from all our Sacristies. All Christmas Masses will be offered for these intentions and all donations will go towards the Sick and Retired Priests Fund for the Diocese.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE: will take place in St Mary & St Joseph's Church on Sunday 17th December at 7.00pm, led by our Parish Choir. The Choir will travel to Lourdes in 2024 at the invitation of the Diocese to provide music for the Diocesan annual Pilgrimage. A donations box will be in the Church on the night to help raise the funds to enable them to travel on the Pilgrimage. Any donation you give will be most appreciated.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST'S SOCIETY: are holding a Christmas Flower Demonstration in the Washingbay Centre on Sunday 26th November from 3pm - 6pm. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets: £5 or pay at the door. Contact Teresa: 07293884091 or Mary: 02887740993 for more information.

ANAM CARA ARMAGH: is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 29th November at 7:15pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh. 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@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE SERVICES: invites you to their annual Light Up A Life Ceremony on **Friday 1st December, at 10am Mid-Ulster Council Offices**. Come together & remember someone special this Christmas. Event includes a short ceremony, carols, and refreshments. If you would like to dedicate a light to a loved one on the Hospice virtual tree, please visit: www.southernareahospiceservices.org

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, 2nd/3rd December and will continue throughout the Advent Season. All donations stay within the Parish to help those most in need among our own. More details of how to donate will be published next weekend.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Vigil Mass - St Mary's Church, Stewartstown - 6.00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass - Holy Family Church, Coalisland - 8.00pm

Christmas Dawn Mass - St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville - 7.30am

Christmas Day Mass - Holy Family Church, Coalisland - 9.00am

Christmas Day Mass - St Mary's Church, Stewartstown - 10.30am

PARISH BOOKINGS: Baptisms, weddings and anniversaries can all be booked at any time through the parish email: coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Knock Shrine, All night vigil on 7th December. For more information contact Gabrielle 07933521105 or Catherina 07899810181.