

The Transfiguration

### PRAYER BEFORE MASS

*Almighty and ever-living God,  
I draw near to the Sacrament  
of Your only-begotten Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*May I receive the Bread of angels,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
with such reverence and humility,  
such contrition and devotion,  
such purity and faith,  
and such resolve and determination  
as may secure my soul's salvation.*

*Grant I may receive the power of the Sacrament.*

*O most loving Father, grant me Your beloved Son.*

*While on this earthly pilgrimage,*

*I receive Him under the veil of this Sacrament;*

*so may I come at last to see Him  
face to face for all eternity.*

*For He lives and reigns with you  
for ever and ever. 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

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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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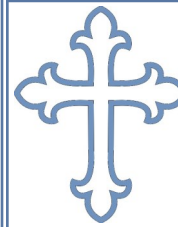
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# Ballyclog & Donaghery

## Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday in Lent

25th FEBRUARY 2024

Moses is probably the most famed name from the Old Testament – born a slave and hidden by his mother, found in a basket by a princess, raised a prince of Egypt, fleeing after killing a slave driver who beat the people, married and a happy shepherd, called by God to set God's people free, the releaser of 10 plagues, the man who led the people to Israel. The tale is a wonderfully dramatic one and anything to do with Moses is a sacred thing in Israel. Legend tells that while Moses shepherded his father in law's flocks he would sit and play a pipe to while the time. A few centuries after the great prophet's death the pipe was discovered, and it was decided to put it on display for all to see. But it was an old pipe, a simple thing with no grandeur – it was a pipe to make beautiful music not a glitzy trinket. As a display object it wasn't much to look at alas. So those who owned it decided to fancy it up and gave it to an artist to paint and decorate and so he did. Centuries passed and the new owners looked on it again with critical eyes and said such an important thing was far too unattractive to gain anyone's eye, so they too sent it off to be covered in golden gilt and made it into a truly beautiful thing to look at. For centuries many did. But it had one flaw – it had been so covered in paint and gold and glitz over the years that it could no longer play a single note and could make no noise that was ever sweet to the ear. In life there are always so many advances every year – new thinking, new discoveries, new movements, and new people who say what we should be, should believe and should do in every thought, word or deed. In a few years' time they'll be forgotten and replaced by something even newer and glitzier to appeal. Amid that world, our faith stands as the simple old pipe of Moses that just speaks a beautiful message of love, of hope, of forgiveness and of peace that the world always needs, but because it's old, because it's not fancy and flash, trendy and modern it can be judged by the few as unappealing and the many can follow their thought. The day society rejects that key core of faith that was proclaimed by Christ it loses it's very soul and it's compass of direction in life. What is wholesome and honourable is jettisoned for what is new and the latest fad, yet we know a world without the key virtues of faith - love, charity, mercy, forgiveness and hope is not the world we want to live in. Look closely at your world right now, and where those virtues are absent is the last place any of us would willingly step into. In today's Gospel of the Transfiguration the Father's voice came from Heaven and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen to Him". The Bible is filled with the loving words of Christ, the kindly example of Christ, the model of life we need so much today. Those words are said to us in every Mass – This is my Son, Listen to Him. The world needs us to listen, to heed and to act.

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 9th March in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 10th March 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:** Monday - Friday: 7.30am, Friday - 10am

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Following 10am Mass on Friday mornings

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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Monday evenings at 7.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday - Thursday: 10.00am

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Wednesday 28th February - 10.00am - Nellie Corr

**MONTH'S MIND:** Friday 1st March - 7.30pm - Anne Quinn

**MONTH'S MIND:** Friday 1st March - 7.30pm - Declan Campbell

**MONTH'S MIND:** Friday 1st March - 7.30pm - John Hampsey

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

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Sunday 6.00pm; Monday 7.00pm

**CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday 9.00 - 9.45; 5.00pm - 5.45pm

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

**MONTH'S MIND MASSES** are celebrated on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES** are celebrated on Sundays at 11.00am

**CLEANING FOR MARCH:** Alison Dillon

**SUNDAY READER: 25TH FEBRUARY:** Catriona McErlean

**SUNDAY READER: 3RD MARCH:** Eileen Devlin

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 18th February: £4276.50

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: John Hampsey; Anne Quinn; Declan Campbell; Jimmy McCann; John McCann; Gerry Talbot; Benny Corr; Patsy & Stella Currie; Francie Morgan

**WEDDINGS 2024:** All couples who plan to marry in **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 in March at 5pm / 5.45pm 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.

**If you or anyone you know is hoping to marry in 2024 please bring this to their notice as soon as possible. Many thanks.**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** takes place each Wednesday in St Mary & St Joseph's Church from 10.30am until 6.30pm. This Lent we are all asked to give some time in prayer before the Blessed sacrament to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Please do join in this prayer which impacts upon every Parish and it's future.

**CONFESSIONS** will be available on Wednesdays from 9am until 9.45am and again from 5.00pm until 5.45pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church during Lent.

**PARISH ENVELOPES:** The new series of Parish envelopes are currently being prepared in the Parish Office and we are making best efforts to update our contributors list. If you would like to be added to the envelope system please let the Parish Office know at your earliest convenience. This system helps us sustain the inevitable Parish expenditure in running so many buildings and also helps us plan future developments and improvements. Many thanks to all who so generously help the Parish in this way.

**MARY'S MEALS:** Coffee morning in aid of Khungulu School Malawi will take place on Friday 1st March from 10.00am until 12.30pm in the Living Room, Coalisland.

**ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024:** takes place this year from the 12th to 17th May. All local committees have received their booking packages. The fare is @£765 per person sharing (single Room Supplement @£165 & Travel Insurance of @£35 extra). For further details please contact your local Committee.

**REMEMBER ME:** is a new central digital memorial register dedicated to preserving the life stories of our faithfully departed. It offers an archive that ensures these memories are accessible forever. Through archives, families can allow future generations to learn about their past family members. Through their website, QR link and archives, people can view memories of those dear to them, in an accessible manner whenever they want.. For further information contact info@remembermeristry.com or 02887746047

**THE POOR CLARES:** in Galway are holding a Monastic Experience Day for young women who might be interested in their way of life from 10am to 5pm on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. The day is designed to help those who may be exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Anyone wishing to book a place should email [vocations@poorclares.ie](mailto:vocations@poorclares.ie)

**STEWARTSTOWN AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY:** present 'Faces and Places' on Monday 26th February at 8.00 pm in the Crieve Centre, Stewartstown. Norman Bell has been photographing people and places around the Cookstown area for over 40 years. He will be sharing images and memories of his work to the Stewartstown Local History Society. Copies of the recently published Bell 17 will be on sale.

**ST MARY'S HALL STEWARTSTOWN:** host dance classes in jive and quickstep with instructor Chris Cross beginning on Monday 26th February at 8.00pm. Entrance charge of £5.