



St Jean Vianney  
Pray for Us

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of wisdom and divine love,  
impart Your knowledge, understanding,  
and counsel to youth  
that they may know the vocation  
wherein they can best serve God.  
Give them courage and strength  
to follow God's holy will.  
Guide their uncertain steps,  
strengthen their resolutions,  
shield their chastity,  
fashion their minds,  
conquer their hearts,  
and lead them to the vineyards where  
they will labour in God's holy service.  
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:

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**Parish Office** is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am until 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other Bookings.

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# Ballyclog & Donaghery Parish Bulletin Fourth Sunday in Easter 21st April 2024

Every Holy Week priests from across the Diocese gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at which the Holy Oils to be used through the year in the Sacraments are blessed and also to renew their commitment to their priesthood. It's a sad fact that every year the number who gather gets slightly smaller and the hair on the heads of those who are there gets ever whiter or ever less. When I was ordained in 2001 there were over 170 priests in the Diocese now there are sadly only somewhere in the mid 70s below the retirement age of 75 to minister to all 61 Parishes. We all know we need to pray for vocations to the priesthood if we want to have a priest in our Parish in the future. But why would we want one? Most days we don't think much about our priest, and that's not a bad thing because it means our life is going quite well and we have no urgent need of the man in black (and truth be told he never minds a quiet day). But inevitably every family and every person needs the priest at various times. For all the great family events we always seem to turn to him – at Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, weddings, confessions, sickness and death. We turn for daily Mass and anniversaries or prayers or when we need a confidential chat and an impartial opinion. When we need our forms filled and dead remembered. When we need a word of comfort or a word of encouragement. What he does he doesn't do for glory or praise, he does it because it is his vocation, his call from God and he acts *in persona Christi*. In practical terms he runs the Parish as his sworn duty, pays the bills, manages the buildings, keeps the light and heat running, keeps the accountants at bay and tries to steer a steady ship. He's far from a hero though, he's an ordinary man trying his best to be there and to give his best like we all do. But like a thread, he can be stretched so far before there's a snap, and suddenly the happy equilibrium is broken and we realise that we do need him after all. Vocations to the priesthood only come as the result of prayer and encouragement and this weekend on Vocations Sunday we're all asked to pray for those vocations to grow in number. In our own parish we know the reality of a huge reduction in the number of clergy. In the Diocese we are at the point where if one man takes ill there really is nobody to replace him. This year is a year of prayer for vocations – please join in that prayer and encourage those who may be called to this life to try, because not only can they make a huge difference, it can be the happiest life imaginable for the happy priest. For the happy priest life isn't lonely because it's filled with a whole community that you share so many days with. It leads you to some of the finest people you will ever meet, gives you some of the most humbling moments in life as you see the goodness of others, some of the most grace filled moments of life as you try to make a difference. You may be hurt sometimes by the harsh word or the quick judgement of some, but the good, special, joyous moments will always outweigh those. If you're thinking of priesthood - don't be afraid - try. This weekend join in prayer for vocations, pray for your priests too that God will help and strengthen them. And pray for each other that we might all find our way to serve God in our Parish too. The Church, the faith will always survive but do your bit to make that happen.

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 - 7 pm & Friday 10.30am 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 27th April in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 12th May 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  
**MONTH'S MIND:** Sunday 21st April - 9.30am - Eugene Scullion  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Sunday 21st April - 9.30am - Kevin Mallon  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Saturday 27th April - 6.00pm - Elizabeth McCann  
**WEEKDAY MASS:** Friday - 10.00am

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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Monday evenings at 7.30pm  
**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 10.00am  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday - 10.30am - 6.30pm  
**ROSARY:** Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am, Wednesday - 6.00pm  
**CONFESSIONS:** on request after weekday Mass or before Wednesday rosary.

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

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am  
**MONTH'S MIND MASSES** are celebrated on Wednesdays at 7.30pm  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES** are celebrated on Sundays at 11.00am  
**CLEANING FOR APRIL:** Helena Lowe  
**SUNDAY READER: 21ST APRIL:** Eileen Devlin  
**SUNDAY READER: 28TH APRIL:** Martin Kennedy  
**SUNDAY READER: 5TH MAY:** Catriona McErlean

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 14th April: £4078.78

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: Eugene Scullion; Emma Mallon; Alice Shannon; Marcella Webb; Tom Sullivan; Oliver Currie

**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 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 anyone you know is hoping to marry in 2024 please bring this to their notice. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS PAPERWORK BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE NO UNNECESSARY DELAYS TO ANY PLANNED WEDDING CELEBRATIONS.**

**GIFT AID** would you consider helping the Parish to claim back 25% on all envelope donations made by Parishioners by signing up to the Gift Aid scheme. This money comes from the Revenue Commission and **costs the donor nothing extra.** Simply sign the first envelope in your box and return at any stage to the Church.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES 2024:** will be celebrated on **Friday 14th June at 7.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Cemetery, Brackaville** and on **Sunday 16th June following on from 11am Mass in St Mary's Cemetery, Stewartstown.** Many thanks for sharing these dates with all who normally travel home for these commemorations.

**TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION 2024:** Many thanks to all those who so generously contributed to this year's annual Trócaire collection within the parish. The total amount donated came to £13,124.09 and this has been forwarded to Trócaire to aid in their work of alleviating the suffering of those most deprived throughout the world. Your generosity has been outstanding and on behalf of all those who can never say thank you personally but whose lives have been changed by your kindness, my sincerest thank you.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** will take place on Sunday 26th May. A bus will run in conjunction with Dungannon Parish and will leave from Holy Family Church, Coalisland at 7.45am sharp and will return to that same pick up/drop off point that evening. The cost of the return trip is £25. For further details or to book a seat on the bus please contact James Morgan at 07771810558.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK:** we are always keen to arrange for family members to take Holy Communion to the elderly and infirm of our Parish on a weekly basis. If you would like to avail of this, please contact the Sacristy at any time and we can arrange for the necessary prayer and induction to take place. Many thanks for your assistance.

**CAMPA CHORMAIC:** will take place in Eglisli from 15th-19th July from 9.45am to 2pm each day. A bus will be available from Cookstown, Coalisland and Dungannon. Registration and more information available on campachormaic.com

**INDOOR BOWLS:** If you have an interest in indoor bowls then why not come along to St. Mary's Hall, Stewartstown on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April between 7 and 9pm. Current players will be there to lend a hand. Age 16+

**ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY** will take place on Saturday 1st June at Knock Shrine. To book a place on the coach call Catherina 07899 810181 or Gabrielle 07933 521105

**ORDINATION:** please keep in your prayers Fr Davis Haberkorn and Fr Francesco Campiello from Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Dundalk, who were ordained to the priesthood in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on 20th April. May God bless them with graces, happiness and fulfilment in their new lives.