



*Sancta Maria,  
Mater Dei  
Ora Pro Nobis*

### PRAYER TO OUR Lady – Queen of Peace

O Loving God,  
your Son, Jesus Christ,  
came into the world to do your Will  
and leave us His Peace.  
Through the intercession and example  
of our Blessed Mother Mary,  
Queen of Peace,  
grant us the wisdom and humility  
to reflect that peace to the world.  
Inspire our thoughts, words  
and deeds to bear witness  
to your presence in our hearts.  
May your Holy Spirit  
fill us with every grace and blessing  
so that we may pursue  
what leads to peace for all humanity.  
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  
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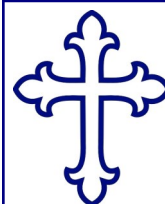
**Parish Office** is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am until 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other Bookings.

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# Ballyclog & Donaghenny Parish Bulletin Fifth Sunday in Easter      28th April 2024

Everything flourishes in its proper place but take it away from its norm and it rarely does well. From the greatest to the least we’re all the same – we have the natural state we were made for and all the other things we try in life just don’t suit us as well or make us as happy as we could be. Take a fish and place him on a beach and within seconds his gills gasp and his scales dry. Is he happy? No! So how do you make him happy? Do you cover him with a mountain of cash? Do you get him a beach chair and sunglasses? Do you bring him an iPhone and a whisky? Do you wardrobe him in double-breasted fins and people-skinned shoes? No – that we be a nonsense and a waste of time. To make him happy you simply pick him up and put him back in his element, put him back in the water that is his natural home and his natural state. He will never be happy on the beach because he was not made for the beach. Now if that’s true for a fish, you can rest assured it’s true for us too. We were all made by God and being made by God we all have a spark of the Divine inside us, a link to God that is our natural state. Sometimes in life, in the pursuit of what we think will make us happy or successful, we stretch that link as thin as we can and throw our energies and efforts into 101 things we think will make us more happy, important or content in life. We can pursue endless wealth or great prestige, we can chase what we think will give us fame and glory, we can trample over others to feel superior and better, we can turn to the temporary pleasures of alcohol or drugs, of consumerism to fill what we think is a gap that the rest of the world doesn’t have. It might all make us more comfortable in life, but it doesn’t really make us happier, because only one thing can achieve that end – God – the one we’re linked to from birth. The Gospel tells us Jesus’ words – “I am the Vine, you are the branches, ... cut off from me you can do nothing”. Our natural home is with God who is all good, and our natural talent is to use the spark of God’s goodness inside us to build a happier, more just and loving world that gives us a glimpse of the world to come. Our natural happiness is found when we honour the God that is in each other and when we truly honour the God that made us. To find our strength and joy in life we need to turn to God time and again – in prayer and worship, in quiet thoughts and musings, and we need to take the little bit of courage or love, interest or care we get from God and put it to good use in words and deeds in the world when we can. Just like a fish can only be happy and do well in water so too with us. We are made by God, we are made for God and for good, and nothing else gives the satisfaction that God and goodness gives us. Our happiest times are not the moments of great personal achievement but the moments we felt true love for and with others – family, friends and people. Our saddest moments are not times of personal failure, but the moments when we’re separated from a love that has meant so much. That tells us all about what really matters, what our real state in life should be – connected to God and focused on the goodness of God which is love itself. Why not think about it and act on it too.

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 11th May 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  
**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  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Monday 29th April - 7.30pm - Christopher Nixon  
**MONTH'S MIND:** Friday 3rd May - 7.30pm - Tom Sullivan  
**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 MAY:** Geraldine Donnelly  
**SUNDAY READER: 28TH APRIL:** Martin Kennedy  
**SUNDAY READER: 5TH MAY:** Catriona McErlean  
**SUNDAY READER: 12TH MAY:** Eileen Devlin

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 28th April: £4112.35

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: Emma Malon; Alice Shannon; Marcella Webb; Tom Sullivan; Oliver Currie; Martin McGuckin; Aileen McGinty; Vincent McLernon

**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.**

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** on Wednesday 1st May 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 5th May, 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ST MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN:** will take place on the Mondays of May from 10am until 6.00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to give some time during the Month to private prayer and worship of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will begin on Monday 6th May.

**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.

**LOURDES HOSPITALITE:** would like to express their sincere thanks to all who donated to their annual Church Gate Collection. The amount raised came to a total of £2307.74 & €60.10. This money will go towards helping Sick Pilgrims travel to Lourdes this year. You will be remembered in prayers at the grotto for your kindness.

**LOURDES PETITIONS:** a box will be available in Holy Family Church for anyone who would like to leave petitions to be taken to Lourdes on the annual pilgrim on 12th May. If you would like to leave a petition, please leave it in a sealed envelope in the box at any time. **But please do not include any financial offering with your petition.**

**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 all that is needed. 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