

PRAYER OF ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA



Sancta Maria,
Mater Dei
Ora Pro Nobis

Most holy Mary, my Lady,
to thy faithful care and special keeping
and into the bosom of thy mercy,
today and every day,
and particularly at the hour of my death,
I commend my soul and my body;
all my hope and consolation,
all my trials and miseries,
my life and the end of my life I commit to thee,
that through thy most holy intercession
and by thy merits
all my actions may be directed and ordered
according to thy will and that of thy divine Son.
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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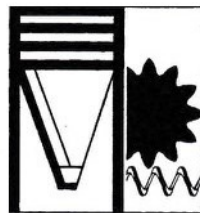
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Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Easter 5th May 2024

I love you can be the hardest words to say and yet they are the most beautiful words to share or to hear. They're the words that change lives. An adult education teacher once gave his students an assignment to go to someone they loved before the following week's class and tell that person that they loved them and then they would give their report of what happened at the next class. It had to be someone to whom they had never said those words before, or at least not for a very long time. At the next class, one man stood up and told his story to the class. "I was very angry with you last week when you gave us this assignment. I couldn't understand how you dared to tell us to do something so personal. But as I was driving home, my conscience started talking to me. It was telling me that I knew exactly who I needed to say 'I love you' to. Five years ago, my father and I had an awful argument which we'd never resolved. We'd avoided seeing each other since, unless it was absolutely necessary, and even then we hardly spoke to each other. He was the one I had to say it to. So last week by the time I'd returned home after class, I'd convinced myself to tell my father that I loved him. It was strange, but just making the decision seemed to lift a heavy load off my chest. When I told my wife, she jumped out of bed, gave me a big hug and for the first time in our married life, she saw me cry. We sat up half of the night talking and drinking coffee. The next day I was up bright and early as if I'd slept soundly all night. I got to the office and got more done in a couple of hours than I had the whole day before. At 9AM, I called my father to tell him I wanted to come over after work and talk to him. He reluctantly agreed. By 5:30, I was at the house. When my father answered the door, I didn't waste any time. I took one step inside and blurted out 'Dad, I just came over to tell you that I love you.' Well, it was as if a transformation had come over him. Before my eyes, his face softened, the wrinkles seemed to disappear and he too began to cry. He reached out and hugged me, saying 'I love you too, son, but I've never been able to say it.' My mother walked by just then with tears of joy in her eyes. I didn't stay long, but I hadn't felt that great in a long time. Two days after my visit, my dad, who had had heart problems but hadn't told us, had an attack and ended up unconscious in the hospital. He didn't make it. So my message to all of you in this class is: don't wait to do the things you know need to be done. If I had waited, I might never have had another chance to do what I did." Today's Gospel tells us "Love one another as I have loved you". Love isn't sitting thinking happy thoughts, it's saying and doing something that counts. Chances like people, come and go. Don't miss your chance to speak, to live and to show the love that counts. God is love, and it's only love and God Himself that changes the world.

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

WEEKDAY MASS: Friday - 10.00am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Tuesdays - 7.00pm & Fridays - 10.30am

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

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 6th May - 7.30pm - Oliver Currie

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Monday 6th May - 7.30pm - Sally Lowe

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 6th May - 7.30pm - Marcella Webb

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

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: 5TH MAY: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 12TH MAY: Eileen Devlin

SUNDAY READER: 19TH MAY: Martin Kennedy

COLLECTION: Sunday 28th April: £4076.50

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: Oliver Currie; Martin McGuckin; Aileen McGinty; Vincent McLernon; Anne Morrice (Manchester); Michael Donnelly

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.

MAY DEVOTIONS: will begin this Sunday evening at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackville and will continue for the 4 Sundays of May, consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. Please do join in these prayers as we take a step out of the routine of life to give thanks for our blessings and ask God's help in our struggles.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will be celebrated next Saturday, 11th May in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown and on 18th May in Holy Family Church, Coalisland. Please remember in your prayers our primary 4 children and their families and teachers as they prepare for these days.

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 before Friday. **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.

ANNUAL SMA PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK on Saturday 25th May going through Cookstown at 7.15am. Bus £20, Meals 35 euro (optional). Tel Mona 02886737954 or Una 07743575969.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS RELIC will be available for Blessings at the Priory Chapel, Benburb throughout Sunday 12th May. Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF ITALY: 8 Days, inc. San Giovanni, Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel, Lanciano, Assisi, Loreto, St.Rita of Cascia, Our Lady of Revelations etc. Depart 28th August 2024 Ex Dublin - STG £1090. Limited places. For further details contact: Anita 07769744836