



PRAYER TO St Agatha

Saint Agatha, woman of valour,
from your own suffering,
we have been moved to ask your prayers
for those of us who suffer from breast cancer.

We place (*person's name*) before you,
and ask you to intercede on their behalf.
From where you stand in the health of life eternal,
all wounds healed, and all tears wiped away,
pray for (*prayer intention*), and all of us.
Pray God will give us His holy benediction
of health and healing.

We ask you to pray for our entire world.
Ask God to send us His Spirit of Serenity,
and to help us share that peace with all we meet.
ask God to give us the grace we need
to remain holy in difficulties,
pray that we, in our place and time will, together,
create a world of justice and peace.
Amen.

St Agatha—5th February
Patroness of Those Suffering
with Breast Cancer

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.

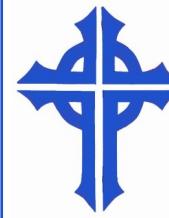
In the case of an emergency clergy can be contacted at the following numbers:

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 10am until 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other Bookings.

Telephone: 02887740221 **email:** coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk
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The Presentation of the Lord 2nd February 2025

A man went to the priest of his church one day and said, “I won’t be attending Church anymore”. The poor priest, a bit taken aback by the blunt declaration asked him “why”? So, the man took a breath and explained. “Every time I come to Church nothing happens for me. I see people playing with their phones, having a chat and gossiping, I see people just looking round them the whole time. Some aren’t living right at all, some are sound asleep. They’re all hypocrites”. The priest was silent for a minute or two, and then he said back to the man “Before you make your final decision, will you do something for me?” “Aye” said the man. “Take a glass of water and walk round the Church twice but don’t let a single drop spill”. The man thought “I can do that”, so he took the glass of water and carefully walked around the church twice, just like he’d been asked and came back to the priest all happy with himself, “I did it! Not a single drop fell”. The priest then asked him “While you were walking, did you see anyone on their phone? Did you see anyone gossiping and chatting and looking around them? Did you notice anyone not living right or sound asleep?” The man had to tell the truth and answered, “Well, no. I didn’t see anything.... I was too focused on the glass, making sure the water didn’t spill”. The priest smiled and said: “when you come to Church bring the same focus you had on that glass and direct it towards God”. Recognising God in the world and in our lives always takes effort, dedication and commitment, and today’s Feast of the presentation of the lord continues that theme of seeing God in our world, seeing God’s blessings in our lives and responding to them with a change of attitude, mind and ways. Some might say it’s hard to see the hand of God in the modern world, but that would be a wildly depressing belief to hold, as so much exists in the world. Sometimes the good and God don’t get the adulation they deserve but none of us need strain our minds too long to think of at least someone good that we know, something good we’ve seen and some good that we’ve experienced. But it’s so easy to miss out on all that when we get distracted by the negatives and the nasties. Sometimes we all need to try to focus on the positives in life because they’re always there if we look. There are always caring people, loving acts, quiet hands that steady our weak moments and some little thing that can inspire us in life. Those are the little glimpses of God’s goodness that we all need and want to see. But we won’t see them for what they are unless we walk with the glass of water and focus on God and on good. The rewards for a little focus are so great – a sense of belonging, of being part of something special in the world, but only you can choose how you see your world and the god who reigns in it. The Gospel tells of two elderly souls who spent their lives waiting to see a glimpse of God and when they did their lives were fulfilled and compete. Be like them – always look with an open eye that is lit by kindness and you will see God too. If you genuinely try to make God a real part of your life – you will be blessed. Try it and see, and if nothing else you will become a happier person because you look for and appreciate the infinite happinesses our God has to give.

With best wishes for the week - Fr O'Neill

ROSARY: at Our Lady's Grotto every evening at 8.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Friday - 10.30am.

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 25th January and Saturday 8th February in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 9th February 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 1st January - 6.00pm - John Hampsey

WEEKDAY MASS: Friday - 10.00am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 7th February - 7.30pm - Jimmy McCann

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesdays - 10.30am - 6.30pm

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

CONFESSIONS: Before Rosary each Wednesday evening

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 10.00am - 4.00pm

CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Jean Coyle

SUNDAY READER: 2ND FEBRUARY: Martin Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 9TH FEBRUARY: Catriona McErlean

**“When you encounter difficulties and contradictions,
do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.”**

St. Francis de Sales

COLLECTION: Sunday 26th January: £4092.00

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: Mary Devlin; Helena Tomney; Margaret Laird; Caiti O'Neill; Betty McCabe; Eileen White; Kevin Donnelly; Dermot Corey; Rosalene Kotey; Susie Donnelly; Rose McNulty

WEDDINGS 2025: All couples who plan to marry in **2025** 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 January 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 2025 please bring this to their notice. Many thanks.

FEAST OF ST BRIGID: St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass for those who wish to bring them along.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Candles will be blessed at the Vigil Mass and at both Sunday Masses for those who wish to bring them along.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE: Patron Saint of those suffering from ailments of the throat is celebrated on Monday 3rd February. The blessing of throats will take place after the Novena Mass in St Mary & St Joseph's Church for all who would like to receive it.

MASS FOR THE FILIPPINO COMMUNITY: will be celebrated this Sunday 2nd February at 3.00pm in Holy Family Church. We welcome all who will travel for this Mass and extend an invitation to all who would like to join for it.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: is celebrated annually on 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In honour of this Feast and day, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available after the Novena Mass on **Monday 10th February** in St Mary & St Joseph's Church. The Sacrament is for all those ailing in body or mind and all are welcome to receive it.

DUNGANNON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE: invite you to join with them for Mass on 11th February at 7.30am in St Patrick's Church Dungannon to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

COMMUNION SERVICES: will replace Masses during the 3rd week of February. A Communion Service led by Deacon Malachy will be held at 11.00am on Sunday 16th February in St Mary's Church Stewartstown and at weekday Masses from 16th to 21st February in St Mary & St Joseph's Church/Holy Family Church. If we can locate an available priest for these days this will change but sadly it is symptomatic of current clergy numbers. All anniversaries will be prayed for on the relevant dates and all Mass requests will be honoured. Many thanks for your understanding.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: will take place from 5 – 10 May 2025. Cost per person sharing €995.00 and single room supplement is €205.00. Further details or booking information can be found with any local Lourdes Committee member.

COFFEE MORNING: will be held on Saturday 8th February from 10am until 12pm at Na Fianna GAC grounds in of the Gaza Paediatric Care Initiative (GPCI) which seeks to raise vital funds to help treat and support children effected by the conflict in Palestine. For more information please check <https://gazapaediatric.org>. All support is greatly appreciated.

COALISLAND AND DISTRICT MARY'S MEALS: are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 8th February 10.30am to 1pm in the Cornmill Coalisland (1st floor). All welcome.

STEWARTSTOWN HARPS GAC: would like to thank all those who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection in aid of GOAL. The amount donated totalled £426 and will make a huge difference to those suffering globally.