



Our Lady of Lourdes
11th February

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy,
Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners,
Comfort of the Afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings;
deign to cast upon me a look of mercy.
By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,
whence you dispense your favours,
and already many sufferers have obtained
the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.
I come, therefore,
with the most unbounded confidence,
to implore your maternal intercession.
Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.
I will endeavour to imitate your virtues,
that I may one day share your glory,
and bless you in eternity. 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 & Donaghenry Parish Bulletin

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th February 2025

On Tuesday coming, 11th February, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is also marked annually as the World Day of the Sick, when we're asked to pray in a particular way for all the sick we know, the sick who have no one to pray for them and especially for all those who work to help the sick wherever they may be. Every year seems to strike every are with a vast amount of sickness, either in body or in mind, and it always effects so many people in different ways. Obviously, those who suffer directly from illness need our prayers so much as we ask God to give them healing and return them to happiness in life. But their families and friends also carry a huge burden as they try to keep strength for their loved ones, try to give a bit of hope and normality mixed with care and comfort, and sometimes we forget that they need our prayers just as much. In all those situations we know that a kindness and a helping hand makes such a difference, but it's good to remember that a little prayer can go a long way too. A prayer is such a simple thing – words quickly uttered – but the motivation for every prayer is always special because every prayer wishes kindness and good on ourselves or others. Because of that our prayers are such a source of strength to anyone in need. We mightn't think that prayer solves much, but for those on the receiving end of them, the knowledge that someone else cares enough to think of them, to remember them and to wish them only well can be a great source of strength and can give the hope and courage to fight on the great battles of life. Never tire saying a prayer for them all. This year I'd ask you all to spare a few minutes on Tuesday to pray for all the Sick of our world and who knows what graces those prayers may bring. But as well as that this year calls for prayers for all those who work with the sick, for they deserve our kind thoughts and our best wishes too, and also our thanks. Every year those who nurse and tend to the sick do so a wonderful job that goes mostly unnoticed. We see and hear of those times when the health service struggles, when carers struggle too and when families feel totally overwhelmed, but their work goes on regardless and we don't remember enough that they simply don't stop giving people not just care but kindness and a smile to cheer the gloom. Each of those who work with the sick in any way, show in their efforts the face of Christ to the world – the face that stays there with us no matter what our struggle, the tear that drips when no more can be done, and the smile that says you will be well again so go and live well. This World Day of the Sick let's try to add to that hope by our prayers and good thoughts, let the sick know we remember and let those who care for the sick know we appreciate them. Sickness will always be in the world, but where good people walk the suffering of the sick can always be given comfort, dignity and respect. Maybe our prayer this year should be help them God and thank you too.

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 22nd February and Saturday 8th March in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 9th 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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sunday 9th February - 9.30am - Gerard Talbot

MONTH'S MIND: Saturday 15th February - 6.00pm - Caiti O'Neill

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Monday 10th February - 7.30pm - Benny Corr

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 14th February - 7.30pm - Margaret Laird

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: 9TH FEBRUARY: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 16TH FEBRUARY: Eileen Devlin

**"If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces...
never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again.
That's the beauty of being alive... We can always start all over again.
Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us.
Have faith in Him always"**

St. Bernadette Soubirous

COLLECTION: Sunday 2nd February: £4077.00

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: Margaret Laird; Caiti O'Neill; Betty McCabe; Eileen White; Kevin Donnelly; Dermot Corey; Rosalene Kotey, Susie Donnelly; Rose McNulty; John O'Neill; Brigid McDonagh; Edmund Devlin; Martina Devlin

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.

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, both form and outside the Parish, 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. (Venue subject to change).

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH CLOSURE: Please note that Holy Family Church will be closed on Wednesday 12th February for essential maintenance. It will reopen as normal on Thursday morning. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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 17th 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.

LAUNCH OF WEST STREET COMMUNITY HUB (ST. MARY'S PAROCHIAL HALL, STEWARTSTOWN): Friday 28th February 8pm – 11pm, over 16s. £10 per person – cash only event. Storytelling night, Irish dancing and musicians and more details to follow.

PARISH ENVELOPES: we will soon begin preparation of the new series of Parish envelopes which begin with the new Tax Year on the first Monday of April. If you would like to be added to the list of Envelope contributors please leave your name to the Sacristy at any time or forward to the Parish Office by email and we can easily add you to our list. A sincere word of thanks to all who contribute so generously to the Parish. Your efforts have ensured that the Parish remains free of all debt, which, at the moment, is a wonderful position to be in.

ST MARY'S CHURCH READERS: The new rota for Sunday Mass readers is now available in the Church porch and in the Sacristy. Many thanks to all of our readers for their time and dedication. If you would like to join either the readers or Eucharistic ministers groups in St Mary's, please leave your name to the Sacristy at any time.

CONCLUSION OF THE CELEBRATION OF ST. BRIGID 1500: An Evening of Music and Reflection to conclude the 'Year of St. Brigid' will take place in St. Gerard's Hall, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 F3FC, on Thursday 13th February 2025 from 7 – 9pm. Light refreshments will be provided on arrival. The event is free but there will be an opportunity to make a donation in aid of Women's Aid, Dundalk.