



PRAYER FOR EASTER

Alleluia!

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

May this declaration
resound not only in these walls
but touch the lives of all we meet
and forever be
the truth of which we speak.
Your love, once sown within a garden,
tended for your own people,
neglected and rejected,
now spreads its sweet perfume
in this place and wherever it is shown.

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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

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Parish Office is closed for Easter Week but will reopen Tues 29th & Weds 30th April 10am - 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other bookings.

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Easter Sunday
Low Sunday

20th April 2025
27th April 2025



Easter is the very centre point of our faith – the thing that gives reason and purpose to our belief, when we celebrate that moment when in the quiet still dark of an Easter morning Christ rose from the dead, defeated death for ever and rose as the glorious Son of God walking with His disciples, giving them courage, telling them to teach the world that He had risen and opening for every good soul the gates of Heaven – where one day, by His grace and victory, we will live the perfect life that is only good, happy, filled with joy and love, free of sadness and sorrow and a life that is perfect and will never come to an end. Not only is this the feast that gives us faith it's the one that gives us hope to, the hope that God will make everything well again, and He already has in the life that awaits us all. The last 7 weeks of Lent have been a tiny shrinking of life, where we sacrifice and struggle a bit. The last 3 days of the Easter Triduum have reminded us that we don't struggle alone but that Christ carries the crosses of life with us. Today we celebrate in prayer and in life, and the happiness of today is a little glimpse of the future our faith can win us all. Today pray thanks to God for His help, for His hope and for His love. Over the weekend and the days ahead hopefully we'll all get a chance to rest, relax and enjoy some quality time with those we love – enjoy it all and treat yourselves well. We all know of course that there are those who are struggling at this time too, weighed down by worry, by illness, loneliness and grief. Easter is a good time to think of them all kindly, to maybe do a little something to help them or cheer them too. As Christ walked to Calvary an ordinary man, He walked out of love for everyone and died to prove that love, look what it gave to us all. In the days that followed His disciples perked up, threw off their own fears and doubts, went out and gave us what we have today. This Easter we're asked to do the same – to give hope to those who need it most, to give a smile to those whom life has forced to frown, to bring joy to the world. As an ordinary soul you may not think you do much, but with the finishing hand of God in life, actually what you do could be and mean just everything. Whatever you do and whatever you say, in gratitude to God make it only kind, good and loving words and deeds. This Easter may God bless you all with the joy of His glory and may you take that joy to the world. Thank you for all your kindness and support to both Deacon Malachy and myself over the past few months, thanks for your involvement and presence in the life of the Parish and thanks to all who have been so willing and so obliging in all the help that has been given. As always, all you do makes all the difference.

With best wishes for Easter - 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 **3rd May** and Saturday **10th May** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **11th 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: Saturday 19th April - 8.00pm - Liza Kirk

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tues 22nd April, Tues 29th April - Fri 2nd May - 10.00am.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 30th April - 10.30am - 5.30pm

ROSARY: Tuesday 22nd & 29th April & Thursday 1st May: 9.30am,

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MONTH'S MIND: Monday 21st April: 7.30pm - Stephen Cullen

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MONTH'S MIND: Friday 25th April: 7.30pm - Sean Donnelly

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

CLEANING FOR APRIL: Helena Lowe

CLEANING FOR MAY: Geraldine Donnelly

SUNDAY READER: 20TH APRIL: Martin Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 27TH APRIL: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 4TH MAY: Eileen Devlin

READERS ROTA: Updated Rota is in Church porches and in the Sacristy

**“On this night of Resurrection everything begins anew;
creation regains its authentic meaning in the plan of salvation.**

**It is like a new beginning of history,
because Christ is risen, ‘the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep’.
Christ, the ‘last Adam,’ has become ‘a life-giving spirit’** *St John Paul II*

COLLECTION: Sunday 13th April: £4462.00

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: Brigid Hughes; Stephen Cullen; Sean Donnelly; Noel O'Neill; Jay Ritchie; Teresa Kenny; Caroline O'Neill; Carmel McCann; Eileen Skelton; Joe McKee; Desmond Mullin

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.

WEEKDAY MASS: as of Monday 28th April, **all weekday Masses** from Monday to Friday will be offered in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville.

PARISH EASTER MASS BOUQUETS: are available from all the Church Sacristies. All Masses for these intentions will be offered at Easter and all donations go towards the Sick & Retired Priests Fund for the Diocese.

ARMAGH DIOCESAN LOURDES HOSPITALITE: many thanks to all those who contributed so generously to last week's annual Church gate collection. The amount raised totalled £2606.23 & €6.40 .

TROCAIRE: boxes and donations can be returned to the Church at any time during the week and it's hoped to forward all donations to Trócaire by mid May at the latest.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: began on Good Friday at 11.00am and will continue for the following 7 days at that time. All sessions of the Novena will be celebrated in Holy family Church and everyone is welcome to attend. Prayer leaflets will be provided.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR: will be celebrated on Sunday 27th April at 3.00pm in the Church of the Holy Family, consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Veneration of the Relic of St Faustina will take place after the Holy Hour. All are most welcome.

EASTER WEEK MASS: Mass will be celebrated on Monday and Friday evening at 7.30pm and on Tuesday morning at 10am and all anniversaries for the week will be offered at these Masses. **There will be no morning Mass Wednesday - Friday inclusive apart from funerals.** Many thanks for your understanding.

BLESSING OF GRAVES 2025: will be celebrated on **Friday 13th June at 7.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Cemetery, Brackaville** and on **Sunday 15th 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.

ANointing OF THE SICK: on Thursday 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 4th 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: will take place on Sunday 25th May. A bus will be run in conjunction with Dungannon Parish, leaving Holy Family Church, Platers Hill entrance at 7.45am and returning for 8.15pm. The cost of the bus is £25 and you're advised to take a packed lunch. For further details or to book a place, please contact James on: 07771810558.

BULLETIN: Please note there will be no bulletin next weekend. The next bulletin will be published on Sunday 4th May.