



St Philip Neri
Patron Saint of Joy
26th May

Prayer to St Philip Neri

O holy St. Philip Neri, patron saint of joy,
you who trusted Scripture's promise
that the Lord is always at hand and
that we need not have anxiety about anything,
in your compassion heal our worries
and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts.
We come to you as one whose heart swells
with abundant love for God and all creation.

Hear us, we pray, especially in this need
(make your request here).

Keep us safe through your loving intercession,
and may the joy of the Holy Spirit
which filled your heart, St. Philip,
transform our lives and bring us peace.

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 - 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other bookings.

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Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Easter 25th May 2025

There's always a little hidden nugget somewhere in the scriptures on a Sunday, a little line that we can pass over quickly to get to the punch-line for the weekend, and the Gospel today is no different. That little line early on "If anyone loves me he will keep my word" (*John 14:23*) is a challenge to us all as we try to practice our faith daily, because it reminds us as to why we should practice that faith freely and easily, and why we should want to do the things of God in life – not because we have to, but because we want to, because we want to show our love for God. There is a story about a man who saw an angel walking down the street. The angel was carrying a torch in one hand and a bucket of water in the other. "What are you going to do with that torch and that water?" the man asked. The angel looked at him and said, "With this torch, I am going to burn down the mansions of Heaven; and with the bucket of water, I am going to put out the fires of Hell. Then we're going to see who really loves God." The angel's point was that many people obey God's commandments out of fear of punishment in Hell or hope of reward in Heaven. They don't obey God for the reason Jesus gives in today's Gospel. Jesus said, "If you love me you will obey my commandments" (*John 14:15*). It's always good to do a good thing, a kindly or loving deed – the physical performance of faith, but often we can do it to look good or be praised or recognized for our brilliance or maybe even just so that someone else won't talk about us. But in our home we're somehow different – when we do something for family and loved ones we do it because we can and want to, we want to make them happy, make them proud and make them feel loved and we spare no energy or time to make that happen. Today we're asked to give God that same free and generous love. The selfless act is a wonderful thing - to do something good just because it's a good thing. To be kind because you can and want to. To be loving because love is free. Never be afraid to show you love God by the way you live. Some people might not understand you for doing it, some might just think you're mad and that you should only ever act if there's a good pay off – don't listen to them and certainly don't worry about them. A little goodness goes a long way, a little faith in the world makes a big difference, and what you do might just be the thing that makes someone rediscover happiness, hope, courage or peace in life and that is where we see the hand of God reach out from you and lift others up. If anyone love me he will keep my word – the word of God is love, go out and show your love of God by your love to each other.

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 **7th June** and Saturday **14th June** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **8th June** 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: Sunday 1st June - 9.30am: Matt Scullion

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 30th May - 7.30pm - Roger Dillon

MAY DEVOTIONS: Sunday at 6.00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday - 10.30am - 6.30pm

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

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday: 5.00pm - 5.45pm

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR JUNE: Phyllis Donaghy

SUNDAY READER: 25TH MAY: Martin Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 1ST JUNE: Catriona McErlean

"He who wishes for anything but Christ, does not know what he wishes;
he who asks for anything but Christ, does not know what he is asking;
he who works, and not for Christ, does not know what he is doing."

St Philip Neri

COLLECTION: Sunday 18th May: £4079.00

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: Pat Totton; Fred Shields; Matt Scullion; Mary Murphy; Brinie McCloskey; Fr Peter Kerr, PE; Mary Conway; Kayleigh Magee

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.

MAY DEVOTIONS: conclude this Sunday at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville and will continue on the Sundays of May, consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. All are welcome.

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. As we begin to prepare for these celebrations I would ask you to spare a thought for those who have nobody left to remember them as we all tend to and tidy our own graves. I would also encourage and ask families and communities to come together over the next few weeks to help prepare the cemeteries for these two days of prayer.

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. We keep all those travelling in our prayers and ask that they pray for us too.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE: offer a beautiful selection of wedding favours, perfect for adding a thoughtful touch to your special day. All favours are personalised with the bride & groom's name and wedding date. By choosing to make a donation in lieu of traditional favours, you are helping to support the specialist palliative care and vital work provided by Southern Area Hospice. To find out more, please contact Katie on 028 3026 7711 or email heaneyk@southernareahospiceservices.org

DROMANTINE FUNDAY SUNDAY 8 JUNE 1PM – 5.30 PM: Attractions include : Grand draw, country and western music, vintage tractors, gun dog display, bouncy castles, obstacle courses, amusements, pony and trap rides, stalls, food, refreshments and much more. Admission-Donation £5 per car. Society of African Missions, 96 Glen Road, Newry, BT34 1RH

NOVENA TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS 30 MAY 2025 CLOGHOGUE: Relics of St Margaret Mary Alacoque and St Claude la Colombiere will be present for Special Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cloghogue, Newry 30 May 2025 at 7pm and will remain there until 5th June.

GRAVEYARD SKIPS: many thanks to all who have worked so hard to maintain our Parish cemeteries, and to those who have respected the purpose of skips for graveyard waste only. This is a great comfort to all who visit the graves of their loved ones.

BULLETIN NOTICES: the final bulletin before the summer break will be published on Sunday 29th June. If anyone has notices pertaining to the summer months which they would like to include in the coming weeks, please leave them to the Parochial House or email to the Parish Office and we will include subject to availability of space.