



St Thomas the Apostle
3rd July

Prayer to St Thomas in times of Hardship

Lord Jesus,
In times of hardship,
grant us the strength of St. Thomas,
who persevered in faith
despite doubt and trials.
May we find courage in our struggles,
trusting in Your divine plan.
Help us to embrace challenges
as opportunities for growth,
and fill our hearts with unwavering hope.
Guide us through our difficulties,
that we may emerge stronger in spirit.
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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This week sees us celebrate the lives of three great martyrs of the Church, men who gave their lives for God and for His people, offering all that they had in the service of the good of others. On Sunday we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul - Peter who led others in faith, Paul who brought the love of faith to the world. On Tuesday we celebrate the feast of St Oliver Plunkett, who gave his life in 1681 for God, because he refused to do anything other than care for his people, teach them, tend to them and support them in all ways. We all know that the Church's year is filled with days that commemorate various martyrs, people who have given their lives for their faith, because they truly loved their faith and God and fearlessly refused to give up that faith, give up their identity and who refused to turn their backs on what they felt was the greatest treasure in life - the knowledge that God will make all things well, is with us in every moment and will reward those who truly love Him with a life beyond our wildest hopes and dreams. In a supposedly free and liberated world, the lives of the martyrs and their sufferings might seem so far removed and old-fashioned, and yet how free is the world really for those who hold and love their faith? In a world that moves so quickly from one popular cause to another, from one encouraged way of living and thinking to another, it might almost seem that for all our cries that we are free we've become more streamlined carbon copies of what is deemed the only way to be and live. And yet such a narrow vision of life, of human purpose and of the world itself doesn't free us, it merely traps us in a more harsh and judgemental mentality until another generation will come along and say how foolish we were and will change it all again. In a fast-moving world it must be admitted that the Church and faith is a slow-moving machine, and while at times that has its negative impacts, in the majority of ways it brings a steady stability to life as it quietly whispers the wisdom to just stop and take a moment before you jump to the latest modus vitae. It encourages us to pause and think about life and its real meaning and value, and it gives us space to discern our role in the world, our purpose given by God. That faith is built on the simple, unchanging and unalterable principle of love - God's love for us which inspires our love for Him, ourselves and others. And yet it takes courage to stand for that principle. In the life of each of the martyrs lay the example of what God asks from us all, that we sacrifice a bit of ourselves for our fellow man, that we believe, love and care in everyday to the best of our ability. God asks that we all sacrifice a bit of ourselves to put others first in a way that blesses every single life. That we live in a way that brings true freedom - the freedom to be what God made us - unique and a gifted gift, the freedom to be weak, to fail, to struggle and to still be loved for our efforts. The freedom to be allowed to love and follow God, to have beliefs and to stand for them, to have a goal and to live for it. The freedom to see life as more than our few years here, but rather as an eternity to yet be entered. The martyrs gave their lives for the most noble cause of all - God who is love. Their example guided endless generations and most of them in good ways. Could you follow their example better? How? Where? And maybe most importantly - why not?

With best wishes for the week and for the summer - 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 5th July** and **Saturday 26th July** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **6th July** 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

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Thursday 3rd July - 10.00am: Pauline McLaughlin

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 JULY: Colette Gillen

CLEANING FOR AUGUST: Lisa Mulgrew

SUNDAY READER: 29TH JUNE: Martin Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 6TH JULY: Catriona McErlean



FEAST OF ST OLIVER PLUNKETT - TUESDAY 1ST JULY

The Relic of St Oliver Plunkett will be available for those who wish to venerate it at both Monday evening and Tuesday morning Mass in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville.

**"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting.
It has been found difficult; and left untried"**

G.K. Chesterton

COLLECTION: Sunday 22nd June: £4112.00

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: Theresa McCaughey; Marion O'Cuinn; Joey Toner; Cathal Duffy; Rose McDonagh; Kathleen Toner; Karl Junk; Marie McCurry; James O'Rawe; Bridie McCrory

WEDDINGS 2025: All couples who plan to marry in **2025 or 2026** 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 2025/2026 please bring this to their notice.

SUMMER BAPTISMS: the provisional schedule of available dates for Baptisms over the summer months is as follows. To book, please email the Parish Office at coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk

5th July -	Holy Family Church, Coalisland -	4.00pm
6th July -	St Mary's Church, Stewartstown -	11.45am
26th July -	Holy Family Church, Coalisland -	4.00pm
9th August -	Holy Family Church, Coalisland -	4.00pm
10th August -	St Mary's Church, Stewartstown -	11.45am
23rd August -	Holy Family Church, Coalisland -	4.00pm

SUMMER MONTHS: during the summer months weekday Mass may occasionally be replaced by a Communion Service. All anniversaries will be prayed for on the day requested and all Mass intentions will be fulfilled. Many thanks for your understanding.

PARISH OFFICE: will be closed during the weeks of 7th and 14th July. All booking requests for Baptisms, anniversaries etc can still be made by email or the usual methods during these weeks.

KNOCK SHRINE: will host Sr Brieghe McKenna on Monday 4th August. A coach will run for those who wish to attend at a cost of £25 per person. To book a space please contact Gabrielle at 07933521105 or Catherina at 07899 810181.

COALISLAND CAMINO: Friends2Talk and Coalisland Community Hub are currently developing a Coalisland Camino. We aim to organise 4 official Camino's each year, however the route (26.8km) will be always open for people to complete it themselves and hopefully will be registered with the Irish Camino Society, caminosociety.ie as an official Camino later in the year. A Coalisland Camino Passport (credential) will be available with roughly 20 places of historical and spiritual interest on the route, where pilgrims can get a stamp relevant to the place of interest. The route will start at St Patrick's Hall and include the High Bridge at Derrytresk, Maghera Ferry, Ferry Road, the Washingbay Centre, Doon Avenue, Killeen, Bogside, Cloghog Hill, Clonoe Chapel, Lisnastrane, Mousetown Rd, Mullaghmoyle Rd, St Mary & St Joseph's Church and finish at St. Patrick's Hall, where walkers will receive a certificate of completion. On these 'official' days the Order of Malta and first responders will be present and there will be rest stops along the route. This project aims to help mental wellbeing in our community. A shorter 5km Camino along the Canal for and one for school children will also be available with Passport and Certificate of completion.

SUMMER WISHES: a sincere word of thanks to all who have been part of the life of the parish and have supported the Parish over the past months. May you all have a wonderful summer, a good rest, time with loved ones and the chance to make happy memories during the summer holiday months.

NEXT BULLETIN: will be published on the first weekend of September. Any important notices will be published on the Parish website and Parish Facebook page over the summer months.