



## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.  
Amen.



## Pentecost Sunday

*Come Holy Spirit  
Fill the hearts of your faithful,  
Enkindle in us the fire of Thy love.*

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.

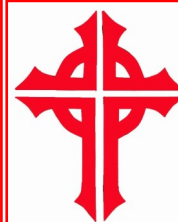
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**Parish Office** is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am - 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other bookings.

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# Ballyclog & Donaghenry Parish Bulletin Pentecost Sunday 8th June 2025

It's often said that a world without mystery is a world without faith and how true it is. As the world unfolds, so many things which were mysteries of the past have now found some sort of answer and the modern human seems to be on a constant quest to solve all the mysteries there are in the belief that with knowledge comes power. And yet, some mysteries will forever be beyond us, and that's no bad thing, because mystery is what keeps life interesting, and reminds us all of our own fallibility. Mystery is the realisation that things exist with more meaning than our simple human minds can ever understand. And the greatest mystery is "The Divine Mystery" – God Himself. No matter how much we might want to understand God and capture Him within the limits of our ordinary human understanding, we cannot understand the Person of God in this life, but only when we meet Him in the next, at best all we have now are those little glimpses of God that we see around us – beauty, love, peace and goodness. And yet those things of God are what give hope and purpose to every day of our lives – that beauty surrounds us in nature and inside people despite the ugliness built by mankind, that love exists everywhere despite the hatred caused by mankind, that peace can be born in the violent world caused by mankind and that goodness can always overcome all evil and wrong. And in that realisation lies faith in the God who is those things and gives us a share in them. On Pentecost Sunday we remember the Descent of the Holy Spirit and the giving of His gifts – wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe in God's presence. We need and use all those gifts at various times in our lives, and yet it's the final gift – wonder and awe in God's presence that is the greatest and is the one that feeds our souls. In a world of so many quests for the knowledge that can compartmentalise everything that exists, dare I suggest we strive always to hang on to mystery in life not just for sanity, but for the reminder that God's ways are beyond our understanding but when His ways are left unclouded by human interference goodness will be the result. In our prayers remember that God is not a magician to fix our problems when we need Him, rather God is the only answer to our problems and can give the only answer one day to all the why's and what's and if's of this life when we meet Him. In our worship remember that we come before God not just to feel good with other people but rather to bow down before the God who gives us everything and is there constantly to strengthen us. In our lives remember to look for and praise God wherever you see and meet the blessings of God in your life. Rather than seek the weaknesses and faults of yourself and others, look for the blessings that exist in us all and let them flourish and grow. No matter how we might try, we will never understand God and we will never understand His creations fully. God is the greatest mystery of all and all that has been touched by His hand has been given a little element of mystery too. Rather than place ourselves as God's equals, as God's definers and as judges of God's works and ways, why not always remember our place before the One we worship, why not simply bow down in wonder and awe in faith, in what we do and are, in how we pray and in how we live. Wonder and awe in God's presence.

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 **14th June** and Saturday **28th June** 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:** Monday 9th June - 7.30pm - Robert Magee

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** Friday 13th June - 7.00pm

**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

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** Sunday 15th June: 11.00am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

**CLEANING FOR JUNE:** Phyllis Donaghy

**SUNDAY READER: 8TH JUNE:** Eileen Devlin

**SUNDAY READER: 15TH JUNE:** Kieva Daly

***"When you look into muddy or choppy water,  
you will not see your face reflected.***

***If you want the face of Christ, who looks on you, to be reflected within you,  
come away from the disturbance of exterior things,  
and let your soul be at peace."***

*St Antony of Padua - 13th June*

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 1st June: £4112.00  
Vocations Sunday: £1375.50

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: Kayleigh Magee; Theresa McCaughey nee Skelton (Monaghan)

**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.**

**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.** As we 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. Many thanks to those who have already given so generously of their time and I would encourage and ask families and communities to come together to help prepare the cemeteries for these two days of prayer.

**GRAVEYARD PARKING:** I would urge you all to be careful and considerate in parking for the Blessing of the Graves, and to make use of all carparks to utilise space. Hopefully this will ensure that in the event of an emergency access will be available for ambulance or any necessary intervention. The elderly and infirm and all those with mobility concerns are most welcome to remain in the Church for the service of blessing. Please note for Brackaville Cemetery, the grounds of both Primate Dixon PS and St Joseph's College will be available for parking on the night.

**JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART:** this year is being dedicated to pray for peace in every facet of the world. On **22nd June** a special Mass will be offered at Knock Shrine at which Archbishop Martin will consecrate Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but has asked that **every parish and home joins in this act with the blessing of Sacred Heart pictures at Masses that weekend (22nd/23rd June) and with the recitation of a prayer of dedication at those Masses.** We all know only too well the need for a sustainable peace in so many countries of the world, but also in so many homes and communities in our own land. Please do join in this initiative, as when we all pray only good, no matter how small, can come about.

**DIOCESAN CONGRESS ON YOUTH AND THE FAMILY:** will take place on 20th March 2026. As part of the preparations for this a small number of meetings will take place over the coming months both locally and regionally. At the first meeting we were well represented by a young mother from the Parish, but the Diocese is keen to broaden representation to include a young person from each Parish aged between 18 and 35 years and any one other individual from every Parish who is actively involved in the life of the Parish and who would be keen to be involved. The remaining preparatory meetings will take place on 12th November and 4th February in the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown. If you would be interested in joining this process please leave your name to the sacristy or Parochial House at any time. Please be assured the responsibility and commitment will not be onerous. Many thanks for considering this request.

**SUMMER BAPTISMS:** the full schedule of available dates for Baptisms over the summer months will be published in next weekend's bulletin. To book, please email the Parish Office at coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk