



St Margaret
Mary Alacoque
16th October



Prayer to St Margaret Mary Alacoque

O St Margaret Mary,
through you, Jesus pours out
His abundant graces to all mankind.
Help us to put aside personal interests
and abandon ourselves entirely and lovingly
to His Adorable Heart.

May our work, like yours,
merit His special care and favour,
through Jesus' Holy Name.
St Margaret Mary, we implore you,
to whom the Sacred Heart of Jesus
manifested His Divine treasures,
to obtain the graces we seek from His Adorable Heart.
With unlimited confidence, we ask:
(Share your request...)

O Glorious St Margaret Mary,
through your intercession, may the Divine Heart of Jesus
continue to be glorified and loved.
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 - 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Weddings, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other bookings.

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th October 2025

Billy Bob and Percy were two frogs who shared a lovely pond. One afternoon, just like every afternoon, the two frogs were lazily perched on lily pads taking in the warm sunshine. It didn't take long for a fly to flutter past Billy Bob. "Mmmmm," said Billy Bob. "That was fine and juicy! Absolutely delicious!" Soon after, Percy also caught a fly. He munched on it with a sour look on his face, swallowed it with a grunt, and then said, "Humpphh, Well, that was a skinny fly. Quite disgusting, actually." As the afternoon wore on, Billy Bob caught many fine flies, each one as tasty as the one before. Percy's flies all left something to be desired. Then Billy Bob remarked, "What a fine life we have here, Percy. Good food, great weather, and excellent songs for our evening pleasure. I think I'll enjoy a nap before the sun goes down." "It doesn't seem so great to me," muttered Percy. "The flies are skinny, it's too hot out here, and you can't even carry a tune." That night, under a full moon, Billy Bob sang out his gratitude with joy and all his friends in the nearby ponds hopped over to share in his happiness. His inner beauty shone like a beacon in the night. Even the night moths were drawn to it, providing a feast for the evening's fare! But poor old Percy just sat nearby in the dark, complaining about how Billy Bob always got everything he wanted, while he had to scrape by, all alone. They lived in the same place, with the exact same circumstances, but lived two very different lives. The difference was that Billy Bob was grateful for what he had. They lived the exact same life, one thought it was great but the other was never happy. One thought he was entitled to so much and always raised the bar of expectation while the other was grateful for all he had and took none of it for granted. Gratitude and ingratitude made two different lives out of the one set of circumstances, a happy life for Billy Bob and a sad, lonely, miserable life for Percy. Who was the wise one? Today's Gospel gives us a very simple example of gratitude and ingratitude in life. Ten lepers were cured, 10 people were given their lives back - given health, hope, the chance to know friendship, purpose and happiness in life. Ten people were touched by the hand of God simply because they asked, but only one said thanks. Nine took their blessings in life for granted but one saw them for what they really are - the blessings that make life good and help us live at all. Who was the wise one? Honestly - which one are you? The answer stays in your head so truthfully are you genuinely grateful for all your blessings or do you take them for granted and assume they're just your right in life? When we look at our lives the right way, there's really so much to be grateful for, so many good things, happinesses, little blessings from God in all shapes and sizes, so much to say thank you for. In our lives we owe so much to God and to other people. It's said that 'Gratitude is the heart's memory'. Never let it be said that your heart has no memory at all. Instead, from now on, everyday till the day you die, let your words and actions say one thing - let them say 'Thanks be to God.'

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 **25th October** and Saturday **8th November** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **12th October** 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.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: Sunday - 6.00pm

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 13th October - 7.30pm - Oisin Hughes

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sunday 12th October - 11.00am - Dr Gerry Dowdall

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR OCTOBER: Kelli Ann Bleeks

SUNDAY READER: 12TH OCTOBER: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 19TH OCTOBER: Kieva Daly

“We recognize a tree by its fruit, and we ought to be able to recognize a Christian by his action. The fruit of faith should be evident in our lives, for being a Christian is more than making sound professions of faith. It should reveal itself in practical and visible ways. Indeed it is better to keep quiet about our beliefs, and live them out, than to talk eloquently about what we believe, but fail to live by it.”

St Ignatius of Antioch - 17th October

COLLECTION: Sunday 5th October: £4096.50

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 : Oisin Hughes; Kathleen Telford; Fionnuala Coyle; Brigid Duke; Thomas Gervin (Canada); Sr Philomena Walsh OSC,

WEDDINGS 2026: All couples who plan to marry in **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 2026 please bring this to their notice. Many thanks.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: continue this Sunday, 5th October and will continue for the Sundays of the month at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville, consisting of rosary and Benediction. All welcome.

JOHN PAUL II AWARDS SCHEME: Any Year 13 or 14 students who hope to sign up for the John Paul II Awards Scheme with their school this year are invited to contact the Parish to take part in activities as either a Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Choir member or Volunteer with graveyard maintenance over the coming months to fulfil the requirements of the scheme. We have two Parish reps who will help facilitate all students.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE: annual Church gate collection took place at all Masses in the Parish last weekend to help fund the necessary and appreciated work of the Hospice to give comfort and dignified care to those in the last stages of life and to give respite to those in the midst of illness. The annual cost of running is an eye watering £4 million which has to be collected through fundraising and charitable events. The total collected in the Parish came to £3354.43 which will make a huge difference to those seriously ill. Many thanks to all those who donated, it is your kindness and generosity that sees faith become action and love become a way of life rather than an empty word. Thank you to all donors for the difference you have made. Donations can still be made at any time and will be forwarded to the Hospice as soon as possible.

MARY'S MEALS CHARITY DANCE: The Ryandale Moy, Thursday 16th October. Dancing from 8.30-11.30pm. Music by Sprig of Heather. Admission £10

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION: Annual Presentation Night of Gold, Silver and Diamond Emblem's will take place in Ryandale Hotel, Moy, Co Tyrone on Friday 24 October 2025 at 8.00pm, includes light supper. Cost £15, payable at the door. Please note in accordance with our insurance policy no persons under the age of Eighteen to be in attendance.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS: for all those who have died in the parish since 1st November 2024 will be celebrated in the Church of the Holy Family on Wednesday 5th November at 7.30pm. All families bereaved within the last year will be invited but everyone is welcome to join for this Mass which concludes the annual Novena of Masses offered for all on our Parish List of the Dead

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - ACTION NEEDED: Sending a physical letter carries particular weight with Members of the House of Lords. Right To Life UK has created a simple tool that generates personalised letters to Peers, each focused on a specific area of concern. You can then print them, or copy them out by hand, sign, and post them. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

KRAFTY KIDZ Out of School Annual General Meeting in Parochial Centre on Tuesday 14th of October 2025 at 5.30pm. Everyone welcome.