



OUR LORD
Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

Prayer to Christ the King

O Jesus Christ,
I acknowledge you as universal King.
All that has been made has been created for You.
Exercise all Your rights over me.
I renew my Baptismal Vows.
I renounce Satan, his pomp and his works;
I promise to live as a good Christian.
And, in particular do I pledge myself to labour,
to the best of my ability,
for the triumph of the rights of God
and of Your Church.
Divine Heart of Jesus,
to You do I offer my poor services,
labouring that all hearts may acknowledge
Your sacred kingship,
and that thus the reign of Your peace
be established throughout the whole universe.
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, Weddings, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other bookings.

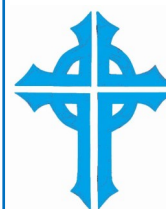
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Christ the Universal King - 23rd November 2025

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday in the Church's year, and the Gospel we listen brings us back to the moment that the love of God that we prepared for in Advent, that we celebrated being born at Christmas, that we heard being shown in miracles and kindnesses throughout the year, was made perfect when He died on the cross out of love for the world. Christ's is an odd kingship by today's standards because He has so much competition in the modern world, so many things that compete for the adoration of people - money, fashion, food, fame, popularity and acceptance. In truth we all buy into at least one of them. And yet the Kingship of Christ is different - it reminds us of what really counts in the world - honesty, integrity, a heart that cares for others. Modern fads come and go and we can all jump on the band wagon of the popular just to fit in and be accepted. But every now and then some lone voice will step out and say or do the thing that gives us all a little jolt. Think of the two thieves in the Gospel - one hung dying and still wanted to be popular and gave him up his last chance to do the right thing by joining the crowd that mocked the crucified Christ. He was a fool rather than a hero. The other could have done the same but instead, even though he was on the way out too, said a kind word to Christ, saw Him for what He was and whispered the words "remember me when you come into your kingdom". He was the brave one - He didn't say what the crowd wanted, he didn't join in to fit in, he did what was noble, decent and loving and he did it out of his own free choice. That is the faith Christ wants from us all - to love him because we want to, to be Christian because we choose it as the only way to live, to be kind for kindness sake, to be loving for the glory love, to stand by our convictions, our morals and follow the example of Christ that we hear every weekend and every day. It might take us a whole lifetime to be brave enough to do it, but what a world it would be if we all tried. One of the most famed Kings in history was Henry VIII and in the Royal Court, Cardinal Hugh Latimer often used to preach before him. It was usual for the Court preacher to give the king something on his birthday, and Cardinal Latimer presented Henry VIII with a pocket handkerchief with this text in the corner - 'Seducers and adulterers God will judge'; a very suitable text for King Henry. Then he stood and preached on the sins of lust, and didn't forget to apply it to the King. Furious, Henry said that the next Sunday when the Cardinal preached, he must publicly apologize. The next Sunday, when the Cardinal stood in the pulpit, he thought to himself, "Latimer, be careful about what you say, the King of England is here." At the same time a voice in his heart said, "Latimer, Latimer, be careful about what you say, the King of Kings is here." Bravely he preached only what God wanted him to preach. In everything we say and do, remember those same words - the King of Kings is here. Do and say only what is right.

With best wishes for the week - Fr O'Neill

ROSARY: at Our Lady's Grotto every evening at 8.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesday 3.00pm & 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 **13th December** and Saturday **20th December** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **14th December** 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

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER - 6.00pm - Order of Malta Deceased Members

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 29th November - 6.00pm - Mary Duffy

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - 6.00pm - Coalisland Silver Band Deceased

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am.

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 24th November - 7.30pm - Malachy Whitmore

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

MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 23rd November - 11.00am - Teresa Coyle

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR DECEMBER: Lisa Mulgrew

SUNDAY READER: 23RD NOVEMBER: Eileen Devlin

SUNDAY READER: 30TH NOVEMBER: Martin Kennedy

“If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give.”

St. Peter Chrysologus

COLLECTION: Sunday 16th November: £4160.26

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: Malachy Whitmore; Peggy Traynor; Fr Frank Quinn; Anne Devlin; Eugene Clernon; Mae Taggart; Maureen McCormack; Evelyn Trindade Soares Branco Sarmento; James Currie; Marie Forker; Anne O'Donnell

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: will begin next weekend, the 29th/30th November (the First Sunday of Advent). **A second collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend to help those struggling most in our own community.**

We are all aware that so many people face difficulties in our parish from financial constraints and worries, the ever increasing cost of living and the added pressures that Christmas brings to most families. Everything given to the St Vincent de Paul locally remains within the parish to help those of our own who are most in need, while still giving them their dignity and privacy. It is the most noble of Christian virtues to show help to our brothers and sisters and what you give this year, no matter how big or small could make the greatest difference to someone else at Christmas. It means a family could have a Christmas dinner, a child could have a toy or two to open on Christmas Day or a soul could have heat. In it all they all could have hope. Last year's collections were exceptional and thank you once more for your generosity. If you can do anything to extend that generosity for another year thank you yet again, because your kindness makes all the difference.

ADVENT DAY OF ADORATION: will take place on **Sunday 14th December** in St Mary & St Joseph's Church to offer an opportunity for us all to focus on our spiritual preparations for Christmas. Adoration will begin at 9.00am and will continue through to 6.00pm that evening. Confessions will be available from 2.30pm until 5.30pm for those who wish to avail of the Sacrament. The day of prayer will conclude with Evening Prayer of the Church, Rosary and Benediction at 6.00pm.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS: are now available from the Church sacristies. All donations go towards the Sick and Retired Priests Fund in the Diocese and all Christmas Masses will be offered for the intentions requested.

SPECIAL MASS FOR MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS: Catholic Mothers Ireland are hosting a special Mass on Tuesday, 9th December at 6:30pm in St Malachy's Church, Armagh to mark the end of their 10-year Anniversary celebrations. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin. All are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for mothers and grandmothers.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending please email womendiscern@corkandross.org

DUNGANNON MUSICAL SOCIETY: A book co-written by Dana & Bertie Foley records the history of Dungannon Musical Society from 1946 - 1972. The book 'Golden Days' is now on sale costing £10, available from O'Neill's Chemist, Coalisland.

GATHERED VOICES: Mid-Ulster's community choir presents 'A Winter's Tale', in the Bardic Theatre, Donaghmore on Friday, 5 December 2025 at 7:30pm. Come and experience an evening of enchanting music, the perfect soundtrack for this special time of year. Tickets are available online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bardictheatre>