

## Prayer to be a Kinder Christian



Dear Lord,  
Whose heart overflows with love  
and compassion for others.  
I pray that You pour out Your grace upon me,  
so that I may shine Your light  
and share Your love with those around me.  
Help me to see others through Your eyes,  
to embrace them with kindness,  
and to extend a helping hand to those in need.  
Use me as a vessel of Your love, Lord,  
and guide me in showing compassion  
and understanding to those who are hurting.  
May my actions reflect Your love  
and bring healing to those in pain.  
In Your precious name, I pray.  
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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## Ballyclog & Donaghenny Parish Bulletin

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - 9th November 2025

It's not too often that we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica on a Sunday because very few Feasts throughout the year replace the normal Sunday Mass, but this one is set higher than most as it marks the anniversary of the Cathedral Church of Rome in 324AD by Pope Sylvester I, that Church which is the Mother Church of Rome and of the world, and the Pope's Cathedral. It's a reminder to us all of the universality of the Church, that even though we might look at the same faces and listen to the same voice every weekend we are part of something so much bigger – part of a faith that has travelled the world to every continent and has over 1.5 billion followers. It's easy to collapse our faith into our little local environ and to fill our minds with the tiny gripes we might have – that stubborn pothole, that annoying light, that ugly statue, that person we don't like, and in the midst of the noise that creates in our minds we lose sight of the purpose of our faith – to come to know the God who loves everyone equally, who died for everyone not just a few, who in the life of His Son gave us a path to build heaven on earth if only we would look and listen. In the Gospel Christ loses it a bit, gets out the whip and clears the Temple to make it a place of worship again, a place where we think only of God in the right way. And there's a great gentle lesson for us all in that. In Church do we really step out of the world to be with God or do we come to fill the Church with the things of the world – hardness of heart, an unforgiving eye, a critical smirk or a mentality that we're doing God the favour by being here rather than realise it's God blessing us by letting us step into his peace for a few moments to gain the strength to keep on living and loving in a world that so badly needs a little good. How often do we let our minds wander far away in Church – do we pray or do we gawk? Do we worship or do we quietly judge? Do we genuinely ask God for His help and grace, or do we try to bargain our way with God to a better life? Sometimes it doesn't hurt to get the whip out in our own minds too and to chase the things of the world for a little while to rediscover the hope our faith gives us. Our faith reminds us constantly that with God in our lives no matter how bad today may be tomorrow can be better, and it's you and I who are the instruments God uses to make that happen until the day we're all taken to the perfect world of Heaven. For the 38 minutes you're at Mass every weekend, forget the daily world if you can – don't let the prejudices, the opinions or the complaints take over what is a time when you can just sit quietly with your God. Remember that the local worries of the Parish are just little itches on the great Body that is the Universal Church. Be proud of your part in something that fills the world with hope. Step up and do your part to bring hope or love or blessings to the world in your life. Shut the small eyes that can look, see and revel in the faults of local life and focus only on God, on giving praise to God, on trusting God's ways not the worlds and trying to really be part of a worldwide faith built on love, building love and building heaven on earth today.

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 **22nd November** and Saturday **13th 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 15TH NOVEMBER** - 6.00pm - Na Fianna GFC Deceased Members

#### **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 10th November - 7.30pm - Eileen McGirr

**EUCARISTIC 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

**SUNDAY 16TH NOV** - 11.00am - Stewartstown Harps GFC Deceased Members

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

**CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER:** Ann Campbell

**SUNDAY READER: 9TH NOVEMBER:** Catriona McErlean

**SUNDAY READER: 16TH NOVEMBER:** Kieva Daly

**“Those who are not good to others are bad to themselves.”**

*Pope St Leo the Great - 10th November*

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 2nd November: £4103.00

Mission Sunday: £1395.50

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: Thomas Gervin; Sr Philomena Walsh OSC; Peter Gavin; Eileen McGirr; Hugh Taggart; Teresa Coyle; Joe McLaughlin; Joseph Shiels; Malachy Whitmore; Peggy Traynor; Fr Frank Quinn; Anne Devlin; Eugene Clernon

**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.**

**NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS:** are available in the Church Porches and can be returned to the Churches at any time where they will remain before the Altar to be included in our daily prayers during November. All those whose names are recorded on the Dead List will be prayed for in a Novena of Masses in November and on each First Friday.

#### **NOVEMBER COMMEMORATIVE MASSES:**

**Na Fianna GFC Deceased Members** - Saturday 15th November - 6.00pm

**Stewartstown Harps GFC Deceased Members** - Sunday 16th November - 11.00am

**Brackaville Owen Roe's GFC Deceased Members** - Mon 17th November - 7.30pm

**Order of Malta Deceased Members** - Saturday 22nd November - 6.00pm

**DIOCESAN CONGRESS ON YOUTH, FAMILY AND FAITH:** Next March the Archdiocese of Armagh will hold a Diocesan Congress on Youth, Family and Faith in the Armagh City Hotel. All are invited to take part in preparing for this special time of renewal and reflection. If you would like to take part you can still participate online. The web address is <https://forms.gle/ejKAClbcYTxBwouc8>. Please download a copy of the Congress Prayer from the *Armagh Prays* website.

**CONCERN ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:** will take place at all Masses in the parish next weekend **15th/16th November**. All donations go towards alleviating the suffering of those most in need in the developing world.

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

**KNOCK SHRINE ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Sunday 7th December. Coach going. Gabrielle 07933 521105, Catherina 07899 810181.

**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.

**ROSARY VOLUNTEERS:** we remain keen to recruit new volunteers to lead the rosary before Mass each Tuesday and Thursday morning. The commitment is very light and enough volunteers will enable the drawing of a rota of a once or twice monthly leading at most. If you are a regular attendee and would like to be part of this ministry please contact the Sacristy at any time. Many thanks.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** an additional recitation of the Chaplet will be prayed on Wednesday afternoons at 3.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning this Wednesday 12th November. The Chaplet will continue to be prayed after 10am Morning Mass each Friday. Please feel very welcome to join with these prayers.

**CARITAS CHOIR:** if you would like to join the choir for Saturday evenings or for Christmas please leave your name to the Sacristy at any time.