



A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil
by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening

bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Bringing you news of great joy
Today a Saviour has been born
to you
He is Christ the Lord

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 will close this Wednesday for the Christmas Holiday and will reopen on Tuesday 6th January. Bookings for Baptisms, Weddings, Certificates, Anniversaries etc can still be made by email or simply pop it through the door..

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Parish Website: www.ballyclogdonaghenry.org

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Christmas Opening Hours:

Mon 22nd - 8am-6pm

Tues 23rd - 7am - 6pm

Wed 24th - 6am - 2pm

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Ballyclog & Donaghenry Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Advent - 21st December 2025

A true classic Christmas film of our times must be The Muppet's Christmas Carol, with all our childhood favourites put into Dickens' marvellous story. Amid the nonsense of the film there's one great song blasted out by Kermit the Frog – "There's magic in the air tonight" and how wise that little frog is, because Christmas is a magical time if we let the magic come alive. We gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus way back in history, but also His birth everyday in the world in every prayer, every kindness, every goodness that happens. At Christmas we set time aside to give thanks for all that's good in life – family, friends, laughter, contentment just the joy the season can bring. In a difficult world Christmas reminds us all that life can always be good when we work at it. We've all exhausted ourselves these last few days getting ready for the big day, and we wouldn't have it any other way. But now the rush must end and all we can do is enjoy. This Christmas try to really enjoy every one of your blessings – savour the time with those you love, enjoy the rewards of your work and your ways, smile at every chance life gives you. The magic of Christmas is the goodness that lives in the world for a day – you are God's goodness to somebody this year. On Christmas Day try to let the goodness of God shine out through you – be at peace with everyone, do only what is kind, thank those you love, remember proudly those you love in heaven, help your neighbour, spend a minute with your God and if you can make people feel the magic of Christmas by your love and God's love then take the risk and just do it – it could be the best present you ever give and the best Christmas you ever have.

Christmas is a time to give thanks, and I would like to thank all of you for your kindness and support over the past year for all we do in the Parish. A special word of thanks to Deacon Malachy, not only for his friendship and enthusiasm, but for his constant willingness to help us all in any way. Thanks to our sacristans for always being there with everything ready, even down to the coffee brewed and tobacco ready. Thanks to our choir and organist, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers in both Church and community, to our prayer leaders, collectors, counters, cleaners and groundsmen, Each and everyone make such a difference in making our Parish a true community that worships together and helps each other do that too. Thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee for their guidance, wisdom and encouragement. Thanks also to Liam our secretary for keeping the engine of the Parish oiled and running, and to everyone who volunteers and helps in any way. But thanks most of all to all of you for the friendliness you always show, the warmth and happiness that comes to all chats, for the time you give to stop or wave or just say hello. Your warmth is what makes the true difference in life and what leaves the Parish a truly happy place for both Deacon Malachy and I. We can never thank you enough for that and we both pray and hope that it always marks this Parish as a special place. Whatever you are doing for Christmas may it be a wonderfully happy time for you all and may the New Year bring every good fortune and joy that you wish for.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year - 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 **10th January** and Saturday **24th January** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **11th January** 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

MONTH'S MIND: Saturday 3rd January - 6.00pm - Brian O'Neill

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 22nd December - 7.30pm - Bridget Dillon

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 29th December - 7.30pm - Grainne Carberry

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th & Friday 2nd: 10.00am.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: Mass - 11.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: will not take place on Christmas or New Years Eve

ROSARY: Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am before Mass

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 11th January - 11.00am - Sam Devlin

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR DECEMBER: Volunteers

SUNDAY READER: 21ST DECEMBER: Eileen Devlin

CHRISTMAS EVE READER: Eileen Devlin

CHRISTMAS DAY READER: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 28TH DECEMBER: Martin Kennedy

"Christmas is a time to cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy.

That is what it is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

*If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior
and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world."*

Calvin Coolidge

COLLECTION: Sunday 14th December: £4211.00

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: Marie Brady; Pat Daly; Bridget Dillon; Grainne Carberry; Marion Devlin; Brian O'Neill; Margaret Kelly; Eileen McNally; Peter Devlin; Gerard Laird; Sam Devlin

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.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St Mary's Church, Stewartstown
Christmas Vigil Mass	8.00pm	Holy Family Church, Coalisland
Christmas Dawn Mass	7.30am	St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville
Christmas Day Mass	9.00am	Holy Family Church, Coalisland
Christmas Day Mass	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Stewartstown



ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: continues throughout the Season of Advent. All donations can be left to the Red Collection Boxes or to the Sacristy at any time. Many thanks for your generosity.

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.

CHRISTMAS WEEK MASSES: there will be no Mass on Friday 26th December or on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st December apart from funeral Masses. All anniversaries for these days will be offered at the weekend Masses.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: anyone who would like to, is invited to join with the Choir for the Christmas Vigil in Holy Family Church this year. A practice for Carols will take place on **Sunday 21st December at 11.00am in Holy Family Church.**

STEWARTSTOWN HARPS GFC: will hold their annual Church Gate Collection in aid of GOAL, the Irish humanitarian organisation who work throughout war torn areas of the world on **Sunday 28th December** at Mass in Stewartstown. On **Saturday 3rd January** the club will host "Walk a Mile" in aid of the same charity between 11am-1pm at the Club Grounds. Refreshments will be served. Many thanks for your generous support of this great cause.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: will be celebrated in St Mary & St Joseph's Church at the slightly later time of **11.00am** to allow everyone to recover from the revelries of the night before.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: is celebrated on Tuesday 6th January. Mass in honour of the Feast will be celebrated as a Vigil on Monday the 5th January at 7.30pm and on Tuesday 6th January at 10.00am in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville.

DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD:

Anointing of the Sick: Saturday 7th February; Sunday 3rd May

First Confessions: Week of 2nd March

Lent Day of Prayer and Reconciliation: Sunday 22nd March

Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday 16th April - 5.00pm

First Holy Communion: St Mary's PS - Saturday 9th May - 10.30am

First Holy Communion: Primate Dixon PS - Saturday 16th May - 11.00am