



PRAYER TO St Blaise.

St Blaise, Bishop and lover of souls,
during your life you willingly bore many crosses
in faithful imitation of the suffering of Jesus Christ.
Similarly with Christ like compassion
and the grace of God
you miraculously cured many sufferers of their ills
and humbly accepted the tortures inflicted upon you
at the time of your death dying as a martyr for Christ.

Now in your heavenly home

I come before you and humbly ask
for your intercession before the throne of God.

St Blaise seek for me the cure I now desire.

If it is not God's will

or for the greater good of my soul,

Ask God to grant me the strength

to bear my cross patiently

in imitation of Jesus Christ our Crucified Saviour
as reparation for my sins and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

St Blaise
3rd FEBRUARY

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—2.00pm. Bookings for Baptisms, Weddings, Certificates, Anniversaries etc can be made by email or simply pop it through the door..

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st FEBRUARY 2026

Winter certainly seems to have had us all in something of a stranglehold this last month between frost, snow, rain, wind and a cold that seeps into even the most well fleshed of bones. In December when we shivered it didn't seem quite so tough because we had the cheer of Christmas lights and fires and that happy feeling in the air to get us through. But this January it was just cold, dark and a little harder to be cheerful as we scurried to be indoors as much as work and world would allow. Thankfully this week we see the arrival of February, which the Celtic Calendar marks as the beginning of spring. It mightn't feel like much has changed but the evenings have already lengthened, we've made our way through the darkness of January and in a few weeks the buds and bulbs will be in full flow. In the Church's Calendar this week marks three Feasts which have always had a great resonance with people – St Brigid's Day, Candlemas Day and the Feast of St Blaise – three days which give us varied blessings that we all like to receive. St Brigid's day marks one of our Principal Patron Saints marked for the quiet determination she showed in spreading the faith. She didn't come from afar but from our own land and gave her land an example of charity, care, compassion and hope that helped build a land of devout souls in her time. On her day we bless crosses to keep in our homes and our fields to safeguard us and remind us of the blessing of God in the important things of life. On the Feast of Candlemas or the Presentation of the Lord we mark that moment when Mary and Joseph presented the child Jesus in the Temple and Simeon the old man who had lived his whole life waiting to see God recognised the child as the Saviour of the World. He uttered that famed prayer "At last all powerful Master you give leave to your servant, to go in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation". The light of God had come into the world and he saw it's blessing. On this day we bless candles to remind us of the light of God in our lives – His presence when we pray, His guiding love when our loved ones pass on to Heaven, His goodness which can quell all gloom. On the Feast of St Blaise we remember a saint who even on his way to be executed as a martyr took time to stop and save the life of a dying child. On that day we come forward for the blessing of throats, asking that God through the intercession of St Blaise remove all ailments and evils from our lives. This week returns us to the old fashioned core of our faith – simple piety and devotion, mixed with tradition and an honouring of our heritage. It's never a bad thing to take a step back and rediscover our roots and these feasts remind us how – St Brigid – a simple apostle of faith in the ordinary world who showed others the hope of God. Simeon the man who longed to see God and the happiness that he found in just a glimpse of how good, beautiful and rewarding God's love is compared to the everyday transient things of life. St Blaise – a man who sacrificed all for faith and yet did it for the sake of others. There's a lesson in there for us all in some aspect of our lives. This week, ask, what is God's lesson for you and what can you do as a lesson on God's love in your world?

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 **14th February** and Saturday **28th February** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **15th February** 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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 7th February - 6.00pm - Pam O'Neill

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am.

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

MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 1st February - 11.00am - Anne Leahy

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Jean Coyle

SUNDAY READER: 1ST FEBRUARY: Eileen Devlin

SUNDAY READER: 8TH FEBRUARY: Martin Kennedy

***"Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying:
but let us live well and times shall be good.***

We are the times: such as we are, such are the times"

St Augustine

COLLECTION: Sunday 25th January: £4043.00

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: Michael McKenna; Brendan Dorman; Mary Morgan; Pat McDonagh; Teresa Morgan; John L Corr; Joan McGlinchey; Marie Morgan; Kieran Timlin; Gerard Jock Rafferty; Gerard Donaghy

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.

FEAST OF ST BRIGID: St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at all weekend Masses .

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: will be celebrated on Monday 2nd February and is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 7.30pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville and candles will be blessed at both Masses.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE: The blessing of throats will take place after 7.30pm Mass on Monday 2nd February and again after 10am Mass on Tuesday 3rd February.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: will be available for all those who wish to receive it following evening Mass in Holy Family Church on **Saturday 7th February**. Please do let those who may wish to receive the Sacrament or whom you think may benefit from it know that they are most welcome.

COMMUNION SERVICES: 11.00am Mass on Sunday 8th February in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown will be replaced by a Communion service. Weekday Mass will be replaced by Communion Services during the week of **9th - 13th February** inclusive. All anniversaries requested will be remembered in prayer on the relevant dates and all Mass intentions will be fulfilled. Many thanks for your understanding.

FIANNA OILEÁN AN GHUAIL CLG: will host our first-ever St. Brigid's Cross making event in the club hall on Sunday February 1st from 11am to 1pm for a morning of tradition and craft. Refreshments available. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning

DIOCESAN LEVY ON PARISHES 2026: In 2025 a new Diocesan levy system was introduced for Parishes in the Archdiocese which revised the way every Parish contributes to the running costs of the Diocese. The new levy system is based upon a 12% figure payable to the Central Diocesan Fund (running costs) and taken from the total of envelope and basket collections, shrine and candelabra income and qualifiable Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. A further levy of 6% of the same incomes was introduced to go towards a Diocesan Education of Priests Fund. The total that our Parish was invoiced to pay for 2025 was an eye watering £45612. Upon a thorough analysis of our figures, we judged this to be an error of £3116 and thus we paid the grand total of £42496.56. In explaining the Levy last year I informed Parishioners that the following are exempt from any levy - Donations made to the Parish and specifically marked as donations; donations to the Parish Building and Development Fund, legacies, fundraising, rent and monies donated to specific collections - Dues, Insurance of Parish Properties, Upkeep of Cemeteries, Trócaire, Mission Sunday, Peter's Pence, Sick and Retired priests. Many Parishioners grasped the inference of this information and with an increase of envelopes marked specifically as donations and with donations made to our Building Fund, the amount of income to which the Levy is applicable for 2026 has decreased. The Levy invoice for 2026 comes to a total of £40615.38. I believe there to be error of £3654.45 in this figure, reducing the invoice for the year to £36960.93. While not wholly in the spirit of the levy, we will continue to work to ensure that the most resources possible remain in the Parish for the upkeep and maintenance of the Parish and to help provide for our own future needs. Any donations that you make to the Parish specifically marked as "Donation" on your envelope will help this to be achieved. Many thanks for your fantastic support of the Parish throughout the past year and please be assured that this note is for your information and not as a plea for funds.