



Prayer for Trust in God

O Lord,
we ask for a boundless confidence
and trust in Your divine mercy,
and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings
which bring immense goodness
to our souls and that of Your Church.
Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart,
and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross,
as we climb the mountain of holiness,
carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory.
May we receive You with great faith
and love in Holy Communion,
and allow You to act in us,
as You desire, for Your greater glory.
O Jesus, most adorable heart
and eternal fountain of Divine Love,
may our prayer find favour
before the Divine Majesty
of Your Heavenly Father. Amen.

Behold the Lamb of God



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
Fr McCallion (Brocagh): 02887738381	Fr Tremmer (Moortown): 02886737236
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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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 2026

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the most famed preachers of the last century, hosting a weekly slot on TV or radio from 1930 to 1968 with millions of regular followers. He tells a story of when he was a young priest and was appointed to a small parish. One summer afternoon, he was sitting in the confessional. A woman came and knelt and said, "Hey, Priest! Relax. I didn't come to make a confession. I came here because of that old lady—my mother, who insisted that I go for Confession. I'll just kneel here for five minutes and then go away." "What's your name," he asked? "Agatha," she replied. "That's a lovely name", he replied "Agatha means good or kind." The lady laughed and said, "I'm a bad girl; the worst in this town. I just came out of the prison and I'm in the flesh trade. When I was in the prison, I fell for your holy stuff. I prayed to your God to free me, but He didn't answer me. He was too busy for the likes of us, I suppose. Do you want to hear more," asked the lady? "Yes, go on," he said. "Then I prayed to the devil. I promised him that I'd take nine sacrilegious communions and he'd free me. I took communion and cursed God—aplenty. Do you believe—I got freed on the eighth day. What do you say to that, priest?" "The devil got a good bargain," he replied "He gave you freedom and then in return he got your immortal soul. But Agatha! Believe me, you're not completely lost. You still have love in your heart. You're here because of your mother. That means that you still love your mother. Anyone with even a little love in the heart is not lost. Stay with me here and all this can be blotted out like a bad dream." A faint moan came out from her. She started breathing heavily. "That's enough. I'm getting out. You can't do anything about it," She got up and began to walk out. "Stay here and please pray," pleaded the priest. But she went out. As she was going out, he shouted after her, "I'm going to wait for you here, and I'm sure you'll come back." He stayed in the confessional. He asked everyone who came to the church to pray for a special intention. After all the confessions the priest knelt down and started praying too. Many hours passed. One after another the people moved out of the Church. The sacristan put off the lights ready to close for the night. The priest was still praying. He took the key from the sacristan saying that he'd lock the Church. Hours passed – it was almost midnight. Then he heard the same trotting of the sandals. Joy filled his heart. Agatha came and knelt beside him. She began to weep. She poured out her sins and her story to him. She got it all out, was forgiven and was a new person again. Fr Sheen reclaimed that lady in the name of Jesus. Jesus—the Lamb washes away our sins by His blood – that's what today's Gospel tells us. The Gospel is a little word of hope to us all. Nobody is beyond the goodness of God, no past can't be forgiven, no wrong can't be righted. No matter who we are, what we've done, how we've messed everything up – Christ came to make it all ok. In a world so quick to dam and judge, to talk and condemn always remember that God doesn't do that. In a world where you might think you are all alone and that the rest of the world is against you, God is always there on your side and only wants the little good inside us all to grow and take over our lives. That's why He came, what He taught, that's why He suffered and died, that's why we can all rise again.

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 **24th January** and Saturday **14th 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

MONTH'S MIND: Saturday 17th January - 6.00pm - Gerard Laird

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 17th January - 6.00pm - Margaret Laird

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 23rd January - 7.30pm - Kevin Donnelly

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR JANUARY: Ann Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 18TH JANUARY: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 25TH JANUARY: Kieva Daly

**“Have patience with all things - but first with yourself.
Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being.
You are a perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person
simply because you exist.**

And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that.”

Saint Francis de Sales - 24th January

COLLECTION: Sunday 11th January: £4103.00

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: Teresa Cunningham; Martine McDevitt; Ray Lidden; Anne Leahy; Michael McKenna; Brendan Dorman; Mary Morgan; Pat McDonagh

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.

ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: takes place from 10th - 15th May 2026 The pricing for the Pilgrimage has been structured slightly different this year. The Accueil Notre Dame: For Assisted Pilgrims sharing in the Accueil fares will be €1,050.00 (includes JWT Travel Insurance) The Agena and The Jeanne D'arc will be €1,020.00 pps. (Single room supplement for these hotels is an additional €195.00). The St Sauveur will cost €1,020.00 pps. (Single room supplement of €235.00). The La Solitude will cost €1,040.00 pps. (Single Room supplement is €245.00). These prices exclude travel insurance into the hotels. JWT Pilgrimage Travel Insurance will cost €55 per person up to 79 years & €75 per person 80-94 years.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND 20 – 22 March 2026 St Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock: Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

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.

HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE COOKSTOWN OPEN DAY: The Principal and Staff of Holy Trinity College invite Primary 7 & 6 pupils and parents/guardians to join with them for our Open Day on Friday 23rd January 2026 at 10.00am. Please be seated by 9.45am. Participate in activities, explore all subjects on offer, hear what pupils and staff have to say, and see our fabulous new school build. We look forward to welcoming you. See College Facebook or contact the College on 028 8676 2420 for further details.

“COME AS YOU ARE”: Conference for young adults (17-35) 1 February 2026: Come as You are is a conference organised by a young Catholic adult group to come together to explore faith. Why not take some time out from the busyness of day-to-day life and spend a day listening to inspiring talks and deepening your relationship with Christ. Sunday 1 February 11am – 5pm at Oasis of Peace Centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon, Co Louth (A92 YP73) For more information see: Instagram: comeasyouare_group www.apostleoflove.ie

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.

GRAVEYARD SURROUNDS: In both our cemeteries the maximum dimensions for all double plots are **6foot 8inches wide by 8 inches long**. Out of respect for fairness and equity to all families and in an effort to maximise the space available, these dimensions cannot be exceeded. Many thanks for your support and cooperation.