

## Prayer For Lent

Lord Jesus,  
by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world.  
But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion.  
You laid down Your life willingly and gave up everything for us.  
Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross,  
Your clothing became the prize of soldiers,  
your blood ebbed slowly but surely away,  
and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple.  
Stretched out on the Cross,  
You cried out to Your Father that the end had come.  
You had accomplished the work given You,  
and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift,  
the little life that remained to You.  
Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions  
after the example You have given.  
Let me place my death in Yours  
and my weakness in Your abandonment,  
Take hold of me with Your love,  
and let me offer myself to the Father  
with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life. 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.

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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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# Ballyclog & Donaghenny Parish Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th February 2026

This week sees the beginning of Lent, our annual time of reflection and renewal in our spiritual lives, when we're asked to take stock of our lives as Christians based on the three great Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each Lent we're all asked to take a little time to reflect on the beauty of the sacrifice of Christ and on the promise of what that sacrifice won – a life given for all our lives, a death suffered to change all our deaths, a resurrection so that we all, and all we love, would rise to Paradise. The story of Lent is really the story of God's love for us all and as we all know, love only makes sense when it works both ways – forward and back – God to us and us to God. How we show our love for God is really through those Lenten practices. Prayer is always key to a good Christian life, because prayer is setting time aside to be with God to talk our woes, to ask our favours, to say our thanks. It's like any relationship – if it stays silent it goes stale. This Lent why not think of making a little extra time for prayer – 5 minutes as a family, a few minutes silent thought through the day, maybe an extra effort to go to daily Mass for the 40 days. No matter how little our prayers or how short our time up to now, Lent gives a chance to start over, and maybe for some it's a good time to think about joining with people for Mass, for community prayer rather than staying at home and away. There's nothing like a little encouragement and a few friendly faces to make it easier. Try. Fasting is part of Lent too, and fasting is making those little sacrifices that remind us of what Christ sacrificed for us and also of what others sacrifice daily around the world. The thought of 40 sugar free days probably fills us all with dread, but if it reminds us of what Christ gave up for us it puts our little sacrifice, our fasting into perspective – it's a minor inconvenience. Of course fasting has a purpose too and that's where almsgiving comes in. Step back in thought a moment to our fasting in Lent, the tears as we shut the biscuit press and lock away the chocolates, we can feel so sorry for ourselves. Think though of those around the world who don't have those things to give up, who maybe don't have a dinner in the evening, a breakfast going to school, milk for the baby or anything for the elderly. Those people would gladly fast and sacrifice to help each other if they had anything to fast from, but they often don't even have that choice or that chance. Our fasting can help through almsgiving to our own charity – Trócaire. This Lent if you have a little to spare for that Trócaire Box it will go towards saving lives who otherwise could be lost. No matter how little it still helps, and a lot of little helps add up to a giant force of good. With those three things, prayer, fasting and charity, Lent can make such a difference to us and others. It reminds of all we have, of all we've been given, of all we need and of all others need. Rather than let it be 40 days of miserable faces why not let it be 40 days of living love for God and each other. 40 days of true faith.

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS:** 7.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Thursday & Friday - 7.30am

**MONTH'S MIND:** Saturday 21st February - 6.00pm - Teresa Morgan

### ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Monday evenings at 7.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday; Thursday & Friday: 10.00am.

**MONTH'S MIND:** Monday 16th February - 7.30pm - Pat McDonagh

**MONTH'S MIND:** Friday 20th February - 7.30pm - Mary Morgan

**MONTH'S MIND:** Friday 20th February - 7.30pm - John L Corr

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday 10.30am - 6.30pm

**ROSARY:** Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am; Wednesday: 6.00pm

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** 7.30pm

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

**CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY:** Jean Coyle

**SUNDAY READER: 15TH FEBRUARY:** Catriona McErlean

**SUNDAY READER: 22ND FEBRUARY:** Kieva Daly

**“Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache”**

*Ven. Fulton J. Sheen*

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 8th February: £4106.00

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: Mary Morgan; Pat McDonagh; Teresa Morgan; John L Corr; Joan McGlinchey; Marie Morgan; Kieran Timlin; Gerard Rafferty; Gerard Donaghy; Sally Houston; Ann Curran; Evelyn Sculption; Eadaoin Ferguson; Cassie Barrett; Sheila Morrison; Kathleen Cullen

**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 you or anyone you know is hoping to marry in 2026 please bring this to their notice as soon as possible. Many thanks.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY - 18TH FEBRUARY:** marks the beginning of Lent and Masses and Communion Services will be celebrated with the distribution of ashes at all services. Mass will be celebrated in Holy Family Church at 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.30pm and a Communion Service will be celebrated at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown.

### WEEKDAY MASS DURING LENT:

Monday: 7.30am Holy Family Church & 7.30pm St Mary & St Joseph's Church

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be celebrated each Sunday at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church and again at 7.00pm on Monday before the Novena Mass. These brief services give us an opportunity to reflect on the Passion of Christ offered for us all and to unite in prayer for the suffering of our community and our world.

**CONFESIONS** will be available on Wednesdays from 9am until 9.45am (*not Ash Wednesday*) and again from 5.00pm until 5.45pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church during Lent. Confessions are also available upon request after weekday Mass. Occasionally a funeral may interrupt these plans but I thank you for your understanding.

**LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER:** will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd March from 9am until 6.30pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer of the Church, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Confessions will be available from approximately 3pm until 5pm on that day for those who wish to fulfil their Easter duty.

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES** are available in all our Church porches as begin our annual Lenten season and campaign and can be returned at any time before Easter. In tightened times please be assured that even the smallest donation still makes a huge difference.

**PARISH ENVELOPES:** The new series of Parish envelopes are currently being prepared in the Parish Office and we are making best efforts to update our contributors list. If you would like to be added to the envelope system please let the Parish Office know at your earliest convenience. This system helps us sustain the inevitable Parish expenditure in running so many buildings and also helps us plan future developments and improvements. Many thanks to all who so faithfully and generously help the Parish in this way.

**APOSTOLIC WORKERS/PARISH CRAFT & SEWING GROUP:** a lady from our Parish is keen to form or reform a group which could work together in various crafts, sewing to assist the Parish and to offer both a practical and social outlet for anyone interested. If you would be interested please leave you name to the Sacristy to assess feasibility.