



The entry  
of Christ into Jerusalem



## Prayer for Holy Week

Heavenly Father,  
as we walk through Holy Week,  
open our hearts to witness  
Your Son's sacrifice anew.

In the noise of daily tasks and worldly concerns,  
help us pause and turn our thoughts toward Calvary.  
Lord Jesus, You carried Your cross  
out of love for us.

May each step we take this week honour Your way.  
Let our Lenten sacrifices unite with Your suffering,  
and remind us of the price paid for our salvation.  
Holy Spirit, guide us through these solemn days.

From Palm Sunday's hosannas  
to Easter morning's joy,  
keep our souls attentive  
to the mystery of redemption,  
That we might die and rise with Christ in glory.  
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—2.00pm. Bookings for Baptisms, Weddings, Certificates, Anniversaries etc can be made by email or simply pop it through the door.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE COMPLETELY CLOSED DURING EASTER WEEK.**

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# Ballyclog & Donaghenny Parish Bulletin

Palm Sunday 29th March 2026

**W**e've all been in that horrid position of having to pick a side in a dispute, an argument or just a silly row that's going on. Most times it doesn't really make that much difference to us, especially if it's all between people we don't know that well, but when it's family it's a different thing – we hear both sides, we don't want to get involved, we want to keep everybody sweet and even though we know the honourable thing is to side with what is right, deep down we're afraid to nail our colours to the mast for fear of the consequences. There's something of that in Holy Week, both gone and present. In that first Holy week Christ entered triumphal into Jerusalem adored and worshipped by the crowd, but the naysayers and unbelievers had had enough. On Wednesday He was sold out for a few pieces of silver, on Thursday He was betrayed and on Friday He died. Being God He knew what was happening and refused to be put off His mission of love, service and sacrifice that would lead to our redemption and despite His fears and tremblings as a man, He took the time to give us the Eucharist at the Last Supper and to show us the glory of service when He washed the disciples feet, casting off all notions of self-importance and uppityness for all who would follow his path. He showed us the glory of suffering and sacrifice when He died on the cross out of love for all people of all ages. And it all made sense on Easter morning when He rose from the dead. Some believed and stayed with Him right to the end, some wandered away for fear of their own skins, and some chose to go against Him to be popular even though He was right. And the saddest of all – some just didn't even care. It's easy to look at the people of the past and find their faults in that story, but sometimes we have to look to ourselves too. Holy Week is 7 days long but the lessons of Holy Week, like the gift of Holy Week lasts a lifetime and forever. How do we measure up in terms of our loyalty to Christ – do we worship well and do we try to live our faith too? Do we stand for fairness, for forgiveness, for mercy, for acceptance and for love, or do we just like the idea of it and that's enough? Sometimes we all live it but sometimes we all step back and shy away from our faith and what it asks us. Sometimes we lie low and don't speak up or speak out, don't lift a hand to help or open our mouths to defend. It's like the old position of having to pick a side – it's never easy but we know deep down we should do the honourable thing and nail our colours up. There's things in life you have to pick a side on, make a stand for and faith is one of them – and it's all or nothing. If ever we needed an example of that, it's given this week when Christ gave Himself to be nailed to the Cross despite the hate, the fear, the abandonment and the rejection. Look what it achieved for us all. Look at the Cross this week and think of all Christ did this week and remember that was all just for you. How can you repay your God for His goodness to you?

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 **9th May** and Saturday **23rd May** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **12th April** 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

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday - Wednesday: 7.30am

**HOLY THURSDAY: 2ND APRIL:** Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY: 3RD APRIL:** Passion of the Lord: 3.00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY: 3RD APRIL:** Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm

**HOLY SATURDAY: 4TH APRIL:** Easter Vigil: 8.00pm

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

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

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday & Wednesday: 10.00am.

**MONTH'S MIND:** Monday 30th March - 7.30pm - Shanie Aiken

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday 10.30am - 5.30pm

**ROSARY:** Tuesday: 9.30am; Wednesday: 5.00pm

**CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday 9.00am - 9.45am; 4.00pm - 4.45pm

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm

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

**CLEANING FOR APRIL:** Helena Lowe

**SUNDAY READER: 29TH MARCH:** Eileen Devlin

**SUNDAY READER: 5TH APRIL:** Catriona McErlean

**When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then.  
When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now**

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 22nd March: £4332.00

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: Shanie Aiken; Jimmy Donnelly; Patrick McDonagh; Helen Sutton; Martin O'Neill; Tony Connolly; Gerard McAliskey; Caoille McGrath; Irene Quinn; Angela Dillon

**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.**

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** The document *Paschale Solemnitatis* from the Congregation for Divine Worship gives instruction on the celebration of the Easter Triduum throughout the world. In paragraph 94 it states for the celebration of the Easter Triduum "the faithful should come together as one and should experience a sense of ecclesial community", while paragraph 43 states "Where there are Parishes with only one priest, parishes should assemble in a principal church and participate in the celebration there". In light of this the Easter ceremonies will be celebrated as follows.

#### EASTER CEREMONIES SCHEDULE 2026

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm - Holy Family Church followed by Eucharistic Adoration and concluding with Night Prayer at 9.00pm

**Good Friday:** Passion of the Lord: 3.00pm - Holy Family Church  
Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm - Holy Family Church  
7.00pm - St Mary's Church  
9.00pm - Outdoor Stations Brackaville

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil - 8.00pm - Holy Family Church

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** for the Easter Ceremonies will take place in **Craic Theatre on Tuesday at 7.30pm.** Everyone is most welcome to join in the choir for the Triduum.

**CHRISM MASS:** will be celebrated on Wednesday, 1st April at 7.00 p.m. in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome.

**TROCAIRE:** boxes and donations can be returned to the Church at any time during the week. Many thanks for your generosity which makes a real difference to so many.

**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION:** will be taken up and forwarded in its entirety for the aid of *Christians* persecuted in the Holy Land.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:** will begin on Good Friday, 3rd April at 11.00am and will continue for the following 7 days at that time, concluding with a Holy Hour on Low Sunday, 12th April at 3.00pm. All sessions of the Novena will be celebrated in St Mary & St Joseph's Church and everyone is welcome. Prayer leaflets will be provided.

**NEW PARISH ENVELOPES:** are now available for collection in Holy Family Church Sacristy and St Mary's Church for distributors or individuals after any of our Masses. The new series of envelopes begins on Sunday 5th April. If you would like to be added to the envelope system please let the Parish Office know at your earliest convenience. Many thanks to all who so faithfully and generously help.

**COALISLAND/CLONOE GAELIGE LEAGUE:** would like to thank everyone who contributed to their recent Church gate Collection. The amounts collected totalled: Coalisland £1001.58, Clonoe £408.56, Stewartstown £322.00

**MANY THANKS:** to all who joined in the Big Clean of Holy Family Church last week.

**EASTER WEEK MASS:** Mass will be celebrated on Monday evening (6th April) at 7.30pm and on Tuesday morning (7th April) at 10am but there will be no morning Mass Wednesday - Friday inclusive apart from funerals. All anniversaries will be offered at these Masses. Many thanks for your understanding.