



PRAYER TO ST FRANCES OF ROME

In Saint Frances of Rome
You have given us a model of holiness,
in married life
and of monastic conversion.
By Your hand-maid's aid,
may we know, love and serve You
with all perseverance and fortitude,
so that in all circumstances,
we may fix our gaze upon You alone,
follow Your Only-begotten Son,
and faithfully carry our cross
with gratitude.
Amen.

St Frances of Rome
9th March
Patron Saint of the Widowed

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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Ballyclog & Donaghenny Parish Bulletin

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We all have our private part of life, that bit where we can shut the door to the world and just relax and be ourselves without the worries of the opinions of others, the judgement of others or without having to stilt ourselves to stay as an unnoticed part of the pack. It might seem odd in a world that sees many hungry for fame, but I think it's human nature to protect ourselves because at times the world can be very quick to talk and worse, to whisper, very quick to give the look that cuts deeper than any dagger. And that's who the woman at the well in today's Gospel was – a soul who was cut off from society because of her past life, but who found in God someone who didn't judge, but who knew her, who listened to her and opened the goodness in her to confidently step back to life with His strength and blessing. It's a story we all know well – she came to the well at the height of the noon sun, when other people were indoors, to avoid the whispers of a community who thought they knew all about her. And it's when she alone that she meets the grace of God. Christ asks for water, but it's the chat that follows that counts – He simply listens as she tells Him all her woes. Christ encourages her to talk and when He hears He doesn't dam, instead He loves, and that was enough to change the woman's life – she met the first person in a long time who doesn't turn away but stays beside her. And the change that made is instant as she runs to the town she once feared, to tell them all what she has found and to share it with them. In us all there's a bit of the Samaritan woman – we can all be afraid in life of the opinions of others, and deep down none of us is any better or worse than anyone else, but we all have a past- things that if we were to live life again we would do differently or better. And it's the fear of mistakes that holds us back. But why? No matter what your story of life is, the past is over and it shouldn't rule the rest of your days. The past is a place to learn from not a place to live in. The world might need you and what you can give it much more than you think. The Samaritan woman was afraid of her past and yet she was the one who taught a whole community about God. You don't know what life you could change by letting your past go and living your future as best you can. Someone could know friendship, love, acceptance or kindness because of you and that is what you're here to do. Don't be afraid. Get up and live well, because even if you don't believe in yourself – God does. Trust Him. And maybe a thought to the eyes and lips too – because at times we all judge and whisper, we all love a good juicy tale. But is that right? No, and we all know it because it could just as easily happen to us. We could all talk about people and throw their dirty linens out to gawk at, but it doesn't make us bigger or better for doing it. A Christian always tries to treat people fairly, justly or at worst just lets people be. So many people live life afraid of what others think and say, of how they nod and whisper – don't let anyone feel that way because of you. The woman at the well speaks to us all – to be brave when we can, to be silent where we should, and to be the love of God in every moment. With a try at it everyone's life could be better – theirs and yours. Try it and see.

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 March** and Saturday **28th 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

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Friday: 7.30am

MONTH'S MIND: Saturday 7th March - 6.00pm - Cassie Barrett

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 7th March - 6.00pm - Michael Rodgers

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday: 10.00am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Monday 9th March - 7.30pm - Francie Kelly

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Wednesday 13th March - 10.00am - Harry Connolly

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 13th March - 7.30pm - Kathleen Cullen

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 13th March - 7.30pm - Sean McGeary

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 10.30am - 6.30pm

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

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday 9.00am - 9.45am; 5.00pm - 5.45pm

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sunday 8th March - 11.00am - Teresa O'Neill

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR MARCH: Alison Dillon

SUNDAY READER: 8TH MARCH: Martin Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 15TH MARCH: Catriona McErlean

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

Book of Joshua 1:9

COLLECTION: Sunday 1st March: £4093.00

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: Eadaoin Ferguson; Sheila Morrison; Kathleen Cullen; Briege Quinn, Malachy Fitzgerald; Conor Quinn; Brian McDowell; Eileen McGinley; Shanie Aiken; Jimmy Donnelly; Plunket Cullen; 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 you or anyone you know is hoping to marry in 2026 please bring this to their notice as soon as possible. Many thanks.

WEEKDAY MASS DURING LENT:

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

Tuesday: 7.30am Holy Family Church & 10.00am St Mary & St Joseph's Church

Wednesday: 7.30am Holy Family Church & 10.00am St Mary & St Joseph's Church

Thursday: 7.30am Holy Family Church & 10.00am St Mary & St Joseph's Church

Friday: 7.30am Holy Family Church & 10.00am St Mary & St Joseph's Church

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.

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. Many thanks to all who so faithfully and generously help.

APOSTOLIC WORKERS/PARISH CRAFT & SEWING GROUP: will meet in the coming weeks to begin their work and plan future projects. If you would like to join this group please leave your name to the Sacristy this week. Many thanks .

MONSIGNOR LIAM MCENTEGART: A Life of Service and Scholarship: Donaghmore Historical Society presents a talk by Micheál Ó Máirtín on the life and work of Monsignor Liam McEntegart; with particular reference to his contribution to education and the Irish language on 9 March 2026 at 8.00pm in the Heritage Centre, Donaghmore. Pay at the door. Society members free. Zoom link available through Eventbrite. Tea and a biscuit served. New and familiar faces welcome.

EASTER MASS BOUQUETS: available from the Sacristies. All donations, as always, go towards the Sick and Retired Priests Fund for the Diocese.

IRISH LANGUAGE CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: will take place at all Masses in the Parish next weekend - 14th/15th March, with all proceeds aiding the promotion and development of the Irish language locally.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: is celebrated on Tuesday 17th March and Masses for the feast will be offered as follows:

Monday 16th March - Vigil Mass - 7.30pm - St Mary & St Joseph's Church

Tuesday 17th March - Morning Mass - 9.30am - Holy Family Church (*Irish Mass*)

Tuesday 17th March - Morning Mass - 11.00am - St Mary's Church.

ST PATRICK'S DAY IRISH MASS will be offered at 9.30am in Holy Family Church on 17th March by Canon Fee. Everyone welcome to join in this celebration.

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 5.45pm on that day for those who wish to fulfil their Easter duty.