



St Anselm of Canterbury  
21st April



## Prayer of St Anselm

O my God, teach my heart  
 where and how to seek You,  
 where and how to find You.  
 You are my God and You are my all  
 and I have never seen You.  
 You have made me and remade me,  
 You have bestowed on me  
 all the good things I possess,  
 Still I do not know You.  
 I have not yet done that for which I was made.  
 Teach me to seek You.  
 I cannot seek You unless You teach me  
 or find You unless You show Yourself to me.  
 Let me seek You in my desire,  
 let me desire You in my seeking.  
 Let me find You by loving You,  
 let me love You when I find You.  
 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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| Fr O'Neill (Brackaville): 02887740221 | Canon Fee (Clonoe): 02887749184      |
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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

Third Sunday in Easter      19th April 2026

**L**ast Thursday the Primary 7 pupils from our schools, along with others, received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the third of their Sacraments of initiation which will see them become adult members of the Church. Confirmation comes as the culmination of the work begun at baptism and is the starting point for a new life of faith – it is a twofold moment – an end and a beginning. At Baptism the parents of each child freely asked for the Sacrament of Baptism, asked to have their child claimed by God, blessed and anointed and promised God on that day that they would teach their child the ways of faith by word and example. At First Holy Communion time, parents brought their child to the Church to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time, to have their child nourished by God and encouraged to develop their own relationship with God. Now that work that was promised reaches its first end, when the Confirmandi chose for themselves to have God as a part of life, professed the faith in the renewal of Baptismal promises and were anointed once more. It all sounds so simple. Yet we all know that the journey of faith is not an easy one, some children have been helped and encouraged and sadly some have little experience of prayer, worship or God Himself. No matter how good or bad the path of faith has been over the past 11 years, Confirmation gives us all a new chance to recommit to our faith and recommit to helping others grow in the faith that can give us hope, courage and a sense of belonging to a greater family that is guided and protected by God. Over the next few years these P7 children will need the example of parents and community to develop into mature, wholesome members of society, people who will be future leaders, carers, ministers, teachers and who will steer the course of future life. That is the new beginning that started last week. At Confirmation we all receive the necessary strengths and gifts to make that happen well – the gifts of the Spirit are 7 – wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe. If you think about them, they are all any of us need to live a good life and to do all the good we can. We all need wisdom to decide the merit of anything we do, we need understanding to see the good in others and not only the failures, we need courage to stand for our convictions, for right, for truth and for decency, we need right judgment to sift our way through the complications and temptations of life that could lead us on the wrong path, we need knowledge to build a better world, reverence to respect God and all God's people, and wonder and awe to accept that we are not masters and makers of the world and life but that God is and His ways are better than ours. This year, pray for all those who have been confirmed that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may genuinely help them live a happy and fulfilling life all their days. Pray for their families who enter the phase of parenthood that can be the most challenging in today's world but has the prospect of being the most rewarding too. Pray for each other that God may fire us all up a little bit more in our faith, that we will take every chance to see God, to be with God and to be like God when we can. Let Confirmation be a gift to the whole Parish, a time of renewal and a time of recommitment and a time for us all to come alive.

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

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

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

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday - Friday : 10.00am

**MONTH'S MIND:** Friday 24th April - 7.30pm - Irene Quinn

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday: 10.30 am - 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 APRIL:** Helena Lowe

**SUNDAY READER: 19TH APRIL:** Martin Kennedy

**SUNDAY READER: 26TH APRIL:** Eileen Devlin



**“A humble man who lives a spiritual life,  
when he reads the Holy Scriptures,  
will relate all things to himself and not to others.”**

*St Mark the Evangelist - 25th April*

**COLLECTION:** Holy Land Collection: £1205.00  
Sunday 5th April: £6678.50  
Sunday 12th April: £4279.00

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: Gerard McAliskey; Caoille McGrath; Irene Quinn; Angela Dillon; Sean Ferguson; Stephen Armstrong; Margaret Quinn; Sean Shields; Sean McVeigh; Brendan Quinn; Hugh John Campbell

**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.**

**TROCAIRE:** boxes and donations can be returned to the Church at any time during the week and we hope to forward all monies collected to Trócaire next week. Many thanks for your generosity which makes a real difference to so many.

**GIFT AID** would you consider helping the Parish to claim back 25% on all envelope donations made by Parishioners by signing up to the Gift Aid scheme. This money comes from the Charity Commission and **costs the donor nothing extra.** If you are a tax payer then simply sign the first envelope in your box and return at any stage to the Church. Many thanks for your support.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday in the Parish. We wish them all the courage to grow in faith with our encouragement and thus to bless and improve our world by their lives. Many thanks to the schools, teachers, assistants and parents who helped them to prepare.

**DUNGEON, FIRE & SWORD:** Canon Fee will be present at/offer Masses in Holy Family Church on Saturday 25th April at 6.00pm and Sunday 26th April at 9.30am and on Sunday 3rd May at 11.00am in St Mary's Church to promote his new book. Copies will be available for sale at all these Masses. We wish Canon Fee success in this publication.

**SING FOR THE LOUGH:** On Sunday, **19th April at 14:30** the shores of Lough Neagh will resonate with a powerful message as communities gather for an event marks a unique collaboration between five community choral leaders who have joined forces to mobilise hundreds of singers around the shores of the lough. The initiative aims to highlight the desperate need for a long-term recovery plan to combat pollution and ecological decline. Come along to **Washingbay** to add your voice to this urgent plea.

**ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEW PUPIL DROP OFF/COLLECTION POLICY:** As of Easter a new drop off/collection policy for St Joseph's College has been initiated to ensure the safety of all pupils and to avoid any incidents between parents and members of the public. All parents are asked to drop their children off at the front road parking bay for St Mary & St Joseph's Church or at Quinn Electrical which gives safe space to turn and exit. **Parents are specifically asked to not use either the School Lane or the Graveyard Access Road to drop off or collect pupils.**

Both these roads cannot cope with the volume of traffic that has grown over recent years and increase the risk of accident to pupils, pedestrians and vehicles. The Parish respectfully asks all parents **to not use the Church Grounds as a through road**, as a number of incidents involving parents verbally abusing Parishioners who had stopped at their graves has recently caused much distress. The Church Grounds are not designed for heavy traffic and will quickly fall into disrepair if excessive use continues. The new drop off policy will enhance the safety of pupils which is always of paramount importance. Many thanks to all who have so willingly adopted the new procedures already. The Parish plans to re-surface the Graveyard access road this summer at an approximate cost of £25,000.