



## PRAYER FOR EASTER

Risen Lord,  
fill our hearts  
with Easter joy and gladness.  
Let us rejoice in Your victory  
over sin and death,  
carrying Your light  
into every area of our lives.  
May we reflect Your love  
through acts of kindness  
and words of encouragement.  
Strengthen our spirit  
to celebrate Your resurrection daily,  
spread hope to the weary,  
and embrace every blessing with gratitude.  
Fill us with Your peace and joy,  
so that we may honour You in all we do.  
Amen.

Why do you look for the  
living among the dead?

He is not here,  
He is Risen

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
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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

Easter Sunday  
Low Sunday

5th April 2026  
12th April 2026



There's always a sense of joy in celebrating Easter Sunday as it's a day that seems to mark a change in the year – the dark and hungry days of Lent are left behind, winter too is fading from our minds and there's the hope of new life in the air as colour, leaves and sunny evenings return or at least hint they will very soon. Easter gives us the promise of good times ahead. If that's true of normal life then it's doubly true in our spiritual lives as we celebrate the very centre point of our faith – the moment Christ broke victorious from the tomb, rising from the dead, opening the gates of Paradise for us all and proving His love was and is real by the gift of that life which lies ahead for all those who live their lives ruled and guided by love too. It's a simple faith really and yet a beautiful one, and the stories of the last few days that we've heard in our ceremonies and readings should give us all reason to pause and think of just how lucky we are to have a God like ours. God gives us hope that any sadness will one day be defeated, any pain overcome, any wrong put right and every life made perfect. Today is the perfect day to just say a word of thanks and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all you have- everything that makes you smile here and everyone who is waiting to make you smile in Heaven too. Of course we all know that the joy of Easter and of faith itself should never be held back but should be shared with our world today. At a time of year when good times lie ahead, it's also a good time to make good things happen for others. We never have to do anything exceptional to prove our faith, we only have to do the good things well – this Easter why not try – a smile can render so much good, a chat can bring so much warmth, a forgiveness can open 100 doors, a kindness can lift any burden, a little bit of you given to others can change a whole life and make the good times happen right now. What started at that first Easter was passed on to a few, then to families and eventually to entire nations. Now it's passed on to you. This Easter it's so important to be grateful for what God has done for us and given us, but it's awfully important to also try to copy it a little with everything we say and do ourselves. If that's the way you live – keep on living that way because you don't know the good you are doing. If that's not your way, why not give it a go even if only for a day or two? The happiest people are those who love, smile, give and help, the calmest people are those who hope and those who believe. Give it all a go and embrace everything good and do everything good that you can. Do it for God, do it for others and do it for you. This Easter may God bless you all with the joy of His glory and with happiness and peace in all your lives. Thank you for all your kindness and support to both Deacon Malachy and myself over the past few months, thanks for your involvement and presence in the life of the Parish and thanks to all who have been so willing and so obliging in all the help that has been given. As always, all you do makes all the difference.

With best wishes for Easter – 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

**MONTH'S MIND:** Saturday 11th April - 6.00pm - Helen Sutton

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

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

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday 7th April: 10.00am.

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**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Monday 6th April - 7.30pm - Carmel McCann

**MONTH'S MIND:** Monday 6th April - 7.30pm - Patrick McDonagh

**MONTH'S MIND:** Monday 13th April - 7.30pm - Tony Connolly

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Friday 17th April - 7.30pm - Eileen Skelton

**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** on Wednesday 8th April

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday 15th April: 10.30 am - 6.30pm

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

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:** Sunday 5th April - Saturday 11th April - 11.00am

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR:** Sunday 12th April: 3.00pm

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

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

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

**CLEANING FOR APRIL:** Helena Lowe

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

**SUNDAY READER: 12TH APRIL:** Kieva Daly

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

**“The stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out, but to let us see in.”**

**“The resurrection is God's ‘Amen’ to Christ's ‘It is finished.’”**

S. Lewis Johnson

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 29th March: £4419.60

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: Patrick McDonagh; Helen Sutton; Martin O'Neill; Tony Connolly; Gerard McAliskey; Caoille McGrath; Irene Quinn; Angela Dillon; Sean Ferguson; Stephen Armstrong

**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.**

**SINCERE THANKS:** to all those who took part in our Holy Week Ceremonies. Special thanks to our sacristans, Altar servers, Choir, readers, Eucharistic ministers. Thanks also to those who led the outdoor Stations in Brackaville on Good Friday, to those who cleaned and prepared the Churches, to those who took up collections and helped in any way. Your generosity of time and spirit is sincerely appreciated by everyone.

**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

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:** began 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.

**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 Revenue 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.

**ARMAGH DIOCESAN LOURDES HOSPITALITE:** annual Church gate collection will take place on the weekend of 11th/12th April at all Masses in the Parish.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES 2025:** will be celebrated on **Friday 12th June at 7.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Cemetery, Brackaville** and on **Sunday 14th June following on from 11am Mass in St Mary's Cemetery, Stewartstown.** Many thanks for sharing these dates with all who normally travel home for these commemorations.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** Will be celebrated in the Church of the Holy Family on Thursday 16th April at 5.00pm. Please keep in your prayers all those preparing for the Sacrament that God may bless them with an ever deepening faith and with the love and courage to live it always.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** will be celebrated in the Parish on Saturday 9th May at 10.30am for St Mary's PS, Stewartstown and on Saturday 16th May at 11.00am for Primate Dixon PS.