



Our Lady Queen
of Angels

*Ave Maria
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.*

Prayer for Health of Body and Soul

Most holy Virgin,
Mother of the Incarnate Word,
treasure-house of grace,
and refuge of us wretched sinners,
with lively faith we have recourse
to thy motherly love,
and ask of thee the grace
of ever doing God's will and thine.
In thy most holy hands
we place our hearts,
and of thee we ask
health of body and soul,
and as we have the same hope
that thou, our most loving Mother,
will hear us,
we say to thee with lively faith:
Hail Mary ×3

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

Fifth Sunday in Easter 3rd May 2026

Today we reach Mayday, the beginning of the month of May which has long been held as a special time to honour Our Lady, a time of year when the Church pauses to contemplate Mary's quiet beauty, her faithful obedience, and her maternal care. The last week has seen such a shift in the year as sunshine replaced endless gloomy rain and we all could suddenly see the renewal of nature and new life jumping up around us. In our faith the greatest moment of new life was the birth of Christ which led to the resurrection, and at the heart of it all is the simple yes of a young woman who became Mother of God and Mother of all. This month we're all asked to turn our hearts toward the woman who said yes to God with complete trust, because in Mary, we see a model of how to live faithfully in every season of life. Mary's life wasn't marked by power or recognition, but by humility and attentiveness to God. When the angel announced God's plan for her, Mary didn't have all the answers or any even. She didn't know how events would unfold or what suffering might come. Yet she responded with trust: a willingness to place her life entirely in God's hands. In a world that often values control and certainty, Mary teaches us the grace of surrender. Her yes reminds us that faith doesn't eliminate fear, but it allows us to keep going in life despite it. May is a fitting month to reflect on Mary because it mirrors her quiet fruitfulness. Just as the world blossoms after months of hidden growth, Mary's holiness grew in silence and fidelity. She did not seek attention, yet her life bore extraordinary fruit. It reminds us that God often works most powerfully in ordinary moments—in daily prayers, acts of kindness, and patient endurance. Mary shows us that holiness isn't reserved for dramatic gestures but grows quietly through love and trust. Our Lady is also a model of contemplation. Scripture often tells us that Mary "pondered these things in her heart." She listened, reflected, and quietly allowed God's word, will and way to shape her life. In May, as the pace of life often becomes busier, Mary invites us to slow down and make room for prayer. She teaches us to listen—to God, to others, and to find a wee bit of quiet in our heads and our hearts. Through her example, we learn that silence can be the place where we find strength and courage, peace and trust, and hear what God really wants us to be and do. As a mother, Mary's love goes out to us all. At the foot of the cross, she stood in sorrow, offering her silent strength and unwavering faith. Her maternal compassion assures us that we're never alone in our struggles, because she has faced them all too. But she trusted her Son to make all things well again one day, and that's why even when it looked like all hope had failed she still stood at His feet on the cross and believed. Her example asks us to do the same - to simply trust in God's mercy and love. This month we will celebrate our annual May devotions – Adoration, rosary and Benediction – and they aren't just old fashioned traditions, they're a chance to step out of the world for a few minutes, to look to God to help us look at life through the eyes and ways of Our Lady and to remember that faith is meant to be lived not only in thought, but in habit and devotion. May calls us to copy Mary's humility, courage, love and look to how we can say yes to God too. As we honour Mary this month, may we ask for her intercession and try to echo her faithful yes in our own lives, allowing God to bring new life and grace through us, just as He did through her.

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 **10th May** 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 2nd May - 6.00pm - Margaret Quinn

MONTH'S MIND: Saturday 9th May - 6.00pm - Sean McVeigh

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday : 10.00am

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 4th May - 7.30pm - Sean Shields

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 8th May - 7.30pm - Mary Conway

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday: 10.30 am - 6.30pm

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

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday: 5.00pm - 5.45pm

MAY DEVOTIONS: Sunday 3rd May - 6.00pm

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR MAY: Geraldine Donnelly

SUNDAY READER: 3RD MAY: Kieva Daly

SUNDAY READER: 10TH MAY: Eileen Devlin

**“If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces...
never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again.
That's the beauty of being alive... We can always start all over again.
Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us.
Have faith in Him always.”**

St Bernadette

COLLECTION: Sunday 26th April: £3963.50

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: Sean Shields; Sean McVeigh; Brendan Quinn; Hugh John Campbell; John Doherty; Sheila Quinn

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.

MAY DEVOTIONS: will begin this Sunday, 3rd May, at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville and will continue for the Sundays of May, consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. Please do feel welcome to attend.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: will take place on **Sunday 3rd May in St Mary & St Joseph's Church Brackaville immediately after May Devotions.** The Sacrament is for all those who are sick or troubled in body and mind and is part of a private relationship between whoever wishes to receive the Sacrament and God Himself. If you know of anyone who may wish to receive the Sacrament, please do take them along or let them know that they are most welcome.

TRÓCAIRE 2026: a sincere word of thanks to all who contributed so generously to his year's Trócaire Collection in the parish. The total amount raised came to **£18,254.05** which has now been forwarded to Trócaire. This year's total far exceeded any of our previous collections and is testament to your kindness which will make a huge difference to so many who struggle needlessly in our world. Thank you.

ORDER OF MALTA: Annual Church Gate Collection will take at all Masses in the Parish next weekend - 9th/10th May. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: will take place on Sunday 31st May 2026. All pilgrims are invited to join with the Diocese for prayers and Mass in Knock on this day.

ST JOSEPH'S VOCATIONS SOCIETY: invite you to join with them for a fundraising Ceili on Saturday 9th May at 9.00pm in the Washingbay Centre, Clonoe. Entrance donation is £8.00. Everyone welcome.

BLESSING OF THE BOATS: Sunday 3rd May at 3pm, Battery Harbour. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will be celebrated in the Parish on the following dates:

Saturday 9th May: 10.30am - St Mary's Church, Stewartstown

Saturday 16th May: 11.00am - Holy Family Church, Coalisland.

Please keep in your prayers all those preparing for this Sacrament along with their families, that these days may see a strengthening of their faith and a rededication to the living of that faith in their daily lives.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: will be celebrated in June 2026 on the following dates:

Friday 12th June - 7.00pm - St Mary & St Joseph's Cemetery

Sunday 14th June - following 11.00am Mass - St Mary's Cemetery.

Please share these dates with those who may wish to travel home to be part of this annual commemoration of our faithfully departed. As we begin to prepare our graves for these days, please also spare a moment for those graves who no longer have family to attend to and maintain them.