

## PRAYER TO OUR Lady of Fatima



Our Lady of Fatima  
13th May

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
you were pleased to appear  
to the children of Fatima  
and reveal a glorious message.  
We implore you, inspire in our hearts  
a fervent love  
for the recitation of the Rosary.  
By meditating on the mysteries  
of the redemption that are recalled therein  
may we obtain the graces  
and virtues that we ask,  
through the merits of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Redeemer. 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.

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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

Sixth Sunday in Easter 10th May 2026

A quick wander around the shops these days lets us very quickly know that Easter is a distant memory in the world's mind as summer looms and a new focus comes into our minds. At this stage in the Church's year the season of Easter begins to draw to a close too, and today's Gospel sees an excerpt from the Final Discourse that Christ had with His disciples presented to us as a reminder that whatever happens in life, no matter what way the world moves, as Christians we're asked to stand true to God and true to our faith, not out of a sense of duty but out of a spirit love for God; to keep perspective in life that we are all asked to be servants of God rather than servants of the times we live in. Of course it takes courage to stand by your faith in today's world as so many facets of life try to replace God with what is popular at the moment, or what is the latest fad and notion, or where we're tempted to dilute God in a desperate bid to win a smile. But deep down, we all know that's never the thing to do – why? Because God didn't do that for us – He went through His suffering to prove the greatness of God, to show how much He really loves us, and even a moment's thought of it would make us all realise that every day we should remember and honour God in absolutely everything we do. Of course it's not easy, but the Christian life isn't always easy – look at Christ, He didn't have it easy either. But sometimes we just have to stand for God otherwise everything we do is pointless. When Jimmy Carter was running for President of the United States in the 70s, one of the most telling moments in the campaign passed by almost unnoticed. One Sunday morning, candidate Carter had been to the service at the Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. When all was over he left the Church and walked into the inevitable swarm of press stood on the Church's front lawn. Cameras whirring, video lights glaring, microphones thrust forward, the reporters moved in for interviews, pushing themselves to think of clever questions to ask a Presidential candidate on the way out of a Southern Baptist Church. Suddenly, a reporter, probably with a stroke of luck, shouted out a question that genuinely mattered: "Mr. Carter, suppose when you are President, you get into a situation where the laws of the United States are in conflict with what you understand to be the will of God. Which will you follow, the laws of the state or the commandments of God?" Carter stopped, looked up, with the words of the Gospel ringing in his ears, he turned toward the reporter and replied, "I would obey the commandments of God." Alert aides, alarmed by this honesty and unnerved by their candidate's near-treasonous remark, hurriedly whisked him away from the press and into a waiting car. Carter the politician should have avoided the question, but Carter the Christian had to give an honest answer. In a world that can be so quick to move on from God or without thought can be just too ready to push God aside without a second thought – be brave, be true and remember that in God's eyes when you stand by Him, keep Him always in mind, you prove your love for God more than in any other way. That is worth far more than anything else. Other things come and go, God lives for ever. Let Him live in you and let the world see it.

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 **23rd May** and Saturday **14th June** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **28th June** 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 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:** Friday 15th May - 7.30pm - John Doherty

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**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: 10TH MAY:** Eileen Devlin

**SUNDAY READER: 17TH MAY:** Martin Kennedy

**“By itself faith accomplishes nothing.  
For even the devils believe and shudder.  
No, faith must be joined to an active love of God  
which is expressed in good works.”**

*St. Maximus the Confessor, Abbot*

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 3rd May: £4177.50

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: Brendan Quinn; Hugh John Campbell; John Doherty; Sheila Quinn; Paul Reid; Harry Hinnon; Joseph O'Kane; Peter Molloy; Claire Mulgrew

**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 continue this Sunday, 10th 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.

**ORDER OF MALTA:** Annual Church Gate Collection will take at all Masses in the Parish this 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. In conjunction with Dungannon Parish, a bus will travel for the day. Pick up point in Coalisland is the carpark entrance to Holy Family Church at 7.45am sharp. The cost for the day is £25pp. To book your spot please contact James at 07771810558.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Congratulations to the P4 students of St Mary's Primary School, Stewartstown who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday. Many thanks to their teachers, classroom assistants and all who helped prepare for this day. May this day mark a moment of growth in faith for them all and may their families support and encourage them to become active members of their Church and their Parish. Please keep in your prayers all those preparing for this Sacrament from Primate Dixon PS, which will be celebrated next Saturday morning at 11.00am in Holy Family Church.

**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.

**SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST:** invite parents and families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss or the death of a baby, child or young person in Craigavon Area Hospital or the wider community to a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 3pm in Seagoe Parish Centre, 46 Seagoe Road, Portadown BT63 5HW

**VOCATION TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD:** Fr Barry Matthews & the Vocations Commission are inviting men discerning the Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Armagh to join them in the Synod Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Saturday May 23rd at 3pm. This will be a gentle introduction to discernment with opportunities to ask questions and hear from others about their journey. The afternoon will conclude with Mass at 6:30pm in the Cathedral