

PRAYER FOR Ascension Day



*He was taken up into heaven
and He sat at
the right hand of God.*

Lord Jesus, I honour You
on the feast of Your Ascension into heaven.
I rejoice with all my heart at the glory into which
You entered to reign as King of heaven and earth.

When the struggle of this life is over,
give me the grace to share Your joy and triumph
In heaven for all eternity.

I believe that You entered into Your glorious
Kingdom to prepare a place for me,
for You promised to come again to take me to Yourself.

Grant that I may seek only the joys
of Your friendship and love,
so that I may deserve to be united with You in heaven.

By Your unceasing care,
guide my steps toward the life of glory You
have prepared for those who love You.
Make me grow in holiness and thank You
by a life of faithful service.

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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The Ascension of the Lord 17th May 2026

*W*e all remember those old days when we were small and a look of horror came over our faces as we sat down at the kitchen table for dinner and the feared vegetables were on the plate. Sometimes it was a more palatable mouthful for a youngster, but when the dread turnip appeared it took an awful lot of cajoling to make us eat any of it let alone a plateful. The only convincing argument was “if you want to grow up to be big and strong like your father/mother/sister/brother you have to clean your plate”. It was a weak argument in fairness, yet we were small and daft and fell for it every time. Why? Because deep down we all want to follow the example of our heroes, we all want to be as good, strong and great as them, and any encouragement is enough to keep us trying. There’s something of that in today’s Feast of the Ascension when Christ left earth and returned to heaven and the disciples had to go it alone and follow the example of their great hero and carry on His work. It must have been a frightening moment, uncertainty and insecurity, wondering were they really wise enough, strong enough or good enough to keep going, and yet we can look back and say that they certainly were. Look at all that they did - stayed true to Christ, fearlessly stood for what was right, preached the great message of hope and forgiveness and spread a faith right around the world from their own small starting point. It goes to show that a little courage and a measure of determination can make most things happen. In our own lives we all hit our moments of doubt and dread, moments where we question what we do and our ability to do it. Those times can come in the massive change moments of life - bereavement, marriage, stepping up as a new parent, leaving home for the first time and 100s more, and yet we’re all strong enough because our heroes have shown us how. In the small moments we can just lose our self-confidence and enthusiasm or even ask what’s the point and yet the encouragement of the grateful is more than enough to shake away the negatives of the miseries. In life we always manage to overcome the challenges and in faith we can too. The world the apostles stepped out into didn’t really want to hear the message of Christ because it shook all the comforts of their day, and the apostles had to risk everything to put Christ at the centre of life. Today’s world is still the same and yet what we believe and what we preach is a simple faith - hope for the life to come, forgiveness for the mistakes now, another chance when it’s needed and the belief that life is a gift to make a positive difference with by being the face of God when we can. In an era that can be so focused on self and self alone it’s refreshing to see those people who see beyond that and live for others and not just themselves. Our fathers in faith did it, our heroes in life did it and because of them we have our faith and our hopes of today. Where could you pass that same faith and hope on today? This weekend remember that now it’s your turn to do your little bit too “Go make disciples of all the nations and teach them to observe all that I command you”. You already have the faith to do it, you have the examples of those who have done it and have brought you to today, have the courage to step out and step up and do your bit now that it’s your time. Change the world but change it in the right way.

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

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday : 10.00am

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 17th 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: 17TH MAY: Martin Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 24TH MAY: Catriona McErlean



“It is easy to love the people far away.

It is not always easy to love those close to us.

It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger

than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home.

Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start.”

Saint Theresa of Calcutta

COLLECTION: Sunday 10th May: £4113.00

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: 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, 17th 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: will take place on Sunday 31st May 2026. 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 Primate Dixon 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 and their families.

IGNITE IRELAND: day conference, with special guest speaker Scott Hahn, will take place on Saturday 23rd of May in the Convention centre, Dublin. Scott Hahn is a well known writer and broadcaster, and much sought after speaker. It is an event not to be missed. For more information and to book your ticket go to: www.dominicans.ie

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, DUNGANNON, 150TH ANNIVERSARY: As part of the anniversary celebrations please join us for a special evening Concert on Friday 29th May at 7.30pm featuring Malachi Cush, Karl McGuckin, and special guests as we celebrate 150 years of faith, music, and community. Tickets for the 150th Anniversary Celebration Concert at St Patrick's Church, Dungannon are now available to purchase online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-patricks-church> costing £20 each. Printed tickets will also be available from: The Parish Office and Aras Mhuire Holy Shop, Irish Street. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you.

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

ORDER OF MALTA: would like to thank all those who so generously contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection which totalled £1700. This will make a huge difference in supporting the work of the order within the local community. Thank you.

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.