



PRAYER FOR the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father,
pour out Your Holy Spirit
upon me this Pentecost Sunday.

Fill my heart with Your presence, ignite my faith,
and help me to serve boldly in Your name.

Let Your Spirit guide
my thoughts, actions, and words,
granting wisdom, discernment, and courage.

Remove fear, doubt, and weakness,
and replace them with confidence and trust.

Help me embrace the gifts of the Spirit
and live in accord with Your holy will.

May Your power transform my life,
inspire others through my life,
and glorify Your name always. 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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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 Feast of Pentecost 24th May 2026

Birthdays are an odd sort of thing, when we're young we want all the fuss possible to mark our big days, when we're old we're the same – recognition of how wonderful we are to have achieved such years, but with the in between years we'd really rather prefer the birthday passes unnoticed because they can be a reminder of fading youth and growing grey hairs. And yet looked at properly, birthdays are a wonderful day – they mark the fact that something that never was before and never will be again – you – came into being, and with a life well lived, so much happiness came about because you came to be in the first place. Everyone has one, everything has one too and today on Pentecost Sunday we mark the birth day of the Church. For 50 days the Apostles were cowering chaps, locked away and then when the Holy Spirit came down on them in a great force of power, up they jumped, out they went and opened their mouths and proudly told their story and from that day the Church began to grow. The Holy Spirit is a wonderful gift, and one we all have from our Baptism and Confirmation. What the Holy Spirit gives us though is what makes us proud, active and useful members of the Church. The 7 gifts we all now well – wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence. At different times of our lives the different gifts come into their own. Sometimes it would be great to be wise, at other times it would be wise to have proper judgement and know when to act or speak and when not to. Reverence is always admirable and wonder and awe helps us see the greatness of God in everyone and everything. But I often think the best gift of the lot is courage – the courage to do what is the right thing even if it's hard, the courage to stand up for what is right, to defend those who need it, to be the friend to the lonely reject, to stand by our opinions or beliefs, to not bend with the wind but rather be firm and true for what is right, honest, decent and holy. Now on a day like this we're all encouraged to think of how and where we use those gifts ourselves, where are our opportunities looking forward and where have we used them looking back? Like any birthday we're asked to do the usual things – look back to the good things faith has done for us and others and look to the future to see where and how it can be used again and used even better. The young and the old have the right idea on birthdays, and maybe we could all share that same spirit as members of our Church. There's an awful tendency in Christians to be like the disciple and lock themselves away in a wee safe room and not pop their heads out into sunlight at all – what a waste of life and of faith. Our faith is a wonderful thing – it gives us direction, it gives us hope, it gives us purpose, it gives us the reminder that every day is a life changing event if its lived well. As Fulton Sheen said "We are God's chosen people but more times than not we act like frozen people". Listen to today's readings and listen to what the apostles achieved when they showed the world how wonderful their faith was. You have just as much courage, faith and goodness in you as they did in them. Where do you use those gifts? In You something special was given to the world, on Pentecost day proudly use your faith blessed life to show the world what God keeps giving it in every soul and in every day. Step out of the shadows and live your faith.

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 **13th June** and Saturday **27th 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: 24TH MAY: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 31ST MAY: Kieva daly



“Virtues are formed by prayer.

Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger.

Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy.

Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.”

St. Ephram

COLLECTION: Sunday 17th May: £4007.20

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; Gary Magee

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, 24th 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.

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 Áras Mhuire Holy Shop, Irish Street. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you.

ANAM CARA: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

SAINT PATRICK'S WAY PILGRIM WALK IN DOWNPATRICK: with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly will take place on Sat 6 June and 8 August, and with Mairead Sweeney on Sat 4 July, beginning at Saint Patricks Centre with the 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, price includes entrance fees, internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch at the Saul Barn, plus a stamped Camino passport and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at Saint Patrick's grave. (Duration 9am-approx 3pm, all for just £55) To book ring 02844 619000 or go to website www.saintpatrickcentre.com

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX 18 -21 SEPTEMBER: staying in a beautiful hotel across the road from the Carmel of St Therese. €795 includes flights, coaching, full religious programme, all dinners, and some lunches. Please phone 057 93 55050 or email info@myriam.ie

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.