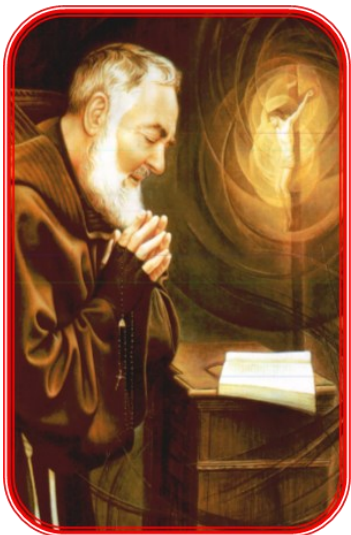




St Pio of Pietrelcina
23rd September

PRAYER to St Pio of Pietrelcina

O Saint Pio of Pietrelcina,
who received from the Lord the gift of the stigmata
and the office of spiritual father of countless souls,
intercede for us before the throne of divine Mercy.

You who said pray, hope, and don't worry,
teach us to trust in the Heart of Jesus
in every circumstance,
to turn with faith to the Most Holy Virgin,
and to live by the Eucharist as you lived.
Through your wounds, sign of crucified love,
obtain for us the grace we humbly ask of you
(*mention petition*),
if it be for the glory of God
and the good of our souls.

Make us, like you, instruments of peace
and consolation for those who suffer.

Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

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

Fr McCallion (Brocagh): 02887738381

Fr Tremmer (Moortown): 02886737236

Dean Donaghy (Dungannon): 02887722775

Fr McCamley (Dungannon): 02887722631

PARISH OFFICE is open every **Wednesday and Friday** 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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th September 2026

There's nothing surer to rankle us all than the mention of wages especially in a crazily expensive world. Wages are one of the greatest measurement of equality in the modern world and yet it seems strange that it's only been 28 years since the National Minimum Wage Law was passed to ensure everybody is a basic equal. In principle we all agree with it, but in our minds we sometimes question it too. When it comes to people we like, we can often say loudly "they don't get paid half enough for what they do", and when its someone we dislike we can often be heard mumbling "they've a hard neck taking a wage for all that they do". Circumstances and personal opinions are a huge influence in life. The wages of this world are one thing, the recompense due to us in the next world is a very different thing, because there the only union agents to argue our case are our own works of faith and charity and those are like a timesheet – you just can't argue with what's written down. Luckily for us, God is a lot more generous than we can ever be and that is the point of today's Gospel, when we have the parable of the workers in the vineyard all being paid the exact same wage for a days work as for an hour's work in the evening – everyone who works at all is treated equally. Christ throws the parable out as a gentle lesson to everyone of any degree of faith. He speaks to those who work hard all their lives, to let them know they will be rewarded – for us that means that everyone who believes in God, who worships God daily, who performs works of goodness, charity and kindness often will be rewarded by God. But just because we're the dedicated ones we won't get any greater honour over any other believer or worker for God – everyone who lives the Christian life is equal and its not really for us to comment or grumble about anyone else. If God is happy to treat all His followers the same then we should follow His lead and encourage, support and welcome all people not just the few we think are the real holy ones. In all His life on earth Christ tried to prove that by everything He did. Think about it – He chose twelve ordinary men to be His closest allies, ordinary workers with no big skill or grace rather than the great people of the day – it worked out well. He turned no one away – the prostitutes, the tax collectors, the outcasts, the ones nobody else wanted – He gave them a chance and that worked out well too. For Christ everyone was the same and if they had faith, whether it be weak or strong, He loved them. Do we? In a world that makes such clamour for equality and rights it's odd that we all seem to harbour a very judgemental side where we choose to be the elite or sometimes choose to be the eternally downtrodden. And in either state we do the same thing but with different eyes - we look down on those we think don't live as well as us, don't believe as strongly as us or the same as us, don't do things our way or as good as we think we do it ourselves, we look for the failings rather than the successes, we look for the mistakes rather than the daily triumphs. It does nobody any good. If Christ were here walking among us He would treat them all the way we like to think He would treat us – with at least a national minimum love and that could make all the difference. The lesson for us is to try to do the same.

With best wishes for the week - Fr O'Neill

ROSARY: at Our Lady's Grotto every evening at 8.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 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 **10th October** and Saturday **24th October** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **11th October** in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown. To book please email the Parish Office at: coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk or telephone the Parish Office on Wednesday or Friday 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

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR SEPTEMBER: Eileen Devlin

SUNDAY READER: 20TH SEPTEMBER: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 27TH SEPTEMBER: Kieva Daly



This weekend Bishop Michael Router will be installed as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Derry, having served 7 years in the Archdiocese of Armagh as Auxiliary Bishop. In offering him our prayers and good wishes for a happy and fruitful ministry in Derry, we also thank him for his generosity of time to our Parish and Diocese, for his constant warmth and kindness and for the gentle, caring leadership and support he gave to us all as Bishop and as friend. Ad multos annos.

COLLECTION: Sunday 13th September: £4091.50

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: Patricia Shields; Oliver Hurlle; Solange Forge; Una O'Neill; Annie Michael; Margaret Hughes; Mary Devlin; Paddy Devlin; Declan Cullen; Fr Mark O'Hagan; Carmel Carberry

WEDDINGS 2027: All couples who plan to marry in **2027** 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 2027 please bring this to their notice as soon as possible. Many thanks.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: will begin on Sunday 4th October at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville and will continue for the four Sundays of October, consisting of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. All are most welcome to join the prayers as part of our traditional commemoration of the Marian month.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: will take place immediately after Devotions on Sunday 4th October. The Sacrament is for all those who are ill of body or mind and is part of your own private relationship with God. We will offer our prayers on that night for the sick of our Parish and those who are sick in any way that we ourselves know and love. Please feel welcome to come along and to invite those to whom you think this may be a strength or comfort to join us also.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK: we are very lucky to have a generous group of Eucharistic ministers and family members who take the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and elderly of our Parish on a weekly basis. Inevitably and sadly those who are visited change throughout the year but if you would like to arrange for a family member to take Holy Communion to an ill or elderly relative please contact the Sacristy at any time. If you have a parish pyx (blessed container to transport Holy Communion) which is no longer being used, could you please return it to the Sacristy so that others in need may also benefit from this ministry. Many thanks.

CONFIRMATION 2027: The Sacrament of Confirmation for the Parish will be celebrated on Thursday 22nd April 2027 at 5.00pm in Holy Family Church, Coalisland.

ANNUAL VENERABLE MATT TALBOT MASS SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026: in Lady of Lourdes Church Sean Mc Dermott Street Dublin at 3.00pm. Anyone wishing to travel is asked to contact Eugene O Hagan 02886736259. Bus leaving Armagh City Hotel at 10.30am and Newry 10.45am. Fare £25.00 (Bus) £35.00 Meal) Total £55.00 and this includes tea and evening meal in the Carrickdale Hotel Dundalk. Names to Mary Livingstone 07974629994 on or before 25th September 2026

AIR AMBULANCE NI CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: will take place at all Masses in the Parish next weekend, 26th and 27th September in memory of Paul McAliskey, a much-loved local pharmacist who helped so many throughout our community. Having already funded a community defibrillator for St Brigid's Church, Brocagh, all further proceeds will go in their entirety to support the work of Air Ambulance Northern Ireland. Many thanks for your generosity which will genuinely help to save lives.

ST JOSEPH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, DONAGHMORE: is proposing an exciting new two-storey school building and 3G pitch at our existing school site. The proposed development will provide modern kitchen and dining facilities, new library accommodation, additional classrooms, a dedicated sixth-form study space and a new 3G pitch. We would love to hear your views on these exciting plans for the future of our school. Have your say and find out more: **stjosephsdonaghmore-consultation.com**