



PRAYER TO OUR Guardian Angel

Angel sent by God to guide me,
be my light and walk beside me;
be my guardian and protect me;
on the paths of life direct me.

Amen.

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day (or night) be at my side,
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

Amen.

The Holy Guardian Angels
2nd October

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 **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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It's not what you know but who you know that counts are words we hear muttered so many times – when somebody seems to get good treatment, when somebody is let off the hook for something dodgy, when the outsider gets the advance or when we get the lucky break ourselves. Despite what we may say, we all know its wise and sensible to cultivate a good circle of friends who can help us in our moments of need and whom we are happy to help too. If it's true of life in general it's also true of our spiritual life because it's comforting to think that no matter how much we pray there's always somebody closer to God who is having that extra little word on our behalf. We all have our postcard saint that we have a particular fondness and devotion to, but during the month of October we're all reminded of our greatest friend in Heaven – Mary our Mother and the Mother of God. We all know that mothers are a special gift in life, those great forces who love us no matter what, who want to care for us, protect us and help us when they can, and that is what our Heavenly Mother does too. In October, we set aside time to offer Marian Devotion and, while an old tradition, it's a wonderful one too. No one on earth has ever been closer to God than she, she carried Him in her womb, gave birth to Him and raised Him as a child and man. She was there at the key moments of life from His first miracle to His last breath on the Cross. She was chosen as His mother for her beauty of soul, her goodness and her perfect love. She is the epitome of every mother, and with His dying words on the cross, Christ gave her to us as our mother too with those words "Son, this is your mother". In our prayers it's good to remember that it's who we know that counts too. We pray to God for so many things and flood Him with requests, but it's comforting to think that when our words have run dry Our Lady is constantly whispering those prayers to her Son to try to get us the help or answer that is right for us. But like all the right friends we have to build up a friendship and that only happens through prayer and through the greatest of Marian prayers – the Rosary. For one short month, why not join in this universal prayer and offer Mary the praise and gratitude she so rightly deserves. Prayer when it becomes a constant in life gives us comfort, peace and hope, it gives us a moment of quiet thought when our heart speaks the true petition while our mouths bring us closer to heaven. The Rosary is recited publicly 10 times a week in the Parish and during October I invite you all to join in this prayer at some stage. Whatever your need – hand it to Mary and trust her to know what is best, never doubt her love for you or that she pleads for you every day. With a friend like her in heaven every trouble can be slowly overcome or faced bravely because with her on our side we're never alone. The old Latin prayer says "*Totus tuus ego sum, et omnia mea tua sunt. Accipio te in mea omnia. Praebe mihi cor tuum, Maria.*" (I belong entirely to you, and all that I have is yours. I take you for my all. O Mary, give me your heart). This month let's pray it and try to mean it too.

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Monday 28th September - 7.30pm - Kathleen Telford

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 28th September - 7.30pm - Una O'Neill

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

MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 4th October - 11.00am - Mary Devlin

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR OCTOBER: Kelli Ann Bleeks

SUNDAY READER: 27TH SEPTEMBER: Kieva Daly

SUNDAY READER: 4TH OCTOBER: Martin Kennedy



**"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice,
here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word;
always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."**

St Therese of the Child Jesus - 1st October

COLLECTION: Sunday 20th September: £4133.60

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: Solange Forge; Una O'Neill; Annie Michael; Margaret Hughes; Mary Devlin; Paddy Devlin; Declan Cullen; Fr Mark O'Hagan; Carmel Carberry; James Hughes; Bertha Regan

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 next 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.

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.

AIR AMBULANCE NI CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: will take place at all Masses in the Parish this weekend, 26th and 27th September in memory of Paul McAliskey, a much-loved local pharmacist who helped so many throughout our community. All 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.

EVORA HOSPICE: Church Gate Collection for the local Hospice will be held after Masses on the 3rd/4th October. 2026 marks the 37th year of Evora Hospice Care (formerly Southern Area Hospice Services) and this year over **£4 million** must be raised to continue providing the specialist palliative care to patients and their families across Down, Armagh and Tyrone. In 2025, collections in parishes across the Southern Trust Area raised over **£37,358** for our Hospice and with your support again this year we hope to build on this amount. Thank you for your generosity.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN: latest rota for readers is posted in the Church porches. New readers are always welcome to join and if you are interested please leave your name to the Sacristy.

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE: a concert of spiritual music celebrating the spirit of Lourdes will take place in Armagh Cathedral on Friday 16th October at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £20pp and are available from your local Lourdes Committee.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND ULSTER RETREAT DAY: will take place at Benburb Priory on Saturday 3 October 2026 from 10am–6pm at Benburb. A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal with guest speakers. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: £45 Booking : www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats