



*Nativity of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
8th September*

PRAYER TO OUR Lady Queen of Peace

O Mary Immaculate, Queen of Peace,
during the bloody trials
that are rending the world
hear the cry of your children for peace.
Intercede with your Divine Son,
the Prince of Peace,
that He may bring an end to the wars
that fill the world with destruction and tears.
Obtain for us peace in truth,
in justice and in charity,
so that nations may work
and live together in harmony,
and the Church of God
may carry out her mission
to bring God's love to those in need.
Through Christ our Lord. 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:

Fr O'Neill (Brackaville): 02887740221	Canon Fee (Clonoe): 02887749184
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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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Ballyclog & Donagherry Parish Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th September 2026

Forgiveness can be a bitter pill to swallow because despite appearances, underneath the surface we're all quite sensitive souls and the harsh words or actions of others can cut us very deeply and can cause lifelong divisions and awkwardness unless we sort things out straight away. That's what today's Gospel encourages us all to do – sort out our problems with our neighbour in a mature, kindly and respectful way, because being part of a Christian community means that we're asked to copy the example of Christ and be forgiving to those who wrong us, supportive of those who struggle, encouraging to those in difficulty and always willing to help rather than hurt, to heal rather than damn. Of course, it's quite the challenge because our human nature is to wallow in our pain and hang on to the insult or offence at all costs. What good does that do though? Absolutely none. We all know that forgiveness doesn't automatically change the person we forgive but rather changes us and lets us walk tall and free in life, but despite that forgiveness gives people a solution in life, a direction to improve and a chance to maybe be a better person in the future despite their past. Our world is very quick to see the faults of others and to highlight their mistakes but not just as quick to offer answers or opportunities to help or improve. What a pity. If we were all judged only on our wrongs, we would all be damned, with forgiveness look at all the good we have and can do. Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on neighboring farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in a lifelong friendship, and everything fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding, grew into a major spat, exploded into a bitter row and then weeks of silence. One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work", he said. "Maybe you've something here I could help with?" "Yes", said the older brother. "I've the job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor. In fact, it's my younger brother! Last week there was meadow between us until he took his bulldozer to the river and now there's a creek between us instead. He's done it to spite me, but I'll do him one better. See that pile of wood by the barn? I want you to build me a fence, an 8-foot fence – so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore." The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and wood and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you." The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get all ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day – measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide; his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all! And the neighbour, his younger brother, was coming toward him, his hand outstretched. "You're quite a man to build this bridge after all I've said and done." The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you", said the older brother. "I'd love to stay on", the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build." Constructive solutions improve everything. It's what Christ asks for today and maybe it's something we could all apply.

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 **19th September** and Saturday **10th October** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **13th September** 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: Friday 11th September - 7.30pm - Frankie Conlon

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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

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR SEPTEMBER: Eileen Devlin

SUNDAY READER: 6TH SEPTEMBER: Kieva Daly

SUNDAY READER: 13TH SEPTEMBER: Eileen Devlin



“Seek God in all things
And you will find God by your side”

*St Peter Claver
10th September*

COLLECTION: Sunday 30th August: £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: Martina Dillon; Gerard McGuckin; Margaret Tomney; Sean Quinn; Kenny Devlin; Charlie McKillion; Connor Magee Campbell Francis McGurk; Ita O'Neill; Kevin Symington; Francie Talbot; Patricia Shields; Oliver Hurle; Solange Forge; Una O'Neill; Annie Michael; Margaret Hughes; Mary Devlin

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.

PARISH OFFICE: The opening days for the Parish Office have changed. The Office will now open on **Wednesday** and **Friday** of each week from 10.00am until 1.30pm to assist all those who wish to book Baptisms, weddings or arrange for Certificates etc.

DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD:

Anointing of the Sick: Sunday 4th October; Saturday 6th February; Sunday 2nd May

Annual Mass of Remembrance: Wednesday 4th November

Advent Day of Prayer and Reconciliation: Sunday 13th December

First Confessions: Week of 1st March

Lent Day of Prayer and Reconciliation: Sunday 14th March

First Holy Communion: Primate Dixon PS - Saturday 8th May

First Holy Communion: St Mary's PS - Saturday 15th May

Blessing of Graves, St Mary & St Joseph's Cemetery: Friday 11th June

Blessing of Graves, St Mary's Cemetery: Sunday 13th June

MARY'S MEALS: Many thanks to all those who contributed so generously to the Mary's meals Church Gate Collection on the weekend of 15th/16th August. The amount collected totalled £3501 which will make a huge difference to so many.

JOHN PAUL II AWARDS SCHEME: Any Year 13 or Year 14 students who hope to sign up for the John Paul II Awards Scheme with their school this year are invited to contact the Parish to take part in activities as either a Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Choir member or Volunteer with graveyard maintenance over the coming months to fulfil the requirements of the scheme. We have two Parish reps attached to the programme who will help facilitate all students.

FAREWELL TO BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER: A Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Wednesday, 9 September 2026 at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome. This Mass will give us all an opportunity to thank Bishop Router for his six years of generous service in the Archdiocese of Armagh and wish him well on his appointment as Bishop of Derry.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Curious about Catholicism? Or maybe you're feeling the call to renew your faith and step more deeply into the life of the Church? Our OCIA journey begins this September, a gentle, faith-filled space for anyone who: Wants to become a Catholic, return to the Church or deepen or rediscover or re-connect with their faith. It's a place to explore, ask questions, and discover what God might be stirring in your heart. Welcome Evening: Mid-September (Date to be confirmed) St Patrick's, Dungannon. To register your interest, simply drop us a message on Facebook or Instagram and we'll get back to you. Or contact Dungannon Parish Office: 028 8772 6893 or Email - info@parishofdungannon.com All are welcome.

CPC BOWLING CLUB: invite anyone who is interested in playing indoor bowls to join us every Thursday evening at 8pm from 3rd September at the Parochial Centre. Coaching will be provided. There is no age limit to membership and everyone is welcome.