



St Teresa of Avila
15th October

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila For Guidance in Life

Lord, grant that I may always
allow myself to be guided by You,
always follow Your plans,
and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will.
Grant that in all things, great and small,
today and all the days of my life,
I may do whatever You require of me.
Help me respond
to the slightest prompting of Your Grace,
so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument
for Your honour.
May Your Will be done
in time and in eternity by me,
in me, and through me.
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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th October 2026

The landing of a wedding invitation through the door can raise mixed emotions in most of us, some people absolutely love them and for others it's as bad as being sent to the gallows. But like them or loathe them weddings require effort and investment – we have to give up our time to be there, we have to dress the part and look the part, we have to offer some gift in recognition and anything short of that just doesn't cut the mustard, it let's ourselves down and it shows a hint of disrespect to the happy couple. In today's Gospel Christ uses the analogy of the Kingdom of Heaven, the Christian faith being like a wedding feast – everyone is invited and it's free choice to accept our place at the feast, but if we accept, we have to play our part and take on the lifestyle of a happy guest. We all know that the offer to follow Christ in life is laid open to everyone, some accept and some reject. That in itself opens up a debate, for if you accept on your own behalf, in my opinion, you choose wisely – you take on the responsibility of living a Christian life – a life of kindness and charity, of care and of forgiveness, of prayer and worship, of trust and hope – and it can only make you a better person here if lived well and can lead you to Heaven if lived always. Sometimes we get it wrong and mess it up, but it's the dedication that counts. Some choose to reject God for themselves – but why? If you make that choice after genuine reflection and sustained thought then it is your genuine decision, but if it's simply from a 'couldn't be bothered' approach it's a bit sad that such a wonderful reward is just thrown away like waste. Your choice impacts others though – those who choose to make God a genuine part of life, hand that choice onto their children and give them the ability to choose to make God part of their life too. At times every generation will wander away, but with a root core of faith learned and lived at home, they can always and will return to God. But a life empty of God, faith and prayer deprives a generation of the choice to make God part of their life. We can only truly choose and commit to anything when we have experience of it. It's sad that in the great clamour of noise for rights in the world that the right to faith can be so subtly but so finally taken away without a thought or a murmur. That's where we come in. As devout Christians, as guests at the Feast of heaven, we're all asked to let our faith be seen in the world and in our lives. We think it woefully cruel that the one guest who turned up at the Gospel story in his rags was thrown out, but that little line means a lot. It means that if we follow Christ we take on all the robes, the rights and the duties of a Christian – we try our best to live a good life, a life that tries to do all the things Christ asks of us – to love, to help and care, to never give up on people, to sacrifice ourselves for a better world here and a perfect world in the future. Your life is the closest some people come to seeing God or hearing God in this world. Never underestimate the importance of what you say and do. If you accept God's invitation to follow Him – do it with all your heart, show people what you believe and help one more person make that same choice and just say yes to God 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 **24th October** and Saturday **14th November** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **15th November** 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

MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 18th October - 9.30am - Fr Mark O'Hagan

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday : 10.00am

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Monday 12th October - 7.30pm - Eileen McGirr

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: Sunday 6.00pm

ANointing OF THE SICK: Sunday 4th October - 6.30pm

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sunday 18th October - 11.00am - Teresa Coyle

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR OCTOBER: Kelli Ann Bleeks

SUNDAY READER: 11TH OCTOBER: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 18TH OCTOBER: Kieva Daly



"In the light of heaven, the worst suffering on earth will be seen to be no more serious than one night in an inconvenient hotel"

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COLLECTION: Sunday 4th October: £4098.00

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: Paddy Devlin; Declan Cullen; Fr Mark O'Hagan; Carmel Carberry; James Hughes; Bertha Regan; Rosaleen Brothers; Gwyn Roberts; Kathleen Corr; Melanie Campbell; Marie Corey

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 continue this Sunday, 11th 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.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK: If you have a Pyx (blessed container to transport Holy Communion) belonging to the Parish which is no longer being used, could you please return it to the Sacristy as soon as possible so that other families can now make use of it for their loved ones. Many thanks.

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.

KRAFTY KIDZ Out of School Annual General Meeting in Parochial Centre on Monday 19th of October 2026 at 5.30pm. Everyone welcome.

ARDEE PARISH: will host a Month's Mind Mass for Fr Mark O'Hagan on Saturday 17th October at 6.30pm in the Church of the Nativity of Our lady. Everyone welcome.

TRÓCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2026: Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we'd love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD: Anyone interested in joining a discernment group to consider aspects of the Diocesan Priesthood are invited to contact Fr Barry Matthews, Armagh Archdiocese Vocations Director at the following links armaghpriest@gmail.com or visit www.armaghpriest.com. Please encourage anyone who you know to contact Fr Barry for a confidential chat about where they feel God is calling them to.

EVORA (SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE) CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: a sincere word of thanks to all who contributed so generously to last week's collection. The amount donated came to a total of £4227.24 & €26.00 which will make a huge difference in ensuring the dignified care of those in the final stages of life.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Diocesan Adoration Lay Committees in Armagh are being renewed, expanded and consolidated in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes. You are welcome to attend an Information meeting about how these developments are being planned. Our local area meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd Oct in Armagh City Hotel at 8.00pm. If you would be interested in going, please contact the Sacristy for registration details.