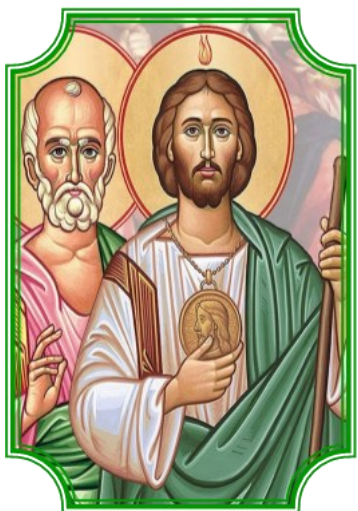




Ss Simon & Jude
28th October

Prayer to Ss Simon and Jude

O God,
we thank Thee for the
glorious company of the Apostles,
and especially for Saints Simon and Jude;
we pray that, as they were faithful
and zealous in their mission,
so we may with ardent devotion
make known the love and mercy
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with Thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. 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

Fr McCallion (Brocagh): 02887738381

Fr Tremer (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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Ballyclog & Donaghery Parish Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th October 2026

In her book, *The Whisper Test*, Mary Ann Bird shares a story of the happiest moment in her life. She was born with a cleft palate. When she started school her classmates let her know that she was different: a little girl with a misshapen lip, crooked nose, lopsided teeth, and garbled speech. If they asked what happened to her lip, she told them she fell and cut it on a piece of glass. For her, it was easier to say that she'd been injured rather than being born different. Along the way Mary Ann became convinced that no one outside her family could love her. However, when she got to our P3 she was assigned to a teacher, Mrs. Leonard, who was happy and sparkly, the teacher everyone loved. Every year in school the students were required to take a hearing test. When the day came for Mary Ann to take hers, she was supposed to stand at a distance, cover one ear, and listen closely for something the teacher would whisper to her so she could repeat it back. Usually the teacher would say something like "The sky is blue," or "What color are your shoes?", but that day Mrs. Leonard spoke seven words that changed a little girl's life when she whispered, "I wish you were my little girl." At that moment she knew she was loved just as she was, and her life was changed. Love can do that. When you know that someone loves you just as you are and demonstrates it in their words and actions, it can change and transform your life. Today Christ tells us all to love God and to love our neighbour. Most of us can take for granted the gift it is to be loved by somebody else in life and we can just assume that everybody knows that feeling for themselves, so we ask what's the fuss and why keep talking about it? But deep down we all know our lives would be so different and so difficult if we didn't have those people who just by loving let us know that we are good enough as we are, that even though we don't get it all right all the time we still bring something unique to life and to the world by being ourselves. How awful is it to think that some people don't have that feeling, that because of the absence of love genuinely shown to them in life they feel totally alone and maybe even irrelevant. The love we can show need only be a simple thing - time, a chat, a smile, an encouragement but through it some other soul might have the happiest moment they've had for years because of what you say or do. When people feel unloved all the potential they have can be just locked away, but with someone who loves them and believes in them they could bring so much to the world. Do you help that happen in your life? How much better would the world be for everyone if we tried? That's why it is the greatest of all commandments - because love is the gift of God, the thing that brings the greatest and the only lasting happiness to life. Your love is your greatest gift to give, always be generous with it.

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 **14th November** and Saturday **28th 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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 24th October - 6.00pm - Malachy Whitmore

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday : 10.00am

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 30th October - 7.30pm - Rosaleen Brothers

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: Sunday 6.00pm

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 OCTOBER: Kelli Ann Bleeks

SUNDAY READER: 25TH OCTOBER: Eileen Devlin

SUNDAY READER: 1ST NOVEMBER: 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 thing right
And doing it all for love**

St Therese of Lisieux

COLLECTION: Sunday 18th October: £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: Rosaleen Brothers; Gwyn Roberts; Kathleen Corr; Melanie Campbell; Marie Corey; Liam Hughes; Dessie Devlin; Teresa O'Neill; Viktoras Saluchinas; Vinny Rafferty

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 conclude this Sunday, 25th October at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville, consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. All are welcome to join in these prayers.

REMEMBRANCE MASS: for all those who have died in the parish since 1st November 2025 will be celebrated in the Church of the Holy Family on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm. All families bereaved within the last year will be invited but everyone is welcome to join for this Mass which concludes the annual Novena of Masses offered for all on our Parish List of the Dead.

PARISH DEAD LISTS: are available in the Church Porches and can be returned to the Churches at any time where they will remain before the Altar to be included in our daily prayers during November. All those whose names are recorded on the Dead List will be prayed for in a Novena of Masses beginning on 27th October and concluding with the Remembrance Mass on 4th November.

REMEMBRANCE BOARD: has been erected in Holy Family Church bearing the names of all those who have died in the Parish since 1st November 2025. Families are invited to place a memoriam card or image of their departed loved ones on this board as we all keep them in our prayers during the coming month.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DECEASED MEMBERS MASS: will be celebrated in the Ozanam Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd November.

NA FIANNA GFC DECEASED MEMBERS MASS: will be celebrated on Saturday 14th November at 6.00pm in the Church of the Holy Family.

STEWARTSTOWN HARPS GFC DECEASED MEMBERS MASS: will be celebrated in St Mary's Church at 11.00am on Sunday 15th November.

BRACKAVILLE OWEN ROE'S GFC DECEASED MEMBERS MASS: will be celebrated in St Mary & St Joseph's Church at 7.30pm on Monday 16th November.

ORDER OF MALTA DECEASED MEMBERS MASS: will be celebrated in St Mary & St Joseph's Church at 11.30am on Saturday 21st November

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.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL WORKSHOP: will take place on Thursday 29th October at 7.00pm in the order of Malta Hall, Coalisland. All materials will be provided along with refreshments. The workshop costs £40 per person and can be booked through Yvonne on 07833755438.