



**St John Henry
Cardinal Newman**

9th October

The Mission of my Life

God has created me to do Him some definite service.

He has committed some work to me
which He has not committed to another. I

have my mission. I may never know it in this life,
but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I

shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place,

while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am,

I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him,

in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.

If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.

He may take away my friends.

He may throw me among strangers.

He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink,
hide my future from me.

Still, He knows what He is about. 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:

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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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th October 2026

Today's Gospel sees Christ try to remind us all of the duty God has given us all to use the talents, time and opportunities we have to build the Kingdom of God in the world, to do the work of God with what He has given us and to always try to avoid being selfish and stingy with His blessings, to avoid being mean with our time and goodness and to never get to the stage where we cut Him out of life in general and our lives in particular. The parable of the vineyard sees all the workers try to make themselves Lord and owner and sweep God aside because they've gotten to where they're happy. The last line is the punchline – if we don't want to do the work and earn the rewards then God will let us do our own thing and will instead just find someone else to do the work and earn the rewards that could be ours. It's a gentle reminder that every good work comes from God, is completed because of the blessings God has given us, and leads us and others to be with God forever. The day we see ourselves as bosses rather than servants, as gods rather than followers of God, we've lost the essence of our faith and our works aren't the simple, selfless love of God come alive in the world through us. Once at a Church meeting a wealthy member of the church rose to tell everyone there about his Christian Faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute my wealth to the blessings of God in my life." He went on to tell about the turning point in his relationship with God. As a young man, he had just earned his first pound, and he went to a Church meeting that night. The speaker that night was a missionary who told about his work in the mission field. Before the collection plate was passed around, the preacher told everyone that everything that was collected that night would be given to this missionary to help fund his work on behalf of the Church. The wealthy man wanted to give to support mission work, but he knew he couldn't take any change back from the plate. He knew he either had to give all he had or nothing at all. At that moment, he decided to give all that he had to God. Looking back, he said he knew that God had blessed that decision and had made him wealthy. When he finished, there was silence in the room. As he returned to the pew and sat down, an elderly lady seated behind him leaned forward and said, "I dare you to do it again!" -- When we start out in life, it's easy to remember that the gifts and opportunities that come our way are from God. But something happens along the way. We forget the Owner. We don't take the risk. We get comfortable. We come to think of the vineyard and everything it produces as something we own. Don't let that happen to you. Everything has its proper place in God's kingdom – He is God and we are His servants. He gives us the blessings and we hand them around as we live our lives. He is a quiet but almighty force of hope, comfort and strength in life and we are the quiet workers who make that hope come alive and give that strength where it's needed. God has given us all we need to be true and genuine Christians, it's up to us to make sure we use what He has given us in the way He wants – generously, daily, with an eye to build up the world rather than rule the world. Remember everything you do and are comes from God as your gift and that your thank you is your life of faith and service wherever and whatever you are.

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

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: Sunday 6.00pm

ANOIDTING 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

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: 4TH OCTOBER: Martin Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 11TH OCTOBER: Catriona McErlean

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us.

Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God;

even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery.

One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart,

be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace,

and then God will do the rest."

St Faustina Kowalska - 5th October



COLLECTION: Sunday 27th September: £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: Annie Michael; Margaret Hughes; Mary Devlin; Paddy Devlin; Declan Cullen; Fr Mark O'Hagan; Carmel Carberry; James Hughes; Bertha Regan; Rosaleen Brothers

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 this 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 ANOIDTING 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.

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.

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.

WEEKDAY MASS TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER: will move to Holy Family Church at the usual 10.00am time, to allow for St Joseph's College to join in the celebration. This is subject to change in the event of a funeral.

ANNUAL PARISH REMEMBRANCE MASS: will be celebrated on Wednesday 4th October for all those who have died in the Parish since 1st November 2025.

AIR AMBULANCE CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: a huge word of thanks to everyone who donated so generously to this fantastic cause. The total amount collected in the Parish was **£3738.14** and will be help provide life saving treatment to someone who truly needs it. Donations can still be left to the Sacristy at any time. Thank you all.