

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
21st November

Prayer for the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mother Mary,
you who from tender age
consecrated yourself to the Most High,
accepting in your freedom
to serve him fully as an immaculate temple,
you who trusting in your holy parents,
Saint Joachim and Saint Anne,
responded with loving obedience
to the call of God the Father,
you who from that very moment
when your parents presented you in the Temple
perceived within you
the profound design of God's Love;
teach us, good Mother,
to be brave followers of your Son,
announcing him in each moment of our lives
through a generous and firm response to God's plan.
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
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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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Some Gospels give us a wonderful insight into all that Christ gives us - encouragement, forgiveness, interest, justice and love, and sometimes we get one that seems a tad harsh of itself, where we could look and say well that wasn't very fair. Today's Gospel is one of those where we hear of the three servants given talents by their Master and told to use them well. Two did and were praised and hailed as wonderful chaps, one didn't because he said he was afraid to waste it so just kept it buried to hand back one day. He was disowned and thrown out because he made nothing of what he had, because he wasted his chance. Is it harsh? – not really, unless we look at it with the weird goggles of the 21st Century that claims reward as a right rather than something earned. Christ is quite clear and fair though – everyone is given some talent as their tool to use in the service of God, mankind and the world. Those who use them well will be given more to do because they are loving, loyal and capable, those who waste their talents, are lazy in their lives and their gifts will be rewarded with absolutely nothing. In short – God has given you something to use well and wisely so prove your devotion to God and others by just getting on with it. Of course, that brings up the inevitable problem – what if it doesn't work out when we try to do something? The greatest thing that holds any of us back in life is fear – especially fear of failure. But we all know that success doesn't come about without risk, sometimes we just must try in life and if it doesn't' work out, get up and go again. When we were small and learning to ride our bikes, we all had the comfort of stabilisers for a while – the guarantee we would never fall unless we were beyond awkward. At a certain point the stabilisers were removed, and we had to take the risk that the bike would stay standing. It only did when we learned the wit to pedal, and just get going. In life we all have some talent that is God given – we could be listeners, thinkers, teachers, helpers, carers, talkers, inventors, managers, inspirers or doers. We all have endless opportunities to use our gifts and lives to bring about a bit of hope or happiness – never be afraid to try. If you fail, it's like falling of the bike – get up and go again. If one thing doesn't work then try something else. If you're too busy, try to make a little time. If you're too down in the dumps to try – getting out and doing something good might just help. If you're one who won't try for fear of laughter or ridicule – why do you care about those who would say something bad? If nothing has worked for you in the past remember the next try could be the one that pays the reward. Christ doesn't expect miracles from any of us, but He does expect we all use our lives and time and gifts not for selfish glory and comfort but for His glory and the good of His world. Is it really that much to expect? Think of who you are, what you're good at, where you find yourself and who you find yourself in the middle of and every day try to do one thing that makes a difference. Whatever you gift in life is, it's been given to you for a reason – use it well and wisely, use it often and generously, use it and never waste 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 **28th November** and Saturday **12th December** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **13th December** 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: Saturday 14th November - 6.00pm - Voktoras Saluchinas
NA FIANNA GFC: Deceased Members Mass: Saturday 14th November - 6.00pm

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday - Friday : 10.00am
OWEN ROE'S GFC: Deceased Members Mass: Monday 16th November - 7.30pm
FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Friday 20th November - 7.30pm - Marie Brady
ORDER OF MALTA: Deceased Members Mass: Saturday 21st November - 11.30am
EUCHARISTIC 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
STEWARTSTOWN HARPS GFC: Deceased Members Mass: Sun 15th Nov - 11.00am
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm
CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER: Ann Campbell
SUNDAY READER: 15TH NOVEMBER: Kieva Daly
SUNDAY READER: 22ND NOVEMBER: Eileen Devlin

"The world is thy ship and not thy home…
We shall find those again whom we have loved on earth"

St Thérèse of Lisieux

COLLECTION: Sunday 8th November: £4042.00

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: Teresa O'Neill; Vinny Rafferty; Paul Mulgrew; Bernie Kerr; Joseph O'Neill; Noel Quinn; Joe McVeigh; Norah Robinson

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 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 DEAD LISTS: are available in the Church Porches and can be returned to the Churches at any time during this month and throughout the year.

KNOCK SHRINE: All-night vigil in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will take place on Monday 7th December. Coach £30. Contact Gabrielle 07933 521105 or Catherina 07899 810181

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS: are now available in all the Church Sacristies. As always, all Christmas Masses will be offered for these intentions and all donations will go towards the Sick and Retired Priests Fund for our Diocese.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, 28th/29th November and will continue throughout the Advent Season. All donations stay within the Parish to help those most in need among our own. More details of how to donate will be published nearer the time.

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.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER: will be celebrated on Sunday 13th December in St Mary and St Joseph's Church. The day will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00am until 6.30pm. Confessions will be available from 2.30pm (ish) until 5.45pm. The rosary will be recited at 6.00pm and the day will conclude with Benediction at 6.30pm. It gives us an opportunity to step out of the inevitable frantic Christmas rush that will be in full flight from this weekend and to take a few moments of peace and quiet to reflect on the true beauty of Christmas and the many graces and blessings God has given us.

IRISH MASS: The next Irish Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, on the third Saturday of this month, 21ST November at 4.00pm. All welcome: Irish speakers and those interested in learning Irish.

ANAM CARA: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Road, Armagh

ARMAGH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE HOSPITALITE: invite you to join with them for their Annual Mass of Remembrance for deceased volunteers and their families on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Dungannon.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION: Annual Presentation and Supper night Ryandale Moy 20 November 2026 @ 8pm. Cost £15 payable at the door.