

Our Lord Jesus Christ
Universal King

## Prayer of Blessing of St Columbanus

Lord, may everything we do this day
begin with Your blessing
and continue with Your help.
May everything we say this day
begin with Your love
and continue with Your grace.
May everything we plan this day
begin with Your inspiration
and continue with Your peace.
So that throughout our lives
all that we begin in You
may by You be happily ended,
and all that we seek through You
may be lovingly attended. Amen

*Feast day 23rd November*

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.

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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 & Donaghenry Parish Bulletin

Christ the Universal King 22nd November 2026

The Gospel of the Last Judgement is one that always sends a little rattle down our spines because only the hardest of hearts would hear the terms of Christ's judgements and not realise that they've failed at some stage along the way. It can be seen as a negative Gospel surely, and that's because we listen to it with ears fed by conscience, but in reality it's a wonderfully positive Gospel as all it tries to do is inspire us to see in every meeting and every thing we do an opportunity to do what God Himself would do in our shoes – comfort, care, help, console, cheer, lift up and just be there for people when they need a friend. The criteria for salvation aren't really that difficult. At times we'll all slip up and walk on or turn our head, but we always get another chance to turn the balance and do what counts. And what better time than at Christmas. A month from now we'll all be cock-a-hoop at the thought of the big day and hopefully we'll celebrate with feasting and gifting and happy time spent with our dearest. It's a wonderful time of year. Of course, we're not naive enough to think that it's quite so wonderful for everybody. That's where we're all invited to roll in and satisfy some of the demands of the Last Judgement. The start of Advent every year marks the launch of the annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal in the Parish, and this year it's probably needed more than ever as the cost of literally everything spirals out of control. Locally we all know there are families that struggle to stay warm let alone stay comfortable, who struggle to feed their families a proper meal, who struggle to give a gift to a child or to build those happy memories that carry us through the darker moments of life. It's not for us to comment on why, but rather for us who have a little comfort to be grateful for what we have and to try to share our blessings. **Next weekend of 28th and 29th November, on the First Sunday of Advent there will be a second collection at all Masses to help us all make a difference.** This is the only second collection we ever hold throughout the year. All the proceeds of those collections go to the St Vincent de Paul locally and are distributed to help those most in need here in our own areas. Any little bit that you can spare will make a huge difference to the lives of others and is hugely appreciated. You can also donate to the St Vincent De Paul at any time during Advent too. None of us can solve the problems of the world, but if we did enough to solve one little problem for one person or family, how much happier would our Christmas be in that knowledge and somebody else might even have a Christmas to enjoy. The Gospel says "in so far as you did this to one of the least of these you did it to me". Kindness always counts and care always turns lives round, and as Christians it's the one thing we're all asked to do. In a world that sometimes runs so quick and is blind to so many, why not try to change that and put a little heart and soul back into life. If you can help the hungry, the stranger, the sick or lonely or those with nothing what better thing could you ever do. It's the secret of today's Gospel – everything counts, and it's the true secret of life that is shown better at Christmas than any other time. Let's all try to do something good for someone else this Advent.

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,** Saturday **12th December** and Saturday **8th January** 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
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Sunday 29th November - 9.30am - Brian O'Neill
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Sunday 29th November - 9.30am - Grainne Carberry

## ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Monday evenings at 7.30pm
**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday - Friday : 10.00am
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Monday 23rd November - 7.30pm - Bridget Dillon
**MONTH'S MIND:** Monday 23rd November - 7.30pm - Bernie Kerr
**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
**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Monday - 10.00am - 6.00pm
**CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER:** Ann Campbell
**SUNDAY READER: 15TH NOVEMBER:** Kieva Daly
**SUNDAY READER: 22ND NOVEMBER:** Eileen Devlin



**"Knowledge without wisdom is a dangerous thing."**

St Catherine of Alexandria
25th November

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 15th November: £4217.00

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: Paul Mulgrew; Bernie Kerr; Joseph O'Neill; Noel Quinn; Joe McVeigh; Norah Robinson; Seamus Gallagher, Benny McGuigan

**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.**

**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 next weekend, the 28th/29th November (the First Sunday of Advent. **A second collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend to help those struggling most in our own community**. We are all aware that so many people face difficulties in our parish from financial constraints and worries, the ever increasing cost of living and the added pressures that Christmas brings to most families. Everything given to the St Vincent de Paul locally remains within the Parish to help those of our own who are most in need, while still giving them their dignity and privacy. It is the most noble of Christian virtues to show help to our brothers and sisters and what you give this year, no matter how big or small could make the greatest difference to someone else at Christmas. It means a family could have a Christmas dinner, a child could have a toy or two to open on Christmas Day or a soul could have heat. In it all they all could have hope. Last year's collections were exceptional and thank you once more for your generosity. If you can do anything to extend that generosity for another year thank you yet again.

**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.

**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.

**GATHERED VOICES** present 'Stepping In...Sounding Through', a time to come together, in thought and song, to reflect on what is now, and what might yet be. Friday, 27th November 7:30pm at Pomeroy Forest Park Centre. Tickets available online at pomeroyforestpark.ticketsolve.com

**SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER:** Pupils and staff of St Joseph's Grammar School together with St Patrick's Primary and Donaghmore Primary schools will be hosting a Senior Citizens Dinner Party on Sunday 13 December at 12.30pm to officially launch our "Growing Connections" event funded through Peace Plus Change Maker Project. This is a complimentary event. If you would like to join us for an afternoon of Christmas lunch, music and much more, please contact the school office on 028 8776 1227 by Monday 7 December 2026. Transport will be available on request. All welcome.