

Prayer for the Faithfully Departed

Heavenly Father,
in faith we entrust
our beloved brothers and sisters who have died
to You who created them and them gave to us.
May they return to You
who formed them from this earth.
May Mary, the angels and all the saints
come to meet them
as they go forth from this world.
May Christ who was crucified for us
bring them freedom and peace.
May Christ, the Son of God, who died for us
take them into His kingdom.
May Christ, the Good Shepherd
give them a place with his flock.
May He forgive their weaknesses
and keep them among His people.
May they see our Redeemer face to face
and bask in the light of God forever. 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
Fr McCallion (Brocagh): 02887738381
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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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There's something so wonderful about having a little nap when you can. The Europeans love it and on the continent life just stops for a while every afternoon to give people a break from work, from the heat and from routine. How wise are the Europeans. Here we all know the siesta was never part of life, and the closest most of us come is that moment where we nod off at the desk in work or school, or heaven forfend – even in the Chapel. The dread moment isn't falling asleep for a few minutes, it's being caught falling asleep. Human nature kicks into overdrive if it ever happens and we scramble for excuses to get ourselves out of the mess and muddle. If we had the cheek and the nerve we would try any excuse:

1. I wasn't sleeping. I was conducting a thorough examination of my eyelids' ability to block out light. You'll be pleased to know they passed with flying colours."
2. "Actually, I was meditating. It's a technique to increase productivity by clearing the mind."
3. "I was just counting the ceiling tiles. Did you know there are 58? Now we do."
4. "I was actually practising fatigue management techniques. It's a proactive approach to ensure I'm always at my best when needed."
5. If all else fails, blame climate change. After all, it's responsible for every other catastrophe these days, so why not your unexpected nap? "It was the heatwave, sir. The office temperature went up by a degree, and my body mistook it for bedtime."

And the one that might just work if you get caught sleeping at your desk, open your eyes slowly, smile angelically and just say Amen."

It's a daft list but it shows us the cunning we all have when it comes to thinking up excuses. In today's Gospel 5 bridesmaids stayed awake and five fell asleep. The groom came and five were ready with lamps lit to greet him and five had run out of oil. All knew their job, all knew the time was coming when the groom would arrive, but only some were ready. No excuses saved the day because they all equally knew what their job was. As Christians we know our job is simple – to believe, to worship, to love God and other and that's it. We can make up endless excuses to justify when we don't do our Christian job – it was the wrong time to pray, it was the wrong day to help, it was the wrong person to forgive, it was the wrong people to stand up in the middle of. Sadly we might fool ourselves but we can't fool God. Our Christian life is in our own sole control. One day we'll meet God and go through our lives with Him and that can only be a good day if we constantly try our best to be the best we can - everywhere with everyone. Rather than make excuses here for what we don't' do or when we don't do what we know God wants and expects, why not just do what is Christian, good and Godly whenever you get the chance and then when our day or hour comes, we will be ready to meet Him.

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: Sunday 8th November - 9.30am - Maureen McCormack
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
MONTH'S MIND: Monday 9th November - 7.30pm - Marie Corey
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MONTH'S MIND: Monday 9th November - 7.30pm - Dessie Devlin
FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Wednesday 11th November - 10.00am - Ellen Ward
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday: 10.30 am - 6.30pm
ROSARY: Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am; Wednesday: 6.00pm

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: 8TH NOVEMBER: Catriona McErlean
SUNDAY READER: 15TH NOVEMBER: Kieva Daly

"As we grow older and realise more clearly
the limitations of human happiness,
we come to see that the only real and abiding pleasure in life
is to give pleasure to other people"

P.G. Wodehouse

COLLECTION: Sunday 1st November: £4098.70

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: Melanie Campbell; Marie Corey; Liam Hughes; Dessie Devlin; Teresa O'Neill; Viktoras Saluchinas; Vinny Rafferty; Paul Mulgrew; Bernie Kerr; Joseph O'Neill; Noel Quinn

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.

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.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASSES:

NA FIANNA GFC DECEASED MEMBERS: Saturday 14th November at 6.00pm.
STEWARTSTOWN HARPS GFC DECEASED MEMBERS: 11.00am on Sun 15th Nov.
BRACKAVILLE OWEN ROE'S GFC DECEASED MEMBERS: 7.30pm on Mon 16th Nov.
ORDER OF MALTA DECEASED MEMBERS MASS: St Mary & St Joseph's Church at 11.30am on Saturday 21st November

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.