

St Francis of Assisi 4th October

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. 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 Dean Donaghy (Dungannon): 02887722775 Canon Fee (Clonoe): 02887749184 Fr Tremer (Moortown): 02886737236 Fr McCamley (Dungannon): 02887722631

<u>Parish Office is</u> open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am until 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other Bookings.

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Ballyclog & Donaghenry Parish Bullecin 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th September 2024

This week we celebrate two very happy days in the Diocese as this weekend Rev Brian McNally will be ordained to the priesthood in St Patrick's Cathedral. Armagh and then on Friday evening Fr John McCallion will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood. Warmest congratulations to them both. For Rev Brian, his ordination on Sunday comes at the end of a long time of study, discernment and preparation, and every priest remembers the mix of nerves, excitement and happiness that fills an ordination day. From Sunday he will be sent out to serve the people of this diocese in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, to bring hope and comfort, to bring strength and courage, to bring love and mercy to all those who need it, he will be asked to administer the Sacraments and to offer the Mass for the good of God's people and for their salvation. It is a sacred task entrusted to him and yet one which can bring so much joy to him as he sees faith grow in a tiny piece of the world through the work of God in his life. May God bless him with a sprit of love in all he does and with a character of true service in his life and may his ministry be a blessing from God to all that he meets. Fr McCallion is a longstanding and wellknown friend of our Parish and has always been so willing to help us all in any need. On Friday evening the people of Clonoe and the surrounding area will mark the 25 years he has given to God and God's people and offer thanks for his work and his time among us all. Like everyone, I imagine those 25 years have disappeared in a blink for Fr McCallion, but in those years he has offered countless good works in his ministry, he has offered the Mass piously and faithfully, he has tended to the sick, welcomed the new born, forgiven the troubled, strengthened the weary and has just been there when people needed him and God to help in life. It is a reason to be thankful that God continues to give his people the ministers they need and we pray only health and happiness as Fr John continues his work. In the Ordination rite there are so many different little things that happen – the ordinand is anointed with the oil of Chrism; hands are placed on his head as prayers are offered and the direct line of blessing from Christ to this man continues in an unbroken chain from the moment Christ sent the disciples out to the world. But a few words are uttered "May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfilment". Those words remind us that every priest, like every person, isn't perfect but always strives to be only through the help of God and the prayers of people. It is the great comfort that even though we may all at times struggles and fall, with the help of God we can all still make such a positive difference with our lives, often in ways we will never know. This weekend I invite you all to offer a prayer for Rev Brian and Fr John that God will always give them the graces they need and that through them and their work we may all grow in faith and through that faith that God's work and ways will always bless this world.

With best wishes for the week – Fr O'Neill

ROSARY: at Our Lady's Grotto every evening at 8.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Weds - 3 pm & 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 12th & 28th October in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 13th 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 Tuesday/ Wednesday mornings.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, COALISLAND

WEEKEND MASS: Vigil Mass - 6.00pm; Sunday Mass - 9.30am WEEKDAY MASS: Friday - 10.00am MONTH'S MIND: Saturday 28th September - 6.00pm - Pat O'Neill DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Fridays - 10.30am

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 10.00am EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday - 10.30am - 6.30pm ROSARY: Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am, Wednesday - 6.00pm DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesdays - 3.00pm CONFESSIONS: on request after weekday Mass or before Wednesday rosary.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 10.00am - 7.00pm MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 29th September - 11.00am - Margaret Devlin CLEANING FOR OCTOBER: Kelli Ann Bleeks SUNDAY READER: 5TH OCTOBER: Catriona McErlean

"You know well that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them." St Therese of Lisieux - 1st October

COLLECTION: Sunday 22nd September: £4007.00

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 those who have died recently; Paul Montague; Peggy James, Cathy Doris; Baby Olivia Grace O'Neill; Peter Duffin; Noreen McNally; Kathleen McNeice

WEDDINGS 2024/2025: All couples who plan to marry in **2024/2025** 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 anyone you know is hoping to marry in 2024/5 please bring this to their notice. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS PAPERWORK BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE NO UNNECESSARY DELAYS TO ANY PLANNED WEDDING CELEBRATIONS.

<u>MASS OF THANKSGIVING</u>: Fr Brian McNally, who spent so much of his childhood here in Coalisland, growing up in Newtownkelly, will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Family Church next Saturday evening, 6th October at 6.00pm, and will bestow first blessings after Mass for all who would like to receive them.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: will begin next Sunday, 6th October at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville and will continue for the 4 Sundays of the month, consisting of Rosary and Benediction. All welcome.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: will be available for all who wish to receive it immediately after Devotions on Sunday 6th October and 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.

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION: will host a Mass during October to remember deceased members and to award silver, gold and diamond pins to longstanding members. If you qualify for and would like to receive a pin you are asked to give your details to any member of the Pioneer Committee over the coming weeks.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE: will visit Ireland for the first time ever this year and will be welcomed in Pilgrimage in every Diocese in the country. The relics will visit St Patrick's cathedral, Armagh on **Saturday 19th October** and will move to St Patrick's Church, Dundalk the following day. Details of the schedule for this visit can be found below but please do take this opportunity to visit the Cathedral and venerate the relics of this humble but inspiring saint, who's mission was only ever to present the beauty of God and of the Blessed Mother to us all so that we may grow in faith and trust in God's guiding goodness in our lives.

- **10.00am:** Relics arrive at Cathedral for Mass and Solemn Veneration
- 12.00pm 4.00pm:Confessions available
- 1.00pm 5.00pm: Rosary on the hour
- 6.00pm: Angelus & Rosary followed by Mass at 6.30pm
- 8.00pm: Torchlight Procession around Cathedral grounds
- **9.00pm:** Benediction
- 10.00pm 12.00am: Solemn Veneration

WORLD DAY OF THE ROSARY, 7TH OCTOBER: at the request of Pope Francis the Catholic world has been asked to pause to pray the rosary at 7.00pm on Monday 7th October. In honour of his request the Rosary will be prayed in St Mary & St Joseph's Church at 7pm on that night to join with the world in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025 and to pray also for peace at this fragile time. All are invited and welcome to join.