



## Prayer to St Bernadette

O Saint Bernadette,  
who as a meek and pure child,  
did eighteen times at Lourdes  
contemplate the beauty  
of the Immaculate Mother of God  
and received her messages,  
and who afterwards wished to hide yourself  
from the world in the convent of Nevers,  
and to offer thyself there  
for the conversion of sinners,  
obtain for us the grace of  
purity, simplicity and mortification  
that we also may attain to the vision of God  
and of Mary in Heaven. 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 Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am until 2pm to arrange for Baptisms, Certificates, Anniversaries and all other Bookings.

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# Ballyclog & Donaghenny

## Parish Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th October 2024

**B**ernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age. There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked scepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig. According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was. Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862. During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933. This weekend her relics visit St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh and offer us all an opportunity to venerate this saint who has brought so much hope to so many, who gave the example of genuine devotion and holiness, who gave the lesson that the humblest soul can be one of God's greatest workers, and who taught that all sufferings and trials can be overcome with God on our side. In the final apparition Our Lady told her "I cannot promise you happiness in this world, only in the next". The happiness of this world comes and goes on a daily basis, the happiness of eternal life is what we live for now and pray for in the future. May our prayers be taken by St Bernadette to Our Mother and her Son, and may God give us all the faith and courage, the hope and love we need to proclaim His goodness by our lives.

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 28th October & 9th November in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 10th 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 Tuesday/ Wednesday mornings.

### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, COALISLAND

**WEEKEND MASS:** Vigil Mass - 6.00pm; Sunday Mass - 9.30am

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Friday - 10.00am

**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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday - 10.30am - 6.30pm

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:** Sundays - 6.00pm

**ROSARY:** Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am, Wednesday - 6.00pm

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Wednesday - 3.00pm

**CONFESSIONS:** on request after weekday Mass or before Wednesday rosary.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Monday 10.00am - 7.00pm

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Sunday 20th October - 11.00am - Mary Mitchell

**CLEANING FOR OCTOBER:** Kelli Ann Bleeks

**SUNDAY READER: 20TH OCTOBER:** Kieva Daly

**“Do not be upset when people only remember you when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind during their darkest hours”**

*St Nectarios of Aegina*

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 6th October: £4062.00

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: Noreen McNally; Kathleen McNeice; Dr Gerry Dowdall; Jacinto da Cruz; Kathleen Hackett; Cassie Devlin; Eugene Hannigan; Mary O'Neill; Seamus Tierney; Paddy Scullion; Maria Canavan; Josie Lynch; Anne Conway; Aloysius Cummings; Owen O'Neill; Barty Damhnait Gervin

**WEDDINGS 2025:** All couples who plan to marry in **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 2025 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.**

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:** will begin this 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.

**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:

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

**COALISLAND FIANNA:** present their Annual Halloween Pumpkin Patch & Youth Fancy Dress Disco on Sunday 27th October from 13:00 to 16:00 (£6 per child & free entry for under 1's). A great day out for all the family with prizes for the best dressed. Tickets available online now via the Coalisland Fianna App or follow the link on our social media pages.

**ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS:** will be celebrated on **Wednesday 6th November** at 7.30pm in Holy Family Church. This Mass is offered in particular remembrance for all those who have died in the Parish since 1st November 2023 and all bereaved families will be invited and are welcome. This Mass will also conclude the Novena of Masses offered for all whose names are recorded on the Parish List of the Dead.

**EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK:** classes will take place on Thursday 14th & 21st November from 6pm - 9pm in CTS. The classes are free to residents of Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal Area but are open to everyone. For details contact Carmel at 02887748512 or carmel@coalislandtrainingservices.co.uk

**CTS PART TIME TUTORS:** we are currently building up a bank of tutors that may be used for evening classes in the coming year, subject to funding. We are keen to attract people of all ages to our courses but Sage, Numeracy and DIY are particularly popular at the moment. For further information contact Eileen at 87748512

**KRAFTY KIDZ:** AGM will take place in Coalisland Parochial Centre on Monday 21st October at 6.00pm.