



PRAYER OF ST COLUCCBANUS

O God,
my hope and my refuge,
be Thou a bright flame before me,
be Thou a guiding star above me,
be Thou a smooth path below me,
be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight and forever.

Amen.



St Columbanus
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.

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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Parish Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th November 2024

By this stage of November we've begun the wind up of the Church's year, and on this penultimate Sunday of the year the readings always focus our minds on the end of time, the moment when Christ will come in glory and this world will pass away and while our minds might tell us that we don't want that to happen just yet, our souls yearn to be with God again and to be with God forever, because the Kingdom of Heaven is beyond our imaginings but is the perfect world of God where the perfect life is lived forever with God. It's a treasure worth trying to win and the life of Christ, that we hear about every day in the Gospel, gives us a little glimpse of what it is – peace and goodness, health and joy, love and justice, and all lived in a beauty that we will never want to leave or be parted from. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we don't know when, by God's grace, we will win that place, but we have to live now focusing on what God asks of us and wants of us, of how we be truly Christian in every bit of our lives from thought to act, and we have to prioritise what really counts in life – not fads and fixings but the future we could enjoy. A little story explains it well. The leader of a certain Indian tribe was dying, so he summoned his three sons and said: "I am dying; but before my death, I must choose one of you to succeed me as the head of our tribe. I have the same task for each of you. I want you to climb our holy mountain and bring me back something beautiful. The one whose gift is most outstanding will be the one who will succeed me." The following morning the sons set out on their search, each taking a different path up the mountain. A few days later the sons returned. The first brought his father a beautiful and rare flower that grew near the summit of the mountain. The second son brought his father a valuable stone, round and colourful which had been polished by the wind and the rain. The third son, who came empty handed, said to his father: "I have brought back nothing to show you father. As I stood on the top of the holy mountain, I saw that on the other side was a beautiful land filled with green pastures. In the middle of these pastures is a crystal lake. I have a vision of where our tribe could go for a better life. I was so overwhelmed by what I saw and by what I could see that I could not bring anything back." The father replied: "You shall be our tribe's new leader, for you have brought back the most precious thing - the gift of a vision for a better future." The promise of Christ is that a better future awaits all those who believe in Him, love like Him, serve and worship Him in truth and in love. The promise of Christ gives us the greatest hope of all. Without worrying you, one day you and I will live our last day and in the next instant will meet that God who gives us hope. Live every day with your eyes on the life to come, do everything to win your place in that better future, follow Christ's teaching and example so that in Heaven He will greet you as a fond friend. You do not know the day nor the hour, but when it comes, be ready with the confidence of a good life always lived well.

With best wishes for the week – Fr O'Neill

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesday - 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 23rd November & 14th December in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 15th 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 Tuesday/ Wednesday mornings.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, COALISLAND

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

WEEKDAY MASS: Friday - 10.00am

ORDER OF MALTA DECEASED MEMBERS: Sat 16th Nov - 6.00pm

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sat 16th November - 6.00pm - Cathal Corr

COALISLAND SILVER BAND DECEASED MEMBERS: Sat 23rd Nov - 6.00pm

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Monday 18th November - 7.30pm - Sue Monaghan

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

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Wednesdays - 3.00pm

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

MONTH'S MIND: Sunday 17th November - 11.00am - Margaret McAteer

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 10.00am - 6.00pm

CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER: Ann Campbell

SUNDAY READER: 24TH NOVEMBER: Martin Kennedy

"It is not merely that I want to be called a Christian, but actually to be one. Yes, if I prove to be one, then I can have the name."

St. Ignatius of Antioch

COLLECTION: Sunday 10th November: £4082.00

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: Brian Hamill, Glenda Quinn; Very Rev John Bradley, PE; Maureen Quinn; Baby Eadai Mallon Coyle, Brigid Quinn; Anita Dale; Kathleen McHugh; Con O'Neill

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. Many thanks.

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION: Mass for deceased members will be celebrated on **Monday 25th November** at 7.30pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville. Following Mass Diamond, Gold and Silver pins will be awarded to those who have requested them.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING: for parents and families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss or the death of a baby, child or young person in Daisy Hill Hospital or the wider community. The service takes place on Sunday 24 November 2024 at 3pm in Newry Town Hall.

ADVENT DAY OF ADORATION: will take place on **Sunday 8th December** in St Mary & St Joseph's Church to offer an opportunity for us all to focus on our spiritual preparations for Christmas. Adoration will begin at 9.00am and will continue through to 6.00pm that evening. Confessions will be available from 3.30pm until 5.30pm for those who wish to avail of the Sacrament. The day of prayer will conclude with Evening Prayer of the Church, Rosary and Benediction at 6.00pm.

TRÓCAIRE REQUIRING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025: Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our 2025 Lent Appeal in the Armagh Archdiocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will be available to help during school hours over Lent, then we would love to hear from you. Full training and ongoing support will be provided. For more information, please call Naomi Purnell on 028 9080 8033 or email naomi.purnell@trocaire.org

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: will begin on the weekend of 30th November/1st December with a second collection at Masses that weekend.

COALISLAND FIANNA CLG: present their annual Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 1st December from 1-5pm in Coalisland Parochial Centre**. Something for everyone. All enquiries to Maria Corr 07856499883, or any Committee member.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS: are now available from the Church Sacristies. All donations go towards the Sick and Retired Priests Fund in the Diocese and all Christmas Masses will be offered for the intentions requested.

POSTCARDS FOR THE ASSISTED SUICIDE VOTE: The assisted suicide Bill will be voted on in Parliament in Westminster on Friday 29 November. Although this Bill would change the law in England and Wales, MPs in Northern Ireland are able to vote on this Bill. If assisted suicide is legalised in England and Wales, this will put pressure on Northern Irish lawmakers to legalise assisted suicide in Northern Ireland too, to keep UK legislation consistent on this issue and avoid assisted suicide "tourism". You are encouraged to write to your local MP asking them to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the parliamentary vote in Westminster on 29 November. To this end, pre-printed postcards are available at the back of the church. Please take a postcard and send it to your local MP in advance of the vote.