



PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Father in heaven,
may the faith You have given us
in Your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To You our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen



The Baptism of
the LORD
12th January

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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There isn't a child baptised these days that hasn't the moment captured on at least a dozen phones or films because its such a memorable moment, and whether people are infrequent visitors or daily attendees, when it comes to a new child, every set of parents want that child baptised. The days of it being a must do moment are long gone and people freely ask, of their own choice and without pressure, to have their child baptised and on the day of baptism promise to raise the child knowing and worshipping God in it's life. That promise isn't made to the priest or deacon but to God Himself and it is a sacred vow. Parents and Godparents profess the faith and take baptismal promises on behalf of the child and are sent out into the world to let that faith grow in them as a family and in the child as a new Christian in the world. And so the photos begin. Its sad to think that for many people when the phones are put away and the sausage rolls are eaten that that's the baptism over and done with, that it goes into the memory bank as a pretty moment, one where we all dressed well and were so proud of a new life, but one that doesn't really mean we change or do anything. We all know that's true for too many. And yet the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us of the great gift that faith is and the gift baptism is in giving us blessing, direction and purpose, but also asking us to commit. In a world that is so slow to commit to anything beyond our own comforts, why not use this weekend as an opportunity to think about how we live out our baptism, live out our faith every day, as parents, grandparents and godparents and as baptised Christians ourselves. Could we be better Christians? Do we really commit to God and our faith or do we just say the right thing and look the part? Is our faith a way of life or an inconvenience that just asks too much? Theres a story told of a pig and a chicken who were out for a walk one day. The pig wasn't too bright and tended to repeat everything that others said or suggested. The chicken remarked "Those are very nice people down in that house down there." "They are indeed" replied the pig, "they are very nice people." "They are very good to us" continued the chicken. "They are indeed" replied the pig, "they are very good to us." "Do you know what I was thinking?" asked the chicken. "No" said the pig. "What were you thinking?" "I was thinking we should do something for them." "That's a very good idea", replied the pig, "I think we should do something for them. What did you have in mind?" "I was thinking" said the chicken, "that we should give them something." "A brilliant idea" said the pig, "I think we should give them something. What did you have in mind?" "I was thinking" said the chicken, "we should give them bacon and eggs." The pig stopped in his tracks and said "Definitely not! For you that's only a slight inconvenience, but for me it's total commitment!" — Baptism is intended to lead us to a total commitment, and the faith we live should be seen as anything but a slight inconvenience. Baptism asks we give a little time to God, a little kindness and care to the world, a little thought to how our lives impact others, and a commitment to letting God bless the world through our sacrifices and efforts. Could you be a better Christian?

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 25th January in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday 9th February 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

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 17th January - 7.30pm - Sally Gervin

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesdays - 10.30am - 6.30pm

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

CONFESSIONS: Before Rosary each Wednesday evening

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

WEEKEND MASS: Sunday - 11.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 10.00am - 4.00pm

CLEANING FOR JANUARY: Ann Kennedy

SUNDAY READER: 12TH JANUARY: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 19TH JANUARY: Eileen Devlin

**“Deepen your knowledge of Jesus which ends loneliness,
overcomes sadness and uncertainty, gives real meaning to life,
curbs passions, exalts ideals, expands energies in charity,
brings light into decisive choices.**

Let Christ be for you the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

Pope St John Paul II

COLLECTION: Sunday 5th January: £4113.00

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: Colette Hogge; Sally Gervin; Martin Kerr; Peggy McStravock; Catherine Campbell; Declan McGee; Mary Devlin; Helena Tomney

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 in January 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COALISLAND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Once again the parishioners of Coalisland and district are to be congratulated and thanked for their generosity. Our annual Christmas Appeal realised the grand total of £26,875.00. This amount was enhanced by a number of large corporate donations and enabled us to provide even more assistance to those less fortunate in our community. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity we were able to put the Christ in Christmas for so many. May God reward your efforts.

STEWARTSTOWN HARPS GAC: will hold a Church gate collection in aid of the charity GOAL an Irish humanitarian response agency who work all over the world to help those less fortunate at Mass in St Mary's Church on next Sunday, 19th January. Many thanks in advance for your kindness.

JOHN PAUL II AWARDS SCHEME: Any Year 13 or Year 14 students who have signed up for the John Paul II Awards Scheme are invited to contact the Parish to take part in our activities as either a Eucharistic Minister, Reader or Choir member over the coming months to fulfil the requirements of the scheme. We have two Parish reps attached to the programme who will help facilitate all students.

CONCERN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: took place in the Parish on the weekend of 14th/15th December 2024. The collection in Coalisland raised a total of £2634.83 and the collection in Stewartstown raised a total of £660.70. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously.

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI: will take place in September 2025 led by Fr Peter McAnenly and it will depart on Monday 22nd September for seven nights. It will include visits to all the main Basilicas and places of interest in Rome and also attendance at a Papal Audience as we celebrate the Jubilee Year. It will also include visits to many of the places associated with the life of Saints Francis and Clare in the beautiful town of Assisi. There will also be an opportunity to visit the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis who is to be canonised a saint in April. On the last day of our pilgrimage, we will visit Siena and the Shrine of St Catherine. For further information and booking, contact Marian Pilgrimages at info@marian.ie or 003531 8788159

GRAVEYARD VISITS: please be aware when visiting the graveyards during the winter months that the lighting goes out around 9pm. It is always wisest and safest to make visits with friends or family members during the darker months.

DATES FOR 2025:

First Confessions: Week of 10th March

Confirmation: Holy Family Church: Thursday 3rd April - 5.00pm

First Holy Communion: St Mary's Church, Stewartstown: 10th May - 11.00am

First Holy Communion: Holy Family Church, Coalisland: 17th May - 11.00am

Blessing of Graves: St Mary & St Joseph's Cemetery: Friday 13th June - 7.00pm

Blessing of Graves: St Mary's Cemetery: Sunday 15th June after 11.00am Mass