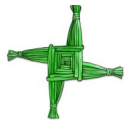




**St Brigid**  
**1st FEBRUARY**



## Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses

Father of all creation and Lord of Light,  
you have given us life and entrusted your creation  
to us to use it and to care for it.

We ask you to bless these crosses  
made of green rushes in memory of St Brigid,  
who used the cross to recall and to teach  
your Son's life, death and resurrection.

May these crosses be a sign  
of our sharing in the Paschal Mystery  
of Your Son and a sign of Your protection of  
our lives and our land through Brigid's intercession  
during the coming year and always.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*The crosses are sprinkled with holy water:*

May the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be on these crosses and on the places where they rest  
and on everyone who looks at them. 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	Canon Fee (Clonoe): 02887749184
Fr McCallion (Brocagh): 02887738381	Fr Tremer (Moortown): 02886737236
Dean Donaghy (Dungannon): 02887722775	Fr McCamley (Dungannon): 02887722631

**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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time    26th January 2025

**O**n Monday the world will mark Holocaust Memorial Day which tries to keep in our minds the horrors of the past century, not as a way of frightening us, but as a way to always remember the power humanity has to bring about good or evil, and to remind us of what can happen when people lose their heart, lose their goodness, lose their sense of care and respect for each other. It would be wonderful to be able to believe that the world of today has rid itself of cruelty and hatred, but sadly none of us can, because without the faintest strain on our minds we can summon images of violence, destruction and barbarity that happen daily under the banner of national interest or of the worst of the ideologies of our age. It reminds us that every generation must stand for what is good, must defend the innocent, help the downtrodden and work to achieve the peace and freedom every soul deserves. Its rightly said that darkness doesn't exist in itself but that rather it is just the absence of light, and that evil is similarly the absence of love and of goodness. And for Christians the source of love and goodness is our God, our Christ who in today's Gospel proclaimed His modus – to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the downtrodden, favour to all. And in those words, we can all find a lesson. Our world needs goodness now more than ever before. We can easily sit back and tut and say the warzones of 2025 aren't here, but in living history we lived in a place of hatred too and look at the damage it caused. It is so easy for society to let hated slip in through it's doors, and are we really that far removed from those former ways? In life it can be easy to find a focus of hate, it can be people of a different ethnicity, creed, opinion, profession or status, and so quickly it can become the norm to dam them by word or deed. How shameful if that became our part of the world. Yet history teaches us that while it is so easy for hatred to loom over the world, the bright light and loving actions of good people will always win, because God is on their side. Your words and actions are the bright light of God's goodness here and now, if you let them be but it takes great courage to stand bravely for what is right. In your society, school, community, workplace, club – your wherever – always remember that harmony, goodness itself can only live and thrive if you make it happen. To judge the hatred of the world is easy, to judge the hatred of our society is much harder but much more necessary. A wind of change blows through each generation, let that change be one where your goodness overcomes every ill, where your love crushes every hatred no matter how tiny, where your life proclaims the mission of Christ and where in the words of today's Gospel "this is being fulfilled today even as you listen". When we remember the past wrongs of the world it's honourable and dutiful but remember them so that you can become the right and the goodness of the world still to be.

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 25th January and Saturday 8th February 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  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Saturday 1st January - 6.00pm - John Hampsey  
**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  
**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Friday 31st January - 7.30pm - Anne Quinn  
First Anniversary: Friday 31st January - 7.30pm - Declan Campbell  
**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 FEBRUARY:** Jean Coyle  
**SUNDAY READER: 26TH JANUARY:** Kieva Daly  
**SUNDAY READER: 2ND FEBRUARY:** Martin Kennedy

**“It is only God who creates.  
Mankind merely rearranges”**

*St Thomas Aquinas - 28th January*

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 19th January: £4066.50  
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: Catherine Campbell; Declan McGee; Mary Devlin; Helena Tomney; Margaret Laird; Caiti O'Neill; Betty McCabe; Kevin Donnelly

**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.**

**FEAST OF ST BRIGID:** is celebrated next Saturday, 1st February. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass for those who wish to bring them along.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:** or Candlemas Day will be celebrated next Sunday, 2nd February. Candles will be blessed at the Vigil Mass and at both Sunday Masses for those who wish to bring them along.

**FEAST OF ST BLAISE:** Patron Saint of those suffering from ailments of the throat is celebrated on Monday 3rd February. The blessing of throats will take place after the Novena Mass in St Mary & St Joseph's Church for all who would like to receive it.

**MASS FOR THE FILIPPINO COMMUNITY:** will be celebrated this Sunday 2nd February 3.00pm in Holy Family Church. We welcome all who will travel for this Mass and extend an invitation to all who would like to join for it.

**CLONOE PARISH JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025** - from Dublin to Rome on 1<sup>st</sup> September for 4 nights to mark the year of Jubilee. The cost per person sharing is €1,099. (Single room supplement €65 per night). Includes Direct flight Dublin-Rome- 4 nights accommodation – Rome – 4\* hotel -Transfers and tours in Italy by private coach - Check-in assistance at airports 1 x 20kg check-in bag, 1 x small cabin bag - Religious programme to be organised with guide. For more information contact Peggy in **Clonoe Parish Office on 028 87 749184**. Deposit of €350 per person required when booking.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:** is celebrated annually on 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In honour of this Feast and day, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available after the Novena Mass on Monday 10th February in St Mary & St Joseph's Church. The Sacrament is for all those ailing in body or mind and all are welcome to receive it. If you or anyone you know would like to receive that Sacrament please do let them know the time and date and venue. Many thanks.

**OPENING THE BIBLE:** A free six-part video introduction to the Bible for those interested in Scripture, and those unsure where to begin. Available from January 26th at: [www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie)

**COME WITH ME MY LOVE:** 3-4pm February 1, 2025. Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Rd, Belfast. Celtic prayer and song in the company of St Brigid of Kildare and the God she loved. Written and led by Breige O'Hare, music by Mairéad Duffy. All welcome. No booking needed.

**COALISLAND BOWLING CLUB:** meets each Thursday evening in Coalisland Parochial Centre at 8pm. New members are always welcome.

**COFFEE MORNING:** will be held on Saturday 8th February from 10am until 12pm at Na Fianna GAC grounds in of the Gaza Paediatric Care Initiative (GPCI) which seeks to raise vital funds to help treat and support children effected by the conflict in Palestine. For more information please check <https://gazapaediatric.org>. All support is greatly appreciated.