



Prayer of Blessing FOR ALL MOTHERS

Almighty God,
we ask Your blessing
on each mother today.
Fill their hearts with laughter and joy.
Surround them with love
from family and friends.
Grant them health, peace, and fulfilment
as they pursue their calling.
Let them know their value and worth
in Your eyes and ours.
We pray, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MARY the MOTHER of God
PATRON of all MOTHERS



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
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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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Fourth Sunday in Lent 30th March 2025

As Bible stories go the tale of the Prodigal Son is probably one of the best known and is one we can all identify with in some way or other, because at times we've all fitted into the shoes of each of the three main characters – times when we've messed up and needed to say sorry, times when we've been a bit hurt and have needed to forgive and times when we've sat on the side-lines of life and given a great big hump to all that's going on in other people's lives or in the world. As always, it would be so easy to delve into the life of the begrudging son and see how we could all shape up a bit better, but none of us really need reminding of that. Instead it doesn't do any harm to reflect on the younger son, the one who was the wastrel but came good, not so much for the fact that he sinned or that he sought forgiveness but for the fact that he summoned up the confidence to ignore the mumblings of others and tried to have the confidence to start life over again. When it comes to faith we all need a little confidence at times – the confidence to really believe and trust in God, the confidence to stand for our faith in the world, the confidence to try to do the right thing when all around says otherwise, the confidence to never give up and always try one more time to be the best that we can be. Sometimes I think we need more confidence now than ever because of the type of world we live in – not so much for us older chaps, but especially for younger people. For all the great advances of the age and for all the great rallying cries for one cause after another, the world has gotten a lot smaller and judgemental and people can very easily be afraid of what others think, what others will say or just of the big mouthed, self-assured opinions of someone who doesn't even know you but feels they can write about you, type about you or rubbish you for whatever reason. The Prodigal Son knew that people would be like that with him, but he knew he wasn't happy as he was, he wasn't happy that his mistakes, his sins and his misjudgements had brought him down to the level of the swine in the pen, and he knew that only he had the power to make himself happy again. All he had to do was rise above the opinions of others and try to put it all right. And God, through the people who loved him, helped the Prodigal Son start over again and be happy again in his life. Today if you're afraid of what others think or say, if you're afraid to do what you believe, afraid to try to be happy in life for fear someone else will comment – be like the Prodigal Son, ignore those people and just forget them. So many people can have so much to say and their words can strip people of the little confidence they have, don't let that happen to you. Confidence isn't thinking you're better than everyone else, it's realising that you have no reason to compare yourself to anyone else. We all have one chance at life, use it well and live it well, live it with trust and confidence, live it for God and for good.

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 **12th April** and Saturday **26th April** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **6th April** 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

MONTH'S MIND: Saturday 5th April - 6.00pm - Michael Rodgers

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sunday 6th April: 9.30am - Tom Sullivan

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Friday - 7.30am; Friday - 10.00am

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday evenings at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 10.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesdays - 10.30am - 6.30pm

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

MONTH'S MIND: Monday 31st March: 7.30pm - Pat Comac

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 4th April: 7.30pm - Callum Quinn

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 APRIL: Helena Lowe

SUNDAY READER: 30TH MARCH: Catriona McErlean

SUNDAY READER: 6TH APRIL: Eileen Devlin

"Do not think that you live in this world to have fun, to become rich, to eat, drink and sleep. The end for which you were created in the first place is infinitely more noble and sublime; and it is this: to love and serve God in this life, and that way save your soul"

St John Bosco

COLLECTION: Sunday 23rd March: £4179.00

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: Baby Rowan McClure; Pat Comac; Callum Quinn; Michael Rodgers; Teresa O'Neill; Francie Kelly; Harry Connolly; Mary McKernan; Raymond Mitchell; Sean McGeary; Liza Kirk; Eileen Mitchell; Brigid Hughes; Stephen Cullen; Sean 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be celebrated each Sunday at 6.00pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church and again at 7.00pm on Monday before the Novena Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: will be celebrated in the Parish on Thursday 3rd April at 5.00pm in the Church of the Holy Family. Please keep in your prayers all those who are preparing for this celebration, that God may bless them and their families with faith, devotion and courage in life.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LENT: will take place in St Mary and St Joseph's Church, Brackaville on **Sunday 6th April**. This day gives us all an opportunity to step for a few moments out of a frantic world for a moment of peace and prayer, to ask God's grace in our lives and to offer thanks for the goodness of God that we remember and celebrate during Lent and Easter. As we approach the greatest feasts of the Church's year it is always good to pause and focus once more on the great gift our faith offers us. Please do feel welcome to join at any time throughout the day.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 9.00am until 6.30pm.

Confessions will be available from 2pm until 5.45pm.

Stations of the Cross will be recited at 6.00pm

Devotions will be celebrated at 6.30pm.

PARISH EASTER MASS BOUQUETS: are available from all the Church Sacristies. All Masses for these intentions will be offered at Easter and all donations go towards the Sick & Retired Priests Fund for the Diocese.

PARISH ENVELOPES: the new run of Parish Envelopes are now available for collection in the Church Sacristies and begin on Sunday 6th April. Many thanks to all who contribute so generously towards the needs of the Parish. This makes a huge difference in defraying our running costs. If you would like to join the envelope scheme, please leave your name and address to the Sacristy or Parochial House at any time.

ARMAGH DIOCESAN LOURDES HOSPITALITE: annual Church gate collection will take place on the weekend of 12th/13th April at all Masses in the Parish. All donations go towards helping to fund the travel of sick pilgrims on the Diocesan pilgrimage in May, in the hope of grace and blessing.

COALISLAND AND DISTRICT MARY'S MEALS are holding a Coffee Morning, Easter treats and raffle on Saturday 5th April 10.30am to 1pm in the Cornmill Coalisland (3rd floor. Lift available). All welcome.

ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL HALL, STEWARTSTOWN AGM will take place on Monday 7th April at 7.30 pm. All new or former members are particularly welcome, Refreshments will be served on the night.

BLESSING OF GRAVES 2025 will be celebrated as usual in June. The Blessing of Graves in Brackaville Cemetery will take place on **Friday 13th June at 7.00pm** and the Blessing of Graves in Stewartstown Cemetery will take place on **Sunday 15th June immediately after 11.00am Mass.**