



The entry  
of Christ  
into Jerusalem



## Prayer of Abandonment

Father,  
I abandon myself into Your hands;  
do with me what You will.  
Whatever You may do, I thank You:  
I am ready for all, I accept all.  
Let only Your will be done in me,  
and in all Your creatures –  
I wish no more than this, O Lord.  
Into Your hands I commend my soul:  
I offer it to You with all the love of my heart,  
for I love You, Lord, and so need to give myself,  
to surrender myself into Your hands without reserve,  
and with boundless confidence,  
for You are my Father.  
Amen.

*St Charles de Foucauld*

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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# Ballyclog & Donaghenry Parish Bulletin Palm Sunday      13th April 2025

**W**e've all been in that horrid position of having to pick a side in a dispute, an argument or just a silly row that's going on. Most times it doesn't really make that much difference to us, especially if it's all between people we don't know that well, but when it's family it's a different thing – we hear both sides, we don't want to get involved, we want to keep everybody sweet and even though we know the honourable thing is to side with what is right, deep down we're afraid to nail our colours to the mast for fear of the consequences. There's something of that in Holy Week, both gone and present. In that first Holy week Christ entered triumphal into Jerusalem adored and worshipped by the crowd, but the naysayers and unbelievers had had enough. On Wednesday He was sold out for a few pieces of silver, on Thursday He was betrayed and on Friday He died. Being God He knew what was happening and refused to be put off His mission of love, service and sacrifice that would lead to our redemption and despite His fears and tremblings as a man, He took the time to give us the Eucharist at the Last Supper and to show us the glory of service when He washed the disciples feet, casting off all notions of self-importance and uppityness for all who would follow his path. He showed us the glory of suffering and sacrifice when He died on the cross out of love for all people of all ages. And it all made sense on Easter morning when He rose from the dead. Some believed and stayed with Him right to the end, some wandered away for fear of their own skins, and some chose to go against Him to be popular even though He was right. And the saddest of all – some just didn't even care. It's easy to look at the people of the past and find their faults in that story, but sometimes we have to look to ourselves too. Holy Week is 7 days long but the lessons of Holy Week, like the gift of Holy Week lasts a lifetime and forever. How do we measure up in terms of our loyalty to Christ – do we worship well and do we try to live our faith too? Do we stand for fairness, for forgiveness, for mercy, for acceptance and for love? Sometimes we all do but sometimes we all step back and shy away from our faith and what it asks us. Sometimes we lie low and don't speak up or speak out, don't lift a hand to help or open our mouths to defend. It's like the old position of having to pick a side – it's never easy but we know deep down we should do the honourable thing and nail our colours up. There's things in life you have to pick a side on, make a stand for and faith is one of them – and it's all or nothing. If ever we needed an example of that, it's given this week when Christ gave Himself to be nailed to the Cross despite the hate, the fear, the abandonment and the rejection. Look what it achieved for us all. Look at the Cross this week and think of all Christ did this week and remember that was all just for you. How can you repay your God for His goodness to you?

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 **3rd May** and Saturday **10th May** in Holy Family Church, Coalisland and Sunday **11th May** 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:** Monday - Wednesday - 7.30am.

**MONTH'S MIND:** Saturday 19th April - 8.00pm - Liza Kirk

### ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRACKAVILLE

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Monday evenings at 7.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday. Wednesday - 10.00am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesdays - 10.30am - 5.30pm

**ROSARY:** Tuesday: 9.30am, Wednesday - 5.00pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Sunday - 6.00pm & Monday - 7.00pm

**MONTH'S MIND:** Monday 14th April: 7.30pm - Mary McKernan

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**CONFESSIONS:** Tuesday & Wednesday: 9.00am- 9.45am

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

**WEEKEND MASS:** Sunday - 11.00am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Monday 10.00am - 4.00pm

**CLEANING FOR APRIL:** Helena Lowe

**SUNDAY READER: 13TH APRIL:** Kieva Daly

**SUNDAY READER: 20th April:** Martin Kennedy

**“But they shouted all the louder 'Crucify him'”**

**Mark 15:14**

**When you speak, is it kind? Is it helpful? Is it necessary?**

**COLLECTION:** Sunday 6th April: £4716.00

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: Mary McKernan; Raymond Mitchell; Sean McGeary; Liza Kirk; Eileen Mitchell; Brigid Hughes; Stephen Cullen; Sean Donnelly; Noel O'Neill; Jay Ritchie; Teresa Kenny; Caroline 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 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.**

**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.

**ARMAGH DIOCESAN LOURDES HOSPITALITE:** annual Church gate collection will take place this weekend of 12th/13th April at all Masses in the Parish.

**CHRISM MASS:** will be celebrated on Wednesday, 16 April at 7.00 p.m. in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome.

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** The document *Paschale Solemnitatis* from the Congregation for Divine Worship gives instruction on the celebration of the Easter Triduum throughout the world. In paragraph 94 it states for the celebration of the Easter Triduum “the faithful should come together as one and should experience a sense of ecclesial community”, while paragraph 43 states “Where there are Parishes with only one priest, parishes should assemble in a principal church and participate in the celebration there”. In light of this wise document and of our own parish situation the Easter ceremonies will be celebrated as follows.

#### **EASTER CEREMONIES SCHEDULE 2025**

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.00pm – Holy Family Church followed by Eucharistic adoration and concluding with Night Prayer at 9.00pm

**Good Friday:** Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm – Holy Family Church  
Stations of the Cross – 7.00pm – Holy Family Church  
7.00pm – St Mary's Church

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil – 8.00pm – Holy Family Church

**TROCAIRE:** boxes and donations can be returned to the Church at any time during the week. Many thanks for your generosity which makes a real difference to so many.

**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION:** will be taken up and forwarded in its entirety for the aid of *Christians* persecuted in the Holy land. This is an annual appeal made in all Churches throughout the world.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:** will begin on Good Friday, 18th April at 11.00am and will continue for the following 7 days at that time, concluding with a Holy Hour on Low Sunday, 27th April at 3.00pm. All sessions of the Novena will be celebrated in Holy family Church and everyone is welcome to attend. Prayer leaflets will be provided.

**COALISLAND/CLONOE GAELIGE LEAGUE:** wish to thank those who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. Coalisland: £946.77, Stewartstown: £164.88

**EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE:** this Sunday, 13th April from 11am - 12.15pm in St Mary & St Joseph's Church, Brackaville. All welcome to join for the Easter ceremonies.

**EASTER WEEK MASS:** Mass will be celebrated on Monday and Friday evening at 7.30pm and on Tuesday morning at 10am but there will be no morning Mass Wednesday - Friday inclusive apart from funerals. All anniversaries for the week will be offered at these Masses. Many thanks for your understanding.