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“Put out into deep water”

Luke links the call of the first disciples with the story of a miraculous catch of fish. In so doing he introduces us not only to Peter but also to the mission of the church. Just as Peter's call comes out of his experience of the power of Christ at work so too all who wish to be followers of Jesus must first come to know that their faith is not in a creed or a code but in a person Jesus the Son of the living God and it is he who is the source of whatever good we may do.

The miraculous catch of fish was a historical event in the life of Jesus, but also a symbol of the deep conversion experiences which God grants us from time to time and which set us on a new course in our lives. These experiences usually occur at times when we feel we are stagnating - as spouses, parents, friends, church leaders, ministers, or managers in the work place. We are toiling all night and catching nothing.

Then one day God sends Jesus to us and he tells us to *"put out into deep water"* - to move in a new, and frightening, direction. The message might come from a person or a sermon, a book, a television program, a news item in the papers. Sometimes Jesus speaks to us from a negative experience - failure, rejection, falling into a sin we thought we would never commit, recognition that we are addicted to drugs or drink or power.



We each have our deep water we must put out into: be reconciled with someone we have refused to speak to for years; give up devotions we love and move to a more contemplative prayer; start working among the poor; get involved in community development; go back to school; join AA; do a Marriage Encounter weekend or a Life in the Spirit seminar. We put out objections like St Peter's: "we have toiled all night," "what will happen if...", "we tried this before and it didn't work," and so on. But we do it anyway and it works - relationships take on new life, classes or work-places become places of inspiration, our prayer life takes off - so much so that our problem now becomes how to cope with all we have to do: our nets begin to tear.

Christ is alive in love of our family network/ our deep friendships/ our care for the needy and our care for the earth. Our volunteers in many places bring the fullness of life of Jesus.



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The Seven Sisters and Fasting Brothers Apostolate:

It involves seven women in each parish who will offer an hour of prayer (each choosing a different day of the week) for their priest(s) and parish and six men choosing a different day of the week for some form of fast, for the same intentions (no Fasting on Sundays).

It is the hope of the Apostolate to involve laity in every parish in the diocese in this prayerful initiative for our priests and parishes.

The Apostolate's website can be viewed at: <http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org/>

A HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: A Holy Hour for Vocations, led by the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, will take place in St Mary's Church, Creggan at 8.00 pm on Friday, 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Hour may also be followed at www.creggan-chapel/webcam.com.

Please make a prayer for vocations part of your prayer life each day.

Pantry Service Food Appeal: We have seen an increase in food poverty and the demand on our pantry service is increasing. We are appealing for donations of items such as tea, coffee, cereal, dilute juices etc.. which can be brought along to our parish offices or churches. The collection of the items is Monday 14th February.

Employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg:

Applications are invited for an Operations Manager which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and Application Pack contact Mary at +353 7198 61518 or mary@loughderg.org

Youth 2000 are holding a St Valentine's Ball 2022 on Saturday, 19th February. The evening will include dinner, a raffle, a band and DJ and an opportunity to meet many new people from across Ireland. The evening will begin with the celebration of Holy Mass at 4.00 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. From there, the ball will commence at 7.00pm nearby in The Armagh City Hotel. The event is strictly for persons aged 18 and over and ID will be required. Tickets cost €55 and can be purchased only on www.youth2000.ie



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Synod 2021 2023

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops. This Synod is entitled; ***For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.***



Pope Francis is asking every diocese to gather – clergy, religious and laity together, to listen to each other. The goal of this journeying together is not just to create a new vision or pastoral plan. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

What are we being asked to do?

The Holy Father, Pope Francis is asking that the entire Church participates in this Synod. The faithful, clergy and religious are invited to pray, listen, and talk together with the Bishops before the 2023 gathering of Bishops in Rome. In the Derry Diocese we will pray, listen and talk with one another through parish and diocesan listening sessions.

In creating the opportunity for listening and dialogue on the local level through this Synod Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its deeply Synodal nature. This rediscovery of the Synodal roots of the Church will involve a process of humbly learning together how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium.

The Synod's Theme – ***For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.***

In the ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops in October, Pope Francis declared that *“the world in which we live and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthen cooperation in all areas of her mission”*. This call to cooperate in the mission of the Church is addressed to the entire people of God. Pope Francis made this clear when he issued a direct invitation to all people of God to contribute towards healing: *“every one of the baptised should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does”*. In April 2021 Pope Francis initiated a synodal journey of the whole people of God to begin in October 2021 in each local church and culminating in October 2023 in the assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

Details of the listening sessions for our parish will be publicised soon. All parishioners are invited to express their views on how we can help the universal Church develop its mission to witness to the gospel through our active participation at a local level.



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule

09.15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:30am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12 noon Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

06:00pm St Columb's

NB! Mass in St Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings on Wednesday at 11:00am

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Gary Skeffington, Limavady Road, Charlie Ward, Sandringham Drive

Anniversaries:

Cassie Sweeney, Vera McLaughlin, John Moore, Irene Mullan, Danny McNally, Jim Casey, Michael Casey, Kathleen and John Doherty, Jerome McChrystal, John Mc Chrystal, Eamonn Flanagan, Andrew Allen, Billy Leitch, William Leitch, James Kelly, Danny Gillespie, Maureen Doherty, James Monaghan, Lexie Killen, Hugh Brady, Joe Cooke, Sean Gribben, Brendan Johnston

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

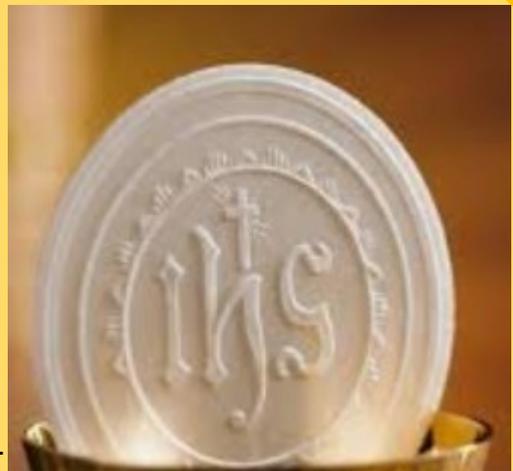
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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