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Walk in the Shoes of the Other

A compassionate heart reaches out to many; the Gospel today reaches beyond our own circle to reach many others. This will be the constant call of Jesus. When he wants to say what His father is like he says 'Be compassionate like him.'

Compassion is when we can walk in another's shoes, and try to see, hear and feel the world of another, particularly in bad times. It flows from mercy, which is the biggest quality in Jesus.



We like when another can enter into our world without judgement and can accept us in love - Jesus tells us to note this and then practice the same.

The call is to be compassionate to each other and the earth! The letter of Pope Francis, *Lauditio Si* calls for a compassionate care of the earth, as we hear the cry of the poor: that we treat the earth with the love it deserves.

Compassion for others and the earth includes our gratitude. We can look deeply into the people we are close to and thank God (for them!) and for what we like in them and value. We can look long at creation's beauty in the highest Himalayan mountain and the smallest plant and recognise that all is the gift of God. We are to care for the earth and till it, and accept the care of the earth for us, giving us food, drink and refreshment. We are to care for each other to bring out the best in each other. This is one of the Pope's central themes about care of creation.

*Lord, thank you for the beauty of the earth and of humanity;
may we reverence that beauty for it is from you*



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Anam Og is being launched at the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry, this Sunday evening (20 February), at 6pm. It will include a time of prayer, formation and accompaniment for boys and girls who are celebrating or have recently celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. Those aged 10 - 14 years are invited to come to the Carmelite Centre at Termonbacca this evening, Sunday, at 6pm, to celebrate the great gift we have received through, prayer, formation, guidance and supporting each other in the adventure of faith. For further information please contact Aoife O'Neill on 028 7126 2512 or Fr Patrick Lagan on 028 7126 2894. We look forward to seeing you.

CEMETERY SUNDAY The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 26th June 2022 at 6.00 pm.

NO GREATER LOVE – Five-week 'zoom' programme, each session lasting one hour, with a time for prayer, sharing and reflection. This programme is considered a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for the holiest of seasons in the Church calendar. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage, taking us through the key events of Christ's passion and revealing His amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guide us through the final hours of Christ's life. You will walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Hosted by the Living Church Office in Down & Connor diocese, there are six 'starting' options to choose from: Tuesday 8 March at 7:30pm, Wednesday 9 March at 7:30pm, Thursday 10 March at 11.00am or 7.00pm, Monday 14 March at 11.00am or 7.00pm. Please consider participating! To book your place please click on the link:

[No Greater Love](#)

TROCAIRE is delighted to offer its Lenten workshops this year again. Please register so we have knowledge of numbers attending. You can register here on this link for our workshops– [Register](#) In preparation for these workshops- please have a look at our resources for Lent on our parish page; [Resources](#)



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Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarians and Priests: On Tuesday, 1st March at 8.00 pm there will be an opportunity for men to join in on a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from a priest and from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing info@vocations.ie or alternatively by visiting vocations.ie/zoom The Zoom session should end by 9.30 pm at the latest. There will be a short time spent watching YouTube videos on priesthood and vocation, and a Questions & Answers session with the seminarians and the panel.

The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will resume this year, from 3 - 8 July 2022. Cost: £689 per person sharing, with single room supplement £150. Price includes flights, transfers and full board. The pilgrimage will be suitable for pilgrims who do not require medical, nursing or personal assistance as, unfortunately, this cannot be provided this year. The intentions of the sick of the diocese can be taken to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, will be open for enquires and application forms on Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00am – 1.00pm, from 3rd March. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com

DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE invites you to the following upcoming events:
Lenten Day of Reflection, Sunday 6 March, 9.30am – 5.30pm. Provides time and space to reflect and pray on Lenten themes in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Led by Fr Damian Bresnahan SMA. Cost, including full lunch, £35 / €40.

The Wonder of Creation – the Miracle of Life, Friday 11 March, 5pm – Sunday 13 March, 2pm. In contemplating the wonder of our Common Home and current threats to its integrity, we will explore an ecological vision in responding to the cry of the poor at this time of unprecedented planetary change. Led by Sr Nellie McLaughlin RSM. Cost, including full board, £220 / €260. For further information or to enrol, tel 028 3082 1964 or email admin@dromantineconference.com



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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 makes this Synod special and important?

This Synod is unique because Pope Francis has invited us all to take part in discussions which will contribute to the views of the Diocese. It is an invitation for the whole Church to have our voices heard, leading to the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. Through this synod, the Church is saying: the voice of EVERYONE matters because God can talk though ANYONE

What is this Synod about?

It is about how the Church can learn to rely more fully on this kind of consultation and discussion process to bring a greater degree of openness, collaboration and mutual listening to the church. This is the widest and deepest listening event conducted in Church history

What are we being asked?

In announcing the Gospel, a synodal church 'journeys together'. So we are being asked; How is this "journeying together" happening today in our parish? And what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

How can I get involved?

All parishioners are encouraged to take part to help the universal Church develop its mission to witness to the gospel through our journeying together at a local level. In the next few weeks the parish will arrange a number of facilitated listening events. There will also be an opportunity to have your voice heard by questionnaire and online survey.



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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:

Jim Baber, Tamworth Crescent, Terence Roddy, Mimosa Court,
Anna Mullan, Victoria Park

Anniversaries:

Bella Baxter, Peter Doherty, Grace Morrison, Eileen Kelly,
Patricia McNally, Joseph McClean, Vera Doherty, Barney Phillips,
Patrick Lynch, Helen McDermott, Lil McLaughlin, Catherine Callan,
Lily Nicholas, Caolan McCrossan, Susie Harkin, Dessie Smith

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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