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For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

Someone said to me of a friend - She must have a lovely heart! The Gospel today is about goodness inside and that we draw much from the store of goodness inside ourselves.



A way of looking at this is to wonder what makes us feel positive in ourselves about others and about the world. We have days when we feel truly grateful for much in life and in the world, and the store of goodness fills up. There are days when the opposite happens, and Jesus speaks of the 'store of badness'.

The store of goodness is filled up in many -a good conversation with a loved one, time spent with an infant in wonder of how this child is and will be, listening to some good music and admiring good art, taking time to pray and listening to the word of Jesus in the Gospel, finding time to pray with others at the Mass or in prayer groups.

God in many ways increases our store of goodness and we allow this happen. You can find your favorite ways of bringing out the best in yourself.

We know of people we meet whom we always feel the better for meeting. Prayer and faith should always bring the best out of us: give time each day to allow the total love of God for us to reach us.

Another store of goodness is the goodness of self.. We can be too critical of ourselves and if so, we will probably find that we are critical of others. Look this day into the mirror and give thanks to God for the man or woman you see there. If you look on ourselves with love, we will look on others the same.

Lord teach me your goodness



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Wednesday is Ash Wednesday – ashes will be distributed at all Masses

Extra Lenten Mass each weekday morning at 7:15am in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road

Trocaire Boxes available at church porches

Walk with me booklets, reflections during Lent available at churches

Journey Through Lent. Register for the FREE Lenten streaming series, led by Scott Hahn, featuring faith-inspiring talks on Confession, prayer, the Eucharist, and knowing the Gospel. Watch for free beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2nd [Register here](#).

Carmelite Fathers Termonbacca.

DAY RETREAT IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH Saturday 19th March. 10:00am – 3:00pm. Booking necessary.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 1st – 6th September, 2022. Fare 729 Euro per person. For booking forms contact the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca. Tel: 71 262512.

NOVENA TO SLEEPING ST. JOSEPH Friday 11th – Saturday 19th March. Mass each evening at 7:30 pm. (except Sunday 13th March – Mass at 7:00pm.) Booking necessary for attendance at this novena, or can be viewed via the webcam (YoutubeTermonbacca)

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, Telephone 028 3082 1964 or email admin@dromantineconference.com



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Augustine Institute :This Lent, heed the call of the prophet Joel: “Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful” (Joel 2:13). Join us online Saturday, March 5th for a free 3-hour. Bible Conference exploring the graces of this penitential season in Scripture and Tradition. [Register Here](#)

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](#) enquires and seeing you at our workshops.

The NET. Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese, the February 2022 edition of ‘The Net’ is now available on the Diocesan website – [read here](#)



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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.

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

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 and months 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
7:15am & 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:

Danny Friel, Late of Clonmeen Drive, **Eamon McLaughlin**, late of Riverview Tce who died in Canada, (brother of Pam O'Connell), **Ina Ashworth**, (Nee McNutt), who died in Lancashire, (sister of Phyllis Carlin) , **May McKenna**, late of Beechway House, **Jack Logue**, Glenaden Hill

Anniversaries:

Vincent Magee, Kathleen Deeney, John McMenamin, Liam Arbuckle, Lawrence McLaughlin, George Doherty, Elizabeth Diamond, Jim McLaughlin, Jane and Frank Kelly, Nora and Frances Gibbons

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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