

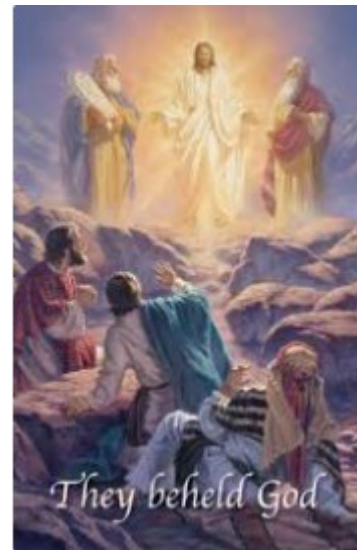


Parish News

Sunday 13th March

The real Jesus

Things are not always as they seem. Underneath a church that I worked in, are a series of underground passages that go on for about a mile! People are the same - when you are talking to someone and they tell you they are very ill, or recovered from addiction, you see more to them. Or you may find out that someone you thought little of visits an elderly person every week. People are not always as they seem. The mountain visit was the same: the apostles saw Jesus - son of God, radiant in prayer, and in the middle of it all the Passion was announced. They saw the person behind the face.



The big truth of Jesus is that he is intimately united to God the Father. So following him is not just action, but prayer that leads to action. We say someone is a great Christian - he or she helps the poor. Christianity is more - it is also prayer and the Eucharist. While we are thankful for the good lives of many people, we also can say that the full Christian life includes prayer and Mass.

It also involves community - the three were called to witness and help each other remember the Lord Jesus. Community brings the word of God alive in a real way. The community of the Church brings us to fuller faith.

Prayer leads to action for others, and action leads back to prayer. We can be so close to heavenly things that we are not earthly good! Lent brings us into this mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord - we are part of this, and we try to make life a grace for others. We can transfigure the lives of others, or disfigure. Let's be people of the transfiguration.

Lord show me your face - in myself and in others. Amen.



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St Patrick's Day - Sunday Mass schedule applies **apart from the Vigil Mass at St Columb's Church which will be at 7:30pm**

Collection on St Patrick's Day for education of clerical students and ongoing formation

Additional Lenten Mass each weekday morning at 7:15am in St Columb's Church

Trocaire Boxes available at church porches

Walk with me booklets, reflections during Lent available at churches

SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE: Please complete our [online synod questionnaire](#) or return your paper copy to any of the churches where questionnaire return boxes will be available.

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



15th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award

Fr Peter Mc Verry SJ, will present the awards on Monday 14th March at 2:00pm in

St Eugene's Cathedral. You are welcome to attend

or to view via the webcam.

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The Derry Centre to date has 42 graduates and 30 more students at different stages of the programme. Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2022. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.



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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](#)

Lectio Divina: Praying with the Scriptures this Lent - Over the next four Mondays, Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th March, following the 11am Mass in St Joseph’s, Galliagh, you are invited to a one-hour time of Prayer with the Scriptures in the St Pio Centre, Galliagh, (11:45am-12:45pm approx). The focus will be on the Gospel for each of the upcoming Sundays of Lent. The Gospel reading and instructions will be provided for each session. All are most welcome!

STORIES OF HOPE: You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Steelstown, Derry on four Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm to listen to local people share their personal journeys of faith:

Tuesday 8 March Fr Isaac and Mikhail Kennedy

Tuesday 15 March Ciara Mc Alister and Jenny Mc Grath

Tuesday 22 March Rev. Canon Katie Mc Ateer

Tuesday 29 March Paul O’Hea

Each evening there will be music and tea/ coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

Diocesan vacancies

Parish Office Manager 35 hours per week

Location Parish of Templemore: St Eugene’s Cathedral

closing date 22.03.2022

Sacristan & Caretaker 16 hours per week Ardmore Parish, Derry

closing date 22.03.2022



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09.15am Immaculate Conception
7:15am (Lent) & 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:

Kathleen Barr, Curley Way, Clooney

Anniversaries:

Bernadette Gillespie, Phonsie McWilliams, Brian and Bridget Foster, Gerard Hegarty, Kathleen Donaghey, Dermot Donaghey, Gabrielle Bradley, Maureen Armstrong, Mary Walsh, Mary Gormley, Winnie and Claire Muldoon

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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