



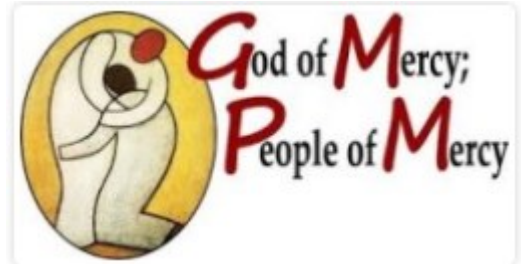
# Parish News

## Sunday 27th March

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### *The Prodigal Son*

This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.



Look at a few things... the son had wanted him dead... 'give me the legacy Da'. Everyone knew that. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return.

Look at what happened when he came home - mercy took over - the robe, ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness.

It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son.

The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong - often great wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our country now, but we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful.

And even when we can't do this - like the elder son - we are still loved. The father says - All I have is yours. God gives his love all the time and waits for our response. Mercy may take time. And God has all the time in the world.

*Lord have mercy, on me and on all,  
today and every day. Amen.*



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**WELCOMING HOST FAMILIES WANTED for International Students, term time or for the month of July. Please call 0874088282 for further information.**

**The Net – March 2022** - Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese, the March 2022 edition of 'The Net' is now available on the Diocesan website – <https://www.derrydiocese.org/publications/the-net/the-net-march-2022.pdf>

**Lenten Prayer Resource** - The Stations of the Cross - Fr Sean in conjunction with Shalom World. Check out this excellent resource and add it to your lenten / daily prayer life. [The Stations of the Cross.](#)

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

**Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem - annual Spring Mass celebrations in Derry** - Over the weekend of Saturday 2nd April and Sunday 3rd April 2022, Knights and Dames from this prestigious Catholic Order will travel from all over Ireland to Derry City They will be present at 12.30pm Mass on Sunday afternoon in St Eugene's Cathedral. They will attend also a special Mass celebration on Saturday afternoon at 4.30pm in St. Columb's Church, Waterside. Both events are open to the public and parishioners from the Diocese are invited to attend in person or join virtually, as the masses will be live-streamed on the Cathedral and Parish websites.

**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

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# SYNOD2021 / 2023 Parish Listening session

Saturday 2nd April 2022



We invite you to take part in one of our parish SYNOD Listening Session which will take place on Saturday 2nd April & Sunday 3rd April at the following venues and times

**Parish Hall - after 10:00am mass (Saturday)**

**Top of the Hill - after 11:00am mass (Saturday)**

**St Oliver Plunkett Church – after 11:15 mass (Sunday)**

Why not come along to consider what is happening in our Church and Parish today and to suggest ways in which we can improve and grow together as a parish community

**If you would like to participate in a Listening Session please leave your contact details with the parish office or email [wpsynod2123@gmail.com](mailto:wpsynod2123@gmail.com)**

More information on the synod process can be found at <https://watersideparish.host/synod-2021-23/>

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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](http://www.youtube.com/watersideparish)*

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### Rest in Peace

#### Deaths:

Clare Quinn, Temple Road, Donna Collins, Gortmore Place,  
Mickey Finnis, Violet Street

**Anniversaries:** Michael Downs, Georgina Harrison, Sean Friel,  
Paddy Maguire, Frank Clark, Ann Phillips, Paddy Brown, Terry McNutt,  
Johnny Sharkey, Marian Gibbons, Sean Carr, Noreen and Martin  
McConomy, Mary Ellen Gallagher, Fr Jimmy Gallagher, Seamus  
McDowell, Anne Monaghan, Kathleen Brady and Teresa Brady

### 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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