



Parish News

Sunday 22nd May

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home in him.



This is part of the conclusion to one Last Supper discourse in John where Jesus speaks about his departure, and in that context how he will remain present to his community. He has two gifts to the church: the Holy Spirit and peace. The Spirit is the one who continues the teaching of Jesus by keeping it in the memory of his disciples, and does not introduce a new or additional teaching. Peace is the gift that enables them to remain in love with each other and with the Father - God's Shalom

We continue to read the words of Jesus to the disciples at the last supper and these are appropriate now as we draw near to the Feast of Pentecost and the giving of the Spirit. At the beginning of the text we find a favourite theme of John which is that of the God dwelling in the disciple, making his home within each one.

This means that the Jerusalem temple, beautiful as it was, has no longer any importance, because God has chosen to live in the heart of the believer. John uses the word Advocate or Paraclete to describe the Holy Spirit and, in so doing, he is reminding us that the work of the Spirit is twofold. On the one hand, the Spirit is with us to act as our lawyer or defence counsel against an unbelieving world while, on the other, he is our teacher, who brings to light all that Jesus has said, leading us to an understanding of Jesus' words and the truth that God does indeed dwell within.

Reflection

That first council of the church in Jerusalem had enormous implications for the history of the world, far beyond what the participants could have imagined. They were not surrounded by the pomp and splendour of the Second Vatican Council, nor did they have the attention of the world's media analysing every move. Rather that small group had to proceed believing that, despite their differences and the difficulties involved in reconciling them, the Holy Spirit would guide them on the right path. So it is with the church at the beginning of the third millennium. Doubtless there are difficult days ahead and hard decisions to be made, but as people of faith we step forward trusting that God will bring about the changes in us which will make us more perfectly the People of God, The Church



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Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration - Church of the Immaculate Conception. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence at 5:00pm on Sunday 29th May 2022 and will conclude on Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 9:00am followed by Mass at 9:15am.

Synod - Please pray for the work of the Diocesan Synod Team who are meeting over this weekend to pray, hear what was said in parishes and write the Diocesan response for the Synod. This document will be shared

Concern Worldwide bookshop in Ferryquay Street is looking for volunteers. If you have some spare time and have a keen interest in books, please get in touch. To find out more information call to the shop for a volunteer application form, or contact enquiries.info@concern.net.

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Monday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May 2022. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Altnagelvin Hospital Choir will return to St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, to perform their Spring Concert, entitled 'A Sacred Place', on Sunday afternoon 29th May 2022 at 4pm. It will feature Schubert's Mass in G and sacred motets, including 'Locus iste' and 'Tantum ergo' by Bruckner. For more information click on the link [Spring Concert](#)

PRAYER BY TELEPHONE The Sisters of Mercy, Bethany House of Prayer, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer. All requests are confidential. Tel 0035342 9331602, between 9am – 9pm every day. One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you.



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Masters in Catholic School Leadership Information Session -

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. An Information session on the Masters Programme will take place via ZOOM on Monday 13th June at 3:30pm. If you would like to attend this session, please email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

JOIN LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2022

World-renowned speakers. Local leaders who have been there, done that. And the first-ever public sneak peek of The Invitation, a new film featuring Pope Francis.

There is so much more happening in Laudato Si' Week, including global events in Uganda, Italy, Ireland, Brazil, and the Philippines, along with hundreds of local events. [LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2022](#)

Dates for the Diary

Friday 10th June, 7:30pm St Columb's Anointing of the sick
(St Peregrine relic)

Sunday 12th June 6:00pm Blessing of graves in Ardmore

Sunday 19th June 3:00pm Blessing of graves in Altnagelvin and Ballyoan cemeteries (subject to being confirmed by council)



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

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)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory
10:15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's
06:00pm St Columb's

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

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



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Deaths:

Eileen Murray, Glenmore Park, Leo Gormley, Poplar Road,
Anne McGirr, Stoneypath

Anniversaries:

Mary and Alex Arbuckle, Tom and Roni Flanagan, Thomas and Maryann McNulty, Agnes and Eddie McCamphill, Kathleen McGrath, Ethna Ivey, Jim Kelly, Frank Kelly, Frances McGowan, Fr James Clerkin, Fr Paul McCrystal, Dermot Francis, Martin McLaughlin, Michael McGinley, Brendan Coyle, Brian Doherty, Jimmy Kerr, Pat McLoone

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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