

"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head."

Every human person in today's world seeks to find meaning to his or her life. People particularly young ones are often discouraged when they are unable to perceive the why of life and aim to search for it in wrong and absurd ways. According to the theologian Paul Tillich the word God translates as the depth of our life, the source of our being, and our ultimate concern, what we take seriously without any reservations. Every human person has a purpose to fulfil in life. All have a specific task and are individually called by God for a task or a mission. The call that God gives is personal. We will not comprehend the mission easily unless we are totally attentive to his calling. There is the constant search for God in the heart of every person. There is a need of quietness and withdrawal to recognize the presence of God in our life.

Thus we hear the Gospel speaking about true discipleship and the faithful following of Jesus. A disciple is one who is learning or has learned from a master or teacher, or one who follows the teachings prescribed by the master. Sacred Scripture records that the disciples followed Jesus during his public ministry and received instruction from Him regarding the Good News of salvation and the fullness of revelation. It was a deep personal experience of self-discovery, struggle, service and growth. While it is personal, the journey of discipleship is not private. A Disciple does not walk alone with Christ but walks along with others. Discipleship is not for the weak and ambivalent. Jesus teaches that lesson very clearly. Those who want to be followers of Jesus must be convinced that discipleship demands priority over everything else. This requires radical commitment and faithfulness.



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Synod Report - What has been heard

The people of the Diocese of Derry along with other Catholics all around the world have taken part in parish consultations in recent months in response to the call from Pope Francis to give their views on the type of church they want. It's the first time such a process has ever taken place. As you know, it is all leading up to the global Synod which will take place in Rome next year. The Diocese of Derry submitted its report on its consultations to the Irish Synodal Pathway Steering Committee on May 29.

This report can be viewed at: <u>Diocese of Derry Report</u>

Thank you all all who contributed and participated. Updates on the Synod process will be shared in the coming weeks

All-Ireland Rally for Life takes place in Dublin on Saturday 2nd July. Please make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. A coach will travelling from DERRY. Book your seat today. Contact 02890278484 / Ciara on 07749308198 or email info@preciouslife.com

Dates for the Diary: Cemetery Sundays

Sunday 26th June 6:00pm Blessing of graves in City Cemetery

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: The pilgrimage is now closed for applications. Pilgrims will be notified by phone over the next few days as to when and where to collect their tickets.

Buncrana Parish invites you to join us on Sunday 26th June for a Camino walk from 3pm to Fr Hegarty's Rock/Stragill Beach, with Benediction in Swan Park at 5pm, followed by a free open-air concert with James Kilbane on the Shore Front from 6pm-8pm. You are welcome to bring a picnic for the concert. We hope to see you there.

Social Café: come along for a chat, tea/coffee in aid of mental health, every Tuesday after 10am Mass in Aras Cholmcille (formally the wee nun's school in grounds of Long Tower Church). Everyone welcome.



The losas Centre Cafe in Muff (adjacent to White Oaks) is starting a Sunday Carvery starting on 3rd July, serving meals from 12:30-3:00. Delicious starters, mains and desserts, using our own organic vegetables. Booking is recommended and take away is available. Phone no.: 0749384866 Why not finish your afternoon with a walk in our beautiful Celtic Prayer Garden. (1 course €12.50/2 courses €15.50/3 courses €19.50)

LOUGH DERG THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE runs from Wednesday 1 June until 15 August (Saturday 13 Aug is the final day to begin the Pilgrimage). Cost €80. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. All booking information, including information on organised parish groups, available at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

Host families wanted for 13 to 17 yearr old Spanish students for the month of July. Host families must have children in this age group. Generous rates paid. For further information please call 08740 88282.

Bishop Daly Exhibition: St Eugene's Cathedral is holding an exhibition on the life of Bishop Edward Daly in August. As part of the exhibition, we are currently looking for photographs of his time in ministry. In particular, we are looking for photographs from his time as chaplain to Foyle Hospice, Pilgrimages which he led and events in St Columb's Hall. If you have any photos that fit these themes, contact Emmet Thompson at St Eugene's Cathedral on 028 71262894 or 02871365712 or email emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org

The Net Newspaper, the monthly publication sharing the fruits of the faith in our parish communities within the Diocese of Derry and beyond, is now available to view at https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-may-2022



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

12:30pm St Columb's

Evening (Sunday) 06:00pm St Columb's

The <u>full schedule</u> is available on the parish website

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



REST IN PEACE

Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Georgina McGaghey, Mary Mulholland, Sheila Coyle, Donal Ward, Sean Ward, Gerry Kelly, Sadie McIntyre, Willie McGrath, John Carlin, Eileen McGowan, Rose Walker, Gerald O'Doherty, Rita and Harry Doherty, Leonard and Bridie Callan

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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