



Parish News

Sunday 3rd July

“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few .”

One word that occurs and is repeated in all three readings today is “peace”. Peace is not merely the absence of war or maintaining a balance of power between adversaries. It is the tranquillity of order, it is the effect of justice and it is the effect of charity. Isaiah, in the First Reading, speaks of God sending “flowing peace, like a river”. Paul speaks of the peace and mercy that come to all who become that transformed person in Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples as lambs in the midst of wolves and tells them to proclaim peace and to bring peace with them to every house they enter. This peace is not dependent on outside circumstances. It can exist even when we are surrounded by storms. It is the peace Jesus experienced on the cross in the midst of sufferings.

Like those seventy-two persons we too are called to proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand and this has to be proclaimed through our lives. It is still possible for us to do it even after two thousand years through our simple acts of caring and our personal ability. It is necessary for us to lend a listening ear to the sick and lonely, helpless and elderly and give them that consolation and healing. The call of Jesus continues to come to us even today in our world. We have to give them the peace of Jesus. The love of God must not make us forget his justice and his rigour. Let us always remember that the mercy of God cannot be separated from his justice.





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The next **Matt Talbot, Freedom from Addiction Mass** takes place on Monday 4 July at 7:30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. We welcome you to join us at this Mass to pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction. We pray specifically at this Mass for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. If you wish to enrol somebody in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please call 028 71262894 or email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com

This weekend the **Diocesan Pilgrimage** will travel to Lourdes for the first time since July 2019. We will carry the prayer intentions of the Diocese to the Grotto. Please keep us in your prayers and remember that you may follow us online at www.Lourdes-france.org

The annual **Carmelite Scripture & Spirituality Conference 2022**.

Through eight thought provoking talks, you will learn how to greater reflect the Divine Image in a world in so much need of healing. 8th to 10th July

This year, we have been blessed with eight renowned speakers, authors and experts, who will help bring this core message of Saint Edith Stein to life and transform how we grow in our love and spirituality .. [Read More](#)

Synod Report - What has been heard around the country

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: [Diocese of Derry Report](#)

What have other diocese in Ireland been saying in their parish consultations [Directory of Synodality Synthesis Reports in Ireland – 2022](#)



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Padre Pio Mass for Healing in Mind & Body (Long Tower Church) continues this Monday 4th July at 7:30pm, when we will share in a network of prayer, love and support. We remain heartfully present with everyone and wish to connect with all who are ill, unwell, feeling isolated and struggling with the pressures of life.

ACCORD DERRY Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at www.accordni.com

The Iosas 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)

Host families wanted for 13 to 17 year 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 Columba'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

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.



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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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REST IN PEACE

Deaths:

Damien Doherty, Old Fort, Strathfoyle,
Josephine O'Connor, Hillview Avenue

Anniversaries:

Bridie and Kevin McGinley, Annie O'Kane, James Quigley, John and Sadie McConomy, Bernard Hannaway, Laurence Conaghan Jnr, Mary Leitch, Bridget McDaid, Patrick McDaid, Molly Elliott, Noel McBride, Benny McCrystal, Philomena Barrow, Celine Boyle, Daniel McGlinchey

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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