



# Parish News

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### **This man welcomes sinners ...**

*1. Given that these parables are only found in one gospel, it is a tribute to their immense power as stories that they have been central to Christian imagination down the centuries. When we remember that the only stories or incidents from the time of Jesus's public ministry that are equally well remembered are the Good Samaritan story (Lk 10) and the Zacchaeus incident (Lk 17) - and these too are only found in Luke - we get an insight into one of the key messages of Luke's preaching.*

*2. And when we gather as Christians, this is clearly something we want to hear: we desire mercy, forgiveness, a fresh start, and a welcome home. How we know that we want to hear it is the way we listen and react to this gospel.*

*3. That leaves us with a question: if this is a central message of Jesus - and it is - why is it not a message that people who are not Christians link with Christianity? This discrepancy between 'our core-message' and 'perceptions of us' reveals something very important to us. Jesus not only came to reveal the Father's love, but sent us his Spirit so that we would become agents of reconciliation. He came to bring us peace, but called us to become peacemakers. He came to seek out the lost, but calls us to welcome the outcasts and the poor. The message of the gospel is always two-sided: he reconciles us, we must reconcile others. Jesus is the centre of reconciliation in the universe; his followers must be little local centres of reconciliation throughout the universe.*

*Alas, we are better at seeking reconciliation for ourselves than being reconcilers; better at wanting peace than being peacemakers; happier at being welcomed home than offering a welcome to the stranger.*

*4. Where can we see this two-sided message of reconciliation in a nut-shell? In the 'Our Father': we pray 'forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us: Yet we are very quick to think of how we need to ask God for his forgiveness; how often do we think of our need to reconcile others?*

*5. We have just read three stories about the nature of God; but they are also challenges to our nature*



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**Derry Youth Scholarship Programme** Derry Youth are now taking expressions of interest for the Derry Youth Scholarship Programme. This is a year-long programme for young people in 6th Form or doing their Leaving Cert. The programme provides opportunities for young people to meet others from across the diocese, to come together to explore their faith, to meet new friends, gain training and learn new skills, and work with a charitable organisation. If you are interested in this programme or would like more information, please message us @Derryouth on social media or email Niamh at [niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org](mailto:niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org)

**Melodies & Memories** – a music group for people living with dementia, their family members/ friends and also for older members of the community who like to sing and enjoy a bit of craic – will resume their sessions in The Acorn Centre (in the grounds of St. Peter's Church, Culmore Road), starting date 19th September. The group meets each Monday afternoon, 2.30 - 4.30. Please phone 07561706815 for any further information or email [melandmem@icloud.com](mailto:melandmem@icloud.com)

**Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy.** The Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast looks forward to reopening for the new academic year from Monday 12 September. Open during term from 10am to 10pm Monday through Thursday and Fridays 10am to 3pm, the Chaplaincy provides vital pastoral and faith supports to students, offering them a home-from-home during their time at University. More on what's on offer can be found at [qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org) Mosaic Café is open Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm and the ever-popular Sunday evening Mass, open to the University community and wider public, resumes from Sunday 18 September at 8:00pm. Spread the word, especially with any incoming or returning students!

**Sharing the Good News** We are delighted to bring you the first issue of the new Sharing the Good News weekly e-Zine for parishes and dioceses which replaces the former monthly newsletter issued in PDF format. An archive of this e-Zine is available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).

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**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and other important sites, this is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Price is €1,895 / £1,655pps including taxes and tips. For more details, email [info@marian.ie](mailto:info@marian.ie) or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

**SMA Novena 2022** in honour of St Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers 10.00am & 7.30pm, SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, available via webcam [www.sma.ie](http://www.sma.ie)

"CALLING ALL MEN...CALLING ALL MEN...100 PLUS IRISH MEN NEEDED The **Men's Global Rosary Crusade** invites 100, and hopefully more, men to meet and say the Rosary in reparation, repentance and conversion of the Irish nation at 1pm opposite the Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart on Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> October as part of the Crusade. We need as many men from this parish to attend this wonderful event and pray the Rosary as Our Lady has asked us to do repeatedly. Please come along and invite your family and friends as well. Let's make this something beautiful for Our Lady, Our Lord, Ireland and the world. For details, ring 07730330028."

**Christmas Fundraisers:** Trócaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, especially the millions of people affected by the hunger crisis in East Africa. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Love – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at [info@trocaire.org](mailto:info@trocaire.org) or call 028 9090 8030.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS:** Is Gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel 028 7135 1329.

**Safeguarding Sunday** This year's Safeguarding Sunday Mass takes place next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022, at 3:00pm in St Columb's Church, Waterside, Derry. We take this opportunity to thank and pray for those who have stepped up to co-ordinate safeguarding in our church so that we can ensure the protection of children and adults at risk.

**The Season of Creation** began on 1<sup>st</sup> September and runs until October 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 with the theme 'Listen to the Voice of Creation'. Resources are available [here](#)

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

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### Deaths:

**Pat Cuning**, Coleraine; **Mona Chambers**, Ardmore;

**Annette Mortimer** nee McCloskey, Clondermott Park;

**Rita McLaughlin**, Fallowfield Park, funeral Monday at 10:00 in St Columb's Church

### Anniversaries:

Fr Aidan Mullan, Teresa McAtamney, Tommy Kerrigan, Liam Gormley,  
Susan Doherty, Christine Tracey, Philomena Martin, Mickey McLaughlin,  
John Paul McConomy

### 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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