



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

PARISH BULLETIN
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ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE TO GIVE YOU THANKS

When we don't expect it, gratitude can be very confusing! When we do expect it and it isn't shown, we can be left feeling disappointed. There is a great awkwardness around gratitude and ingratitude.

In our Gospel this weekend all ten lepers experience healing they are thrilled and over the moon. Their lives have been restored to them. Only one we are told turns on his tracks and gives praise. There is no reason to suspect that the other nine were not appreciative of what Jesus done.

The word Eucharist means "thanks". When we gather at Mass, we do what Naaman and the Samaritan leper did: we give praise and thanks to God. We at every Mass hear the words "Always and Everywhere to Give You Thanks" The central prayer of the central act of the Church is always one of thanksgiving. Even in the most difficult situations it is always thanksgiving.

Christians are a Eucharistic people, which means we are thankful people. Often our prayers are about ourselves, asking for ourselves and others. This weekend is an opportunity to reflect on how much time we spend giving thanks to God and other people. In reflecting on the gospel we can also reflect on our own lives and ask why am I often reluctant to say "thank you"?

"Thank you, Lord for the wonder of my being, and the wonder of all your creation"

Annual 100 mile Charity Cycle

In aid of Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and Parish Beirut Project.

Fr Canny will undertake the 100mile cycle on the last week of October 2022.

Donations welcome for these worthy causes. Donations can be left at the Parish Office.

The Trench Rd Folk Group have resumed singing at 10.15 Sunday Mass. New and returning members welcome (P7 upwards and adults). If you are willing to commit, come to our practice in the Malvern Tce Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm, or talk to us after Mass on Sunday.

Pope John Paul II Award – Young people who are eligible for the parish John Paul II Award are invited to a meeting in the **Parish Hall, Chapel Road on Monday 10th October at 6.30**. This will be an opportunity to register and we hope to have the award activities up and running shortly after this first meeting.

Altar servers – now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed we are hoping to get new Altar servers. Girls and boys of P5 upwards welcome. Please leave names at parish office or one of the priests.

Baptisms – We welcome to the family of God: **Noah Anthony McNamee** – Deanfield and **Dena 'Og Dunlop** –St Breacan's Park

Anniversaries: William Canning, Norman Walker, Nellie & Eddie Crumley, Samuel Frazer, Maureen Beattie, Rose & Willie McLaughlin, Lena McLaughlin, Robbie Herron, Grainne Shiels, Tom Leonard, Joan Kelly
Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Collection for last week: Glendermott: £3,492 Strathfoyle: £315

St Oliver Plunkett P.S. Fundraiser – Wednesday 12th October. Doors open: 7pm. Eyes down: 7:30pm. £5 per book.

Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland – Sunday October 9th, at 2.30pm. Sign up Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

Derry Youth Scholarship Programme – If you are interested or want more information, please message us @Derryouth on social media or email Niamh at niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org

Derry Diocesan Trust: External Job Advertisement – Pastoral Youth Ministry Coordinator (St Eugene's and Long Tower) & Cathedral Hall Manager – Closing Date: 19/10/22 4:30pm. For job description and application form please contact: Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office or payroll@derrydiocese.org

Vocations Prayer – In our Gospel today Jesus highlights the gratitude of the leper who was healed and the ingratitude of the other nine. We pray that we will be grateful to God for those who minister to us in our parish communities, and that we will encourage and support those who are discerning a vocation to serve as a priest, deacon or religious to respond to the Lord's call.

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

ULSTER PROJECT 2023: Applications are now open. Ulster Project is a non-funded organisation so parents must meet the full cost of the project for their teen. Group fundraising events are held. Teens must be 15 on or before 1 July 2023. For an application form and further information regarding references and vaccinations etc. please email ulsterprojectderrylondonderry@outlook.com. Closing date for applications is Friday 21 October 2022.

Youth 2000 Ulster retreat will be taking place Lough Derg, Co. Donegal between 14th-16th October 2022. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Suggested donation £35/€40. Register now on www.youth2000.ie"

Catholic Chaplaincy QUB Annual Dedication of Studies Mass – Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate Mass on Sunday 16 October at 8pm in the Chaplaincy's Corpus Christi Chapel, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE 2022 – LIVE ON RADIO MARIA IRELAND SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2PM. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

October is the month of Missions – prayer for missionaries

Heavenly Father – when your Son, Jesus Christ rose from the dead he commissioned his followers to “Go make disciples of all the nations” So:

Lord Jesus Christ, watch over your missionaries, priests, religious and lay people – who have left everything to give testimony to Your Word and Your Love.

In difficult moments sustain their energies, comfort their hearts and bless their work with spiritual achievements.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

St Columb's Church	10am, 12:30pm, 6pm
Immaculate Conception	10:15am & 12:15pm
St Oliver Plunkett	11:15am
St Mary's Oratory	9:15am

Monday - Friday

St Columb's Church	10am, 7:30pm
Immaculate Conception	9.15am
St Oliver Plunkett	11am

(11am mass in St Mary's Oratory on Wednesdays)

Saturday

St Columb's Church	10am, 7pm (Sunday Vigil)
Immaculate Conception	11am, 6pm (Sunday Vigil), 8pm (Hospital Mass)
St Oliver Plunkett	6pm (Sunday Vigil)

Confessions:

St Columb's – Saturday after 10am Mass, Friday 5-6pm during Adoration and Monday – Thursday at 7pm before evening Mass

Immaculate Conception – after 11am Mass every Saturday and at 5.30pm before evening Mass on a Saturday

St Oliver Plunkett – Every Saturday 5.30 before the Vigil Mass

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