



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

PARISH BULLETIN
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Pray never to lose heart

Today's Gospel shows the importance Jesus attaches to perseverance. Perseverance has been defined "**as the everyday form of courage.**" Most people will never be asked to act in a heroic way but we very regularly have to make an effort to stick at what is good. Perseverance is the unspectacular courage that generally goes unnoticed.

When it comes to faith and prayer, the temptation to quit remains very real for believers. In the early church people quit because of danger to their lives in our time some people have quit because of the actions of church men but most people have quit because they have neglected their faith and drifted away.

Jesus is aware of the challenges of faith, and so, in today's gospel he urges us to keep praying and never lose heart.

Jesus is realistic; he knows that despite encouragement many will lose heart. Hence at the end of the Gospel he asks the question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth."

We should never take perseverance of faith for granted: it is a valuable gift that needs to be nourished.

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

You shall be my witnesses

The words “to the ends of the earth” challenges us all to go beyond our local geographical boundaries and comfort zones into places and situations. Our missionaries give witness to Christ, they bring the good news of his love. Despite our own situation the Church must constantly keep looking outwards, and testify to all people, despite their circumstances, to the love of Christ.

Next weekend, Mission Sunday, we remember in prayer those engaged in Missionary activity. We also support them financially in the annual Mission Sunday collection.

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.

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: **Blaithin Lily Ogilvie**, Sevenoaks; **Ellis Sarah Lynch**, Birchill, Belt Road; **Eirinn McLaughlin**, Lower Violet Street

Deaths – We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of: **John McCrudden** – Rosstown Park

Anniversaries – **Kathleen Dunne, Eamon Houston, Gerry Costello, Lily McCann, Sarah McGee, John Doherty, Edward Given, William Strawbridge, Jean Feeney, Patrick O'Donnell, Hugh Doherty, Lily McCallion, Barry McCallion, William Doherty, Sean & Karen Flanagan, Phyllis (Ding) Nash**

Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Collection for last week: Glendermott: £3,049 Strathfoyle: £280
The annual Mission Sunday collection will be taken up as a second collection next weekend

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

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Part Time Financial and Administrative Secretary – Gortin, Greencastle, Newtownstewart & Plumbridge parishes – 16 hours per week. For job description and application form contact: Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP: email: payroll@derrydiocese.org or telephone: 028 7126 2302. Closing Date is 4.30pm 27th October 2022. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*

Compassionate Communities – free information session on Advance Care Planning. Find out what it is and why it’s important to you and your loved ones. The session takes place on Friday 21st October at 10.30am – 12pm at The Foyle Hospice. To book a place or for more information call Kathleen on 07841 101932 or email kathleen@compassionatecommunitiesni.com

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust- Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2023 – further details please contact Mary Dunnion (0877962047) or Aileen Henry (0872063183). Closing date is 31st October.

Vocations Prayer – In our Gospel parable, Jesus shows that the widow was granted her request because of her persistence in pestering the judge. May we pray with the same persistence in asking the Lord of the Harvest to provide the Church with priests, deacons and religious.

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.

Annual Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – beginning Sunday 23rd October 6.00pm in Long Tower Church. First theme is What do I believe? Exploring our Faith. First speaker will be Deacon Michael McCaul. Everyone welcome.

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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