



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

PARISH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 2022

THE INVITATION IS TODAY

St Luke's gospel, and particularly our Gospel reading this weekend, the focus is on Jesus calling each person individually and saving people today. Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name and says that he wants to stay at his house today and that salvation has come to his house today. For Jesus each person is important and today is the day.

Zacchaeus showed himself to be open to the call of Jesus, much to the surprise of the people who thought there was no good in a tax collector. Zacchaeus had become rich of the backs of the people, and they thoroughly disliked him. Yet he was the one singled out by Jesus and surprised everyone by responding positively. As a result he has become a new person. His manner of life and living has changed – he can look at himself and others with love.

For many people, faith and religion is about the past. People say "I was baptised", "I made my first Holy Communion"; "I was confirmed". All use of the past tense. For Jesus faith is about today and the future. Let us pray that our faith is alive and active in the here and now rather than a dust memory.

The same Jesus who invited Zacchaeus to follow him is continuing to invite people.

Big Feasts this coming week

While the secular world will celebrate the coming days with Halloween dress and fireworks the church invites us to reflect on all saints and souls. **Tuesday the Feast of All Saints** is our opportunity to reflect on the lives of the many very ordinary women and men who have prayed and worshipped in our own churches that are now numbered among the saints. On **Wednesday the Feast of All Souls** we are asked to reflect on the people who are still on the journey to union with God and who can be assisted by our prayers.

100 Mile Cycle – Fr Canny thanks sincerely the many people who sponsored his cycle, (which took place last Tuesday). Donations still gratefully accepted.

The Trench Road Folk Group have resumed singing at 10.15am Sunday Mass. New and returning members welcome (P7 upwards and adults). If you are willing to commit, come to our practice in the Malvern Terrace Hall on Wednesdays at 7.00pm, 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: **Ailbhé Angela Rose Dunne**, Stradowen Dirve; **Ethan James Tony McKinney**, Birch Hill; **Raidyn Patrick Patton**, Chapel Road; **Ava Patricia Henry**, Oak Country Park & **Adam Noel Logue**, Anderson Crescent

Deaths – We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of: **Frances McGowan** – Violet Street & **Robert Kelly** – Hollymount Park

Anniversaries – **Mary Gillespie, Eva McGinley, Joe Fegan, Patsy Crossan, Liam Crossan, Laurence & Susan Mullan, Paddy Joe McPeake, Briedge Bryson, Greta Murray, Charles Mullan, William McConomy**

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

Collections for last week:	Glendermott: £2,420.00	Strathfoyle: £350.00
Mission collection:	Glendermott: £2,005.00	Strathfoyle: £200.00

Vocations – Addressing the church community in Thessalonica, St Paul writes "We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call!" We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the Diaconate and Consecrated life and that all who are called by the Lord to follow him will be worthy of his call. Anyone interested in serving the diocese of Derry as a priest should contact their local priest(s) and/or the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP, Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com

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. 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 infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9090 8030.

Deceased Children & Young People's Mass – St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 6th November at 7:00pm. There will be an opportunity to write down the name of your deceased loved one before Mass. All are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend this Mass in person but would like to have a child or young person remembered at it, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org by Friday 4 November.

St Joseph's Boys School Annual Mass of Remembrance for all deceased pupils, staff and governors will take place on Thursday 10 November 2022 @ 7pm in the school assembly hall.

Safeguarding - If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793 or at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Duty Social Worker, Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090

Please Note – a safeguarding and refresher information session will be held in the Parish Hall, on Monday 21st November at 8pm. All parish volunteers are invited to attend.

Pledge for November - Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray.

FOSTERING - This autumn, help us spread the word about Fostering We need more foster carers now, right across Northern Ireland. Help us get the message out by talking to your family, friends and work colleagues. There are various types of foster care available to suit different lifestyles and family commitments. Could you foster? T: 0800 0720 137 W: adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

Prayer for sickness & infirmity based on Prophet Isaiah

Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened; be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes to save you.

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 5.30pm before the Vigil Mass

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