



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

PARISH BULLETIN
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BELIEF IN THE RESURRECTION

Today's first Reading gives us an account of the persecution and martyrdom of the Maccabean Widow's seven sons. But, there is a great note of hope at the end, because the Reading ends with the following words of one of the sons: we *"rely on God's promise that we shall be raised up again by him."* That statement is a very clear proclamation of their faith in the Resurrection.

Today's Gospel, written by St Luke, gives us Jesus' own word, his own promise that 1) there is a resurrection from the dead, and 2) the faithful followers of Jesus will rise again. In fact, Jesus calls his followers/us *"the children of the resurrection,"* and he continues to say that *"being children of the resurrection they/we are sons and daughters of God."* If you want a reliable source for your belief in the resurrection, then you cannot get a more reliable source than Jesus himself.

The resurrection of Jesus was the first resurrection – but it was not going to be the last. In Luke's Gospel, for example, we are told of the conversation between Jesus and the Good Thief as they hung on their crosses and of Jesus' promise to the Good Thief that *"this day you will be with me in Paradise"* (Lk 23:43).

During our November prayers for our Faithful Departed we remembered many of our own relatives who have died and who, we believe, are now on the journey to heaven and total union with God.

100 Mile Cycle – Fr Canny thanks sincerely the many people who sponsored his cycle, (which took place on Tuesday 25th October). 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.

The Liturgy Team is holding a post-Covid get-together for all Readers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 19th November at 10;30am in the Parish Hall. It will last 1-1/2 hours and will be a chance to meet again in God's presence and reflect on our Ministries in the run up to Advent.

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.

Baptisms – We welcome to the family of God: **Aoibhín Clare Feeney**, Woodland Mews; **Sophie Maria McLaughlin**, Stradowen Drive

Deaths – We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of: **Elizabeth McCann**, Rossdale & **Majella McBride**, Strabane Old Road

Anniversaries – **Philomena O’Kane, Margaret Hillen, John McLaughlin, Anne Friel, Jim Diamond, Daniel Doherty, Fiona Webb, Michelle Webb, Olive Parkhouse, Rosemary McGeady**

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

Collections for last week: Glendermott: £3,058.00 Strathfoyle: £430.00
Mission collection (extra) Glendermott: £680.00 Strathfoyle: £80.00
There will be an additional collection next Sunday (13th November) for retired priests.

Vocations – St Paul encourages us to “... pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly...” We ask God’s blessing on those He is calling to spread the Good News of His love as priests, deacons or religious.

The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry, on Friday 11 November, from 8-9pm, and will be broadcast on the

Cathedral webcam for those who cannot attend in person. It will be led by Fr Daniel McFaul, PP, St Mary's, Creggan.

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.

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

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

A Prayer for Vocations – O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen

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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