



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

PARISH BULLETIN
SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2022

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of Ordinary Time and the Church's liturgical year. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to promote devotion to the Universal Lordship of Christ in response to the growing secularism of the Western world.

The phrase '*Kingdom of God*' occurs 122 times in the Gospels, 90 of which are on the lips of Jesus. The synoptic gospels introduce Jesus' public ministry with the phrase: '*The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe the Good News*' (Mk 1:15). The kingdom God was the central theme of Jesus' teaching and the event that shaped his entire ministry – his table-fellowship with sinners and outcasts, his healing miracles and exorcisms, his forgiveness of sins. God's kingdom, as lived and proclaimed by Jesus, meant good news for the poor, healing for the sick, and liberation for the enslaved and oppressed.

As inheritors of Jesus' promise and sharers in his kingship, we are challenged to walk in his footsteps and imitate his example of love and forgiveness. Today's gospel reminds us that it *is in forgiving that* we are most like God our Father and Christ his Son. It *is in forgiving that* we bring healing to others and to ourselves. It *is in forgiving that* we manifest the kingship of Christ and extend on earth the reign of God's love.

40 HOURS ADORATION – Adoration begins after the 12.30pm Mass today (Sunday) and continues until 6pm Mass and resumes after the 10am Mass on Monday until evening Mass.

Safeguarding meeting – The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at Malvern Terrace on **Monday 21st November at 8pm – after evening Mass**. All people who are involved in bringing communion to the sick or visiting homes or working with young people are asked to attend this information evening.

CONFIRMATION DATES 2023

Friday 24 th March	1pm	Oliver Plunkett PS in St Oliver Plunkett, Strathfoyle
	3pm	Oakgrove PS, in St Oliver Plunkett, Strathfoyle
Saturday 25 th March	11.30am	Chapel Road PS in St Columb's, Chapel Road
Friday 31 st March	1pm	Sacred Heart PS in CoIC (1)
	3pm	Sacred Heart PS in CoIC (2)
	5pm	Newbuildings and Others in CoIC
Saturday 1 st April	11am	Good Shepherd PS in St Columb's Chapel Road (1)
	1pm	Good Shepherd PS in St Columb's Chapel Road (2)

Baptisms – We welcome to the family of God: **Jonah Neil Hamilton**, Thornlea Gardens

Deaths – We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of: **Elizabeth O'Donnell**, Rockport Park

Anniversaries – **Annie Leonard, John Bradley, Maureen Doherty, Patrick McBride, Don Doherty, Madeline Doherty, Roisin Thornton, Helen Boyle, Carla Ward, Paddy Barr, Deirdre Moore, Michael Gallagher, Catherine Paivia, Liam McGuinness, Vera Vaughan, Celine Hargan, Leana Morrow, Tony Murry, Kay McDaid, Dorothy Gillespie, Lily Toland, Mary Doherty, Eileen McLaughlin**

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

Collections for last week: Glendermott: £2,879.00 Strathfoyle: £505.00

Retired Priests Collection: Glendermott: £3,012.00 Strathfoyle: £205.00

Vocations – That those called to proclaim the Kingdom of God as priests, religious or permanent (married) deacons will respond positively to the Lord's invitation. 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

Lectio Divina – begins Thursday 24th Nov 8:15pm, Church of Immaculate Conception, Trench Road

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.

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. 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

Lumen Christi College musical, "Cinderella" will be held on Wednesday 30th November, Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd December at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the College Reception: Adults £12; Concession £9; Family £40.

St Mary's College Christmas Craft Fair (Northland Road, Derry) – Saturday 26th November 2022, 11am – 4pm, £1 Entry – Café - Santa – Suits all budgets

Annual Solemn Novena in St Columba's Long Tower - Sunday 20th November at 6pm. The theme of this year's Novena is 'What do I believe? Exploring our faith in the Creed'. This week's guest speaker is Michael Kelly who will speak on 'the Communion of Saints'.

ADVENT REFLECTION – Dromantine Retreat Centre, Tuesday 13 December, 4pm, to Wednesday 14 December, 5pm, in preparation for Christmas. Includes Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick. Cost £120/€145. To book, tel 028 3082 1224.

Mary's Meals – Double the Love – all donations made to Mary's Meals until 31st January 2023 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. For more information, visit www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Caoimhe McCann on 07394564065.

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

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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