



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

**PARISH BULLETIN
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A season of Waiting

This weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of a new church year. Advent is the season of waiting and it has three dimensions. The past coming of Christ at the first Christmas, the future coming of Christ at the end of life, and the everyday coming of Christ into our lives.

In our world the preparations for Christmas have begun, The Christmas trees, lights and festive fare in the shops help to cheer up many people but the commercial side of the season has devoured Advent as a season of waiting which offers a spiritual message.

We live in an age of having things now. Waiting is difficult. Many of our waiting experiences are not nice. Waiting in casualty, waiting in traffic or in a barely moving queue can be frustrating. We are so used to the instant whether it be coffee or messaging.

Advent challenged us to consider how we are preparing for the Lord's arrival. It invites us to reflect on what we are waiting for. Are we living each and every day in such a way that we are ready when he comes?

Three times in our gospel this weekend we are told to be on our guard and stay awake because we never know when our circle of life will reach completion.

Christmas Hamper Appeal 2022 – The parish Pope John Paul II Award Group would like to appeal for donations for their Christmas Hampers. Please drop donations into any of the Sacristies or the Parish Office in Chapel Road

Lectio Divina – continues Thursday 1st Dec 8:15pm, Church of Immaculate Conception, Trench Road

Adoration – Church of the Immaculate Conception on every Thursday after 9:15am mass until 8pm, Chapel Road on Fridays from 1pm until evening mass, and Strathfoyle after 11am mass on Mondays.

Baptisms – We welcome to the family of God: **Fergheal Brolly**, Hollymount Park; **Mason Finn Kelly**, Pelham Road; **Cáit Lily Connolly**, Gelvin Gardens; **Jayden Jonathan Watson-Coyle**, Pelham Road; **Croia Catherine Morrison**, Blackrock Commons; **Dáire Patrick Gerard McCallion**, Oldfort & **Caoimhe Grace Gibbons**, Waterfoot Park

Deaths – We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of: **Patricia Plumb**, Kilburn Crescent, **Fr Dessie Morrison**, Victoria Pk who died in the Philippines

Anniversaries – **Dr Terence Quinn, John Coyle, Anastasia Warne, Margaret Horner, Liam McGuinness, Dora (Dolly) Hegarty, Henri Roberts, Rita Cassidy, Sheena Morrow, Rene McLaughlin, Paddy Boyle, Margaret Curran, Chris Francis, Barney O’Kane, Willie Gormley, Kathleen & Bill Monk, Margaret Nash, May Nash, Lal Nash, Bridie Kelly, Gerry Holmes, Fay Hegarty, Bill & Kathleen McHugh, Margaret Monaghan, Isaac Duddy, Shiela Hampsey**

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

Collections for last week: Glendermott: £3,931.00 Strathfoyle: £675.00
Fr Canny acknowledges an anonymous donation of £1,000.00 towards Strathfoyle parish

Vocations – In today’s Gospel Jesus asks His followers to be attentive - to “stay awake” to “stand ready.” We pray that those whom the Lord is calling to follow Him and serve His people as priests, deacons or religious will be “awake” to the call of the Lord in their hearts. 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.

Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on 2nd Dec @ The Belfray Hotel ring 02871860950 to secure your place. Bus collection from 7 @ the 3 bus stops Clonmeen Drive.

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.

ADVENT WEEKEND RETREAT – Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca, beginning at 7.30p.m. on Friday 2nd December and ending after lunch on Sunday 4th December. Cost including meals £90 residential. Non-residential £60. For bookings and further details contact 71262512.

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.

Annual Solemn Novena in St Columba's Long Tower – Sunday 27th November at 6pm, including Rosary, Novena prayer and Eucharistic healing ceremony with Benediction. Guest speaker is Stephen Doherty of Lumen Christi College, teaching Religious Studies, History and responsible for Faith Development. All welcome.

Iosas Centre – Tuesday 29 November, Card-Making Class with the Festive Theme of Christmas Cards. Time: 1.30 - 4.30 pm, with Tea / Coffee / Shortbread & Mince Pies served. All Card-Making supplies will be provided and you also get to take home your own hand-crafted Christmas Cards on the Day - €25.00 per person. If you would like to book, call 074 93 84866 or email info@sanctuarydonegal.com

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome – Bishop McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome from 25th – 30th September 2023. Price is £879pps (Single room supplement £150). For more details, email info@marian.ie or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

Job Opportunity – Position: Cook; Location: Banagher Parochial House, 42 Glenedra Road, Feeny, Co Derry; Hours: 10 hours per week (hours flexible but must include Saturday 11.00am to 2.00pm). For an application pack please contact: Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to payroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on 16.12.2022.

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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