



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

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PRAYING IN ADVENT

In the Gospel of St Luke, Jesus poses a troubling question. He is quoted as asking: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Let us imagine that the Lord came back again, as he did all those years ago. Unfortunately, he would see many wars, much poverty and many inequalities as well as many technical achievements, modern means, and people who are always rushing about.

If the Lord were to come today what would he find in me, in my life, my heart? In reality most people focus on so many urgent but unnecessary things. We occupy and preoccupy ourselves with so many secondary things. Frequently without realising it, we can neglect what matters most and we allow our love for God to grow cold

During this season of Advent we are presented with an opportunity to rekindle our faith. This can be done by prayer. Prayer is the medicine for faith, it is a tonic for the soul. It needs to be more than just once.

If we are taking medicine for anything we need to continue the course, likewise with prayer it needs to be regular and constant. Prayer does not have to be long, simple phrases like “Jesus I trust you. Jesus I love you” or “I thank you and I offer this day to you”.

8th December – Feast of the Immaculate Conception Thursday of this week we celebrate a feast in honour of Mary. The feast proclaims that Mary was uniquely favoured by God from the moment of her conception in her mother’s womb. From the first moment of her life, God was preparing her to be the woman from whose womb Jesus, the Son of God, would be born.

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 8th 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: **Cian McCarron**, Glencregagh Road and **Jacob Desmond Peter Boyd**, The Old Fort

Deaths – We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of: **Maria Brennan**, Otterbank Road; **Marjorie Clift**, Virginia Court; **Chrissie McLaughlin**, Burnside Gardens & **Alfie O'Connor**, Lisnamon Court

Anniversaries – **Reggie McClay, Mary Parke, Philip McCauley, Peter Murphy, Aidan McLaughlin, Joseph McAuley, Tommy & Maureen Morrison, Gretti McMenamin, Anthony Anthony, Sadie Conaghan, Kathleen McDermott, Sarah Deeney, Annie Bryson, Adam Campbell, Joe Campbell, Teresa Campbell, Danny McCloskey, Mary Gibbons, Artie Holmes, Leonard Tracey, Eileen McMenamin**
Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Collections for last week: Glendermott: £3,289.00 Strathfoyle: £555.00

Vocations – Just as John the Baptist answered the call to be a “voice in the wilderness” to “prepare a way for the Lord” – we pray for those in our society who are called to be the voice in the wilderness of our modern society by living their lives in service as a priest, deacon or religious. The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry, on Friday 9 December, at 8pm, and will be led by the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O’Hagan, PP Bellaghy and Greenlough. Those unable to attend are invited to follow the Service on the Cathedral webcam at: www.steugenescathedral.com. 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.

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.

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 Opportunities: Position: Cook; Location: Banagher Parochial House, 42 Glinedra 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.

Position: Housekeeper – Retired Priest; Location: Sappagh, Co Donegal; Hours: 7 hours per week (Friday 10.00am - 5.30pm). 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 09.12.2022.

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – To join, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Society. Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712. The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 5th December at 7.30 pm.

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – will meet on Tuesday 6 December at Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty. Rosary at 18.45, Mass at 19.15, and Novena to St. Pio directly afterwards. There will be a first-class relic available for veneration. All are welcome.

Mass SCHEDULE

Sunday

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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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