



Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parishes

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This weekend, Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry publishes a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese of Derry '*God has plans for His people.*

Join in the Mission of Prayer, Exploration and Renewal.'

Bishop McKeown invites "all our local parishes to have prayerful discussions about how each can explore and review our way of being Church so that we:

- Build an open and welcoming community, reaching those who feel like outsiders in our churches;
- Grow in faith together throughout our lives; and
- Make Jesus known and loved.

"Faith means believing that God is at work, even in difficult times. Faith involves discerning where God is in the middle of fear and loss, anger and division.

"It is very clear that, like much of Europe, the Diocese of Derry faces many difficulties.

1. The model of Church that seemed so confident 50 years ago is no longer marked by large numbers at Mass. Where smaller numbers attend Mass, there is a lesser chance of bringing people to know and love Jesus, of numerous vocations to priesthood and religious life.
2. The scandal of abuse and cover-ups from the past have damaged our ability to speak about Jesus with moral authority.
3. To a large extent we have failed to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to young people.
4. We face a secular culture which has little time for faith communities. Along with other Christian churches, we know that the problem in the

future will not be religious difference so much as religious indifference.

5 Our society is stalked by fears of poverty, war in Europe and a climate emergency.

(To be continued)

Unity Walk 2023 - Our church Unity walk will be held on Wednesday 18th January (Wednesday of this week). The walk begins in All saints Church Clooney Terrace at 7pm and continues by going to the Clooney Hall, Methodist Church and finishes at St Columb's Church, Chapel Road with prayers and refreshments in the hall. All welcome. Since this is the first in person gathering since before Covid it would be nice if we had a good attendance.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2023 – The theme this year is "Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst injustice

Deaths: We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of **Charlie Kelly**, Woodbrook, **John McLaughlin**, Rosstown Road, **Evelyn Kennedy**, Arden Place

Anniversaries: Gary Skeffington, Johnny Kelly, Paddy O'Donnell, John Gill, Pat Leitch, Helena McDermott, Lena McLaughlin, Gabrielle Porter, Patsy Frazer, Catherine, Cathal, Christopher, Terence and Maurice Gallagher, Kevin Shearring, Peggy McClay, John McAtamney, Brenda Murray, Kathleen O'Neill, Damien O'Neill, Elizabeth McGinley, Noel Martin, Philomena and David Quinn, Raymond Coyle, Robert Irwin.

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

Baptism – We welcome into God's family Carl Christopher Doherty, Clagh Crescent, Strathfoyle

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,805.00 Strathfoyle: £540.00

Lectio Divina – beginning **Thursday 19th January** at **Church of Immaculate Conception** starting at **8:15pm**.

Vocations – That, like St John the Baptist, those called to witness as priests of the diocese of Derry to the fact that Jesus Christ is "...the Chosen One of God"

will, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, be "...a light to the nations" so that the Good News of God's love may be preached everywhere. We pray to the Lord.

Anyone interested in serving the Church as a priest in the diocese of Derry should contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, **Fr Pat O'Hagan**, PP Bellaghy and Greenlough, at **(028) 7938 6452** or at pgoh2111@gmail.com

Lourdes 2023 – The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Donal McKeown, will go direct from City of Derry Airport. 3rd to 7th July, four nights full board in the Hotel Agena: £745 sharing, £35 single supplement. Travel insurance up to age 79-£39. Age 80 to 94-£78. (Pilgrims may wish to use their own insurance). Further details and payment arrangements will be available in the new year via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, derrypilgrim@outlook.com, tel 02871 260 293

Colmcille Ladies Choir is recruiting new members for the 2023 season. For more information Contact Anne 07913383475.

Study Theology, is this for you? – The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

Disciples of Jesus - Filled With Joy! – 16-19th January 2023 10am-12am, St Eugene's Cathedral Hall Webcam. Following on from the excellent response to our online Confirmation Preparation Sessions last year and at the request of schools, we will be offering another preparation programme next week, to support parents, schools and parishes as they prepare the children in this very important stage of their faith journey. Bishop McKeown will be joining us for the programme throughout the week. Linking with *Filled With Joy*, pupil workbook and *Disciples of Jesus*, parent booklet (available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre). The programme will consist of, **Four sessions, 10am -12 am on the Cathedral Hall Webcam** [St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry Diocese \(steugenescathedral.com\)](http://steugenescathedral.com). Each day the sessions will include catechesis on different aspects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, prayer, creative activities and music. A support pack for the four sessions *will be emailed to schools and available on the Catechetical Centre Website.

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	10:00am, 12:30pm, 6:00pm
Immaculate Conception	10:15am & 12:15pm
St Oliver Plunkett	11:15am
St Mary's Oratory	09:15am

Monday - Friday

St Columb's Church	10:00am, 7:30pm
Immaculate Conception	09:15am
St Oliver Plunkett	11:00am

(11am mass in St Mary's Oratory on Wednesdays)

Saturday

St Columb's Church	10:00am, 7pm (Sunday Vigil)
Immaculate Conception	11:00am, 6pm (Sunday Vigil)
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 5.30 before the Vigil Mass

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