



## PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

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### LIGHT AND SALT

Our gospel this weekend is a continuation of that of last Sunday where Jesus announced his recipe for living a blessed and happy life. That message may have puzzled many in his audience and likewise in our time. It was and indeed still is counter cultural.

In today's gospel Jesus tells us that as his followers we are to shed light all around us and to be like salt that transforms food. Drawing on these familiar daily images Jesus invites his followers to see themselves as influential, even on a world scale. "You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world".

Just as a small amount of salt can transform insipid fare into pleasant food, or a tiny bit of light can illuminate a big space, so does the life lived according to the gospel.

The way of Jesus is not the way of the exceptional, just the ordinary done well. The Christian way, lived faithfully day by day, without fanfare is light for the world, constantly making a difference.

#### **Message given to participants at a Cursillo weekend**

God alone can give faith, but you can offer witness  
God alone can give hope, but you can give confidence to others  
God alone can give love, but you can pass it on to others  
God alone can give peace, but you can work for unity  
God alone is the way, but you can show it to others  
God alone is the light, but you can make it shine for others  
God alone is life, but you can give others a taste for it  
God alone is self-sufficient, but he prefers to count on you

## ***Upcoming feasts of the week***

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Our Lady of Lourdes.**

On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the Mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul 11 instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Deaths:** We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families **Maureen Wilson**, Knockwellan Park and **Patrick Barrow**, Holywood Avenue

**Anniversaries:** Vera McLaughlin, John Moore, Michael & Margaret McConnell, Mary Jane Doherty, Tony Orr, Eamon Flanagan, Margaret Hargan, Billy Leitch, William Leitch, Danny McNally, Eileen Elliott, Danny Gillespie, Ann Moore, James Monaghan, Celine Houston, James & Ellen Duffy, Jackie Duffy, John Connolly, Sean Gribben, Lexie Killen,

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4332.00 Strathfoyle: £480.00**  
**NEXT WEEKENDS COLLECTION IS A STIPEND COLLECTION**

**Lectio Divina – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Church of Immaculate Conception**  
starting at **8:15pm**.

**Job Opportunity with Derry Diocesan Trust** – Caretaker, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Church Street, Omagh 20 hours per week – 1 year fixed term contract. For further details and application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry BT48 9AP, telephone 0297126 2302.

**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. Further details and payment arrangements will be available in the new year via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com), tel 02871 260 293

**Would you like to become a volunteer at Foyle Hospice?** Foyle Hospice are asking for your help. Contact the Hospice for further information by ringing 02871 351010.

**Ards Friary** is hosting a residential retreat, 'Things that Matter', on the first weekend in Lent, 24-26 February. It will be led by Philip McParland. Cost €175. To register, tel 074 91 38909 or email: [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie). Enquiries / further information can be obtained by emailing: [philipmcparland@hotmail.com](mailto:philipmcparland@hotmail.com)

**OLDER PEOPLES FORUM** – Have you or a loved one been affected by the current cost of living crisis? Or affected by scam call! Come and join us at this free event and have your say on Thursday 9th February in St Brigid's Hall, Carnhill 10am -1pm.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** -A woman led Global Ecumenical Movement The service this year will be held in First Derry Presbyterian Church on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm

**STRATHFOYLE LIBRARY** will be closed to the public, due to essential maintenance work from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of February to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Will re-open on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### **I call upon his name**

Whenever I am burdened, I call upon His name. I tell it all to Jesus then the burden isn't the same. He died for me at Calvary from sin he set me free. Through Him there is salvation, oh, much he loved me. I cannot get along without Him His spirit shall always remain so whenever I am burdened I call upon his name.

**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)
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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