



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

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THE NEW LAW

“One of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated”. (St Thomas More)

It can take a very long time to be educated in so many subjects and it can take an exceptionally long time to be educated in the language of Scripture because it was honed in a culture so very different from our culture today.

In the gospel this weekend we hear of the term “law”. In our culture the term “law” refers to restrictions. The law is usually seen as preventing us from doing something. For the people of God in the Old Testament the word law meant instruction, wise guidance for living. The law promoted reverence for God and a deep respect for everything he created. The people of Israel initially looked on the Law of Moses as a gift, not a burden.

In the Gospel, Jesus is saying he is now the new Law. Human relationships are to be marked by love that reverences and respects. Loving our enemies means wanting what is best, doing what is best and praying for what is best for them. Jesus declares that lust has no place in good Christian living. Attention needs to be paid to thoughts, attitudes, motives, desires, to all that is within. The heart must be in harmony with God.

The Pharisee’s heart was not at right with God’s therefore, their actions were hypocritical. Is my heart right with God?

Deaths: We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of **Isobel Day**, Roulston Avenue; **Ann Mooney**, Prehen Park; **John Carlin**, Richill Park; **Mick Donaghy**, Harberton Park and **Daniel Harkin**, Hollymount Park.

Anniversaries: Maureen Doherty, Hugh Brady, Barney Devine, Charlie Storey, James Kelly, Jean Foster, Peggy Walker, Nora Brolly, Anne Shiels, Rosemary Kelly, Daniel Kelly, John Murray, Mary O'Sullivan, Pat Simms, Robbie Kennelly, Joe Cooke, Brendan Johnston, Irene Mullan, Catherine Callan, Jim Casey, Michael Casey, Kathleen & John Doherty, Joseph Kelly, Dee Dee Kelly, Lzzie McGee, James Baber, Andrew Allan, Vera Doherty

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,408.00 Strathfoyle: £485.00

Lectio Divina – Thursday 16th 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.

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 Aena: £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, 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, 24th-26th February. It will be led by Philip McParland. Cost €175. To register, tel 074 91 38909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie. Enquiries / further information can be obtained by emailing: philipmcparland@hotmail.com

Children in Crossfire – 31 Miles in March Challenge. For more information/sign up go to: <https://www.childrenincrossfire.org/event/31-miles-in-march-challenge/>

World Day of Prayer -A woman led Global Ecumenical Movement The service this year will be held in First Derry Presbyterian Church on **Friday 3rd March** at 7:30pm

Strathfoyle Library will be closed to the public, due to essential maintenance work from Monday 6th- Thursday 16th. Will re-open on Friday 17th February

Temperance Sunday - RTÉ will broadcast Mass on Sunday 19 February 2023 at 11am to mark Temperance Sunday 2023. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery.

Anam Cara Armagh – the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 22nd February at 7:15pm in the The Armagh City Hotel**, Armagh, BT601E Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

Concern Derry Turkey & Syria Emergency Appeal – Pop-up Donations Office, Millenium Forum, **Friday 17th** and **Saturday 18th February**, 10:00am to 5:00pm, and also at the Concern Bookshop, Ferryquay Street, Derry.

Online Lenten Retreat – The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as Stepping Stones on our Journey to East'. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com

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	11:00am

(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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