



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 15th October 2023
Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

No one is excluded.

God often experiences refusal and rejection from those to whom he offers his gifts. He, however, is not discouraged. That is why, as found in the Gospel this weekend, He sends his servants to go out to all the byways and invite everyone they meet, both good and bad people, without any distinction. It is striking that bad people are also invited. Our Lord excludes no one from his call.

Men and women from every background and social condition, even those who do not pray or even know much about God – all are called to holiness, to share in the glory of heaven. God's invitation to participate in heavenly glory is generous and universal.

But the Gospel continues: "When the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment" (v.11). The door is open for everyone who wishes to enter, but before glory there will be judgement.

The supreme judge, who can discern the deepest recesses of the heart, will decide what is of value in each person's life.

Jesus's parable makes clear that, whatever ones past action may have been, the indispensable condition is to wear the wedding garment, that is: to have our soul clean and have a repentant heart; to embrace a way of life that gives testimony to love for God and neighbour.



100 Mile Cycle –The substantial sum of **£10,385.00** has been raised. A very sincere word of thanks to the many people who very generously sponsored me.

World Mission Sunday - Mission Sunday is vital to the growth of the church and the spread of the gospel in predominantly impoverished and remote areas overseas. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. Our support can transform lives and create a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow.

As well as our financial support our prayers are also important. In 2022, 18 missionaries were killed worldwide, 12 priests, 1 religious brother, 3 sisters, 1 seminarian, and one lay person. So, our prayers are needed for missionaries living in difficult situations.

***An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love at Knock Basilica -Friday
1st December - Friday, 1st Dec*** – 8.00pm, featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo, Philomena Begley and Marc Roberts with Úna Nolan & Schola Cantorum Basilicae choir. A fundraising concert for Victim Assistance Charity. Tickets from Ticketmaster.ie Tickets also available at 094 9000 251/ 086 3938871.

Baptism – We welcome into the family of God: **Evan Jon Morrison**, Cuthbert Street, **Maisy Mae Simpson**, Birch Hill, **Ivy Elizabeth Magee**, Drumcraig Road.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our Prayers: **Vera Doherty**, **Grainne Shiels**, **Shaun and Karen Flanagan**, **George Hartsell**, **Shiela Quigg**, **Edward Toland**, **William Doherty**, **Noreen O’Kane**, **Hugh Doherty**, **Patrick O’Donnell**.

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,785.00 Strathfoyle: £535.00
Thanks for your continued generosity towards the parishes.
The second collection next weekend is for the Missions.

Long Tower Annual Solemn Novena - in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St Columba's, Long Tower, Derry for the nine Sundays before Christmas beginning Sunday 22nd October at 6pm. This year's theme: 'Year of Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood'. Each night will comprise of the Rosary, talk given by various speakers, Novena prayer and petitions, Eucharistic Healing Service and Benediction. Guest speaker on the opening night on Sunday October 22nd will be Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Chair of the Irish Bishops' Council for Year of Diocesan Priesthood. All welcome.

Financial and Administrative Secretary to Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre and Pope John Paul II Award

20 hours per week (Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm) Temporary Contract until the end of June 2024 (Possibility of extension to hours and /or term of contract)

For job description and application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@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 recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on 25.10.2023.

Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

Lectio Devina – Scripture meditation on **Thursday** evenings at 8.15pm in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Trench Road. All Welcome.

Legion of Mary – One Day Retreat will take place on this weekend **Sunday, 15th October** in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca. Commencing with registration at 10.00am and will finish around 4.00pm. Cost £25. Tea/Coffee plus Lunch is included.

Vocations -.Thinking of those considering a vocation to the priesthood and hoping to serve the people of the diocese of Derry, we borrow the words of St Paul "fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise."

October is the month of Missions – prayer for Missionaries.

Heavenly Father – when your Son, Jesus Christ rose from the dead he commissioned his followers to "Go make disciples of all the nations" So: Lord Jesus Christ, watch over your missionaries, priests, religious and lay people – who have left everything to give testimony to Your Word and Your Love. In difficult moments sustain their energies, comfort their hearts and bless their work with spiritual achievements.

Feasts of the week: Tuesday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch, died a martyr about 107 AD
Wednesday 18th St Luke, Evangelist Patrons of medical people.

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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