



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 22nd October 2023

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Imagine you're '**going on mission**' to a faraway country. You won't be home for three years. You're allowed one suitcase. You'll want to be very careful about what you put into that suitcase. Indeed, one description of a foreign missionary might be one who is willing to squeeze their life into a suitcase so that the lives of others might greatly expand.

Along with what's in your suitcase, you'll need some other important things. Happily, they won't take up room in your case, but they'll need plenty of room in your heart.

If you're going to be a missionary, you'll need **faith!** Missionaries do lots of great work, but in the end of the day, all that they do is about showing people the face of Christ: their faith is behind all they do. If they lose faith, they'll be home sooner than expected.

Along with faith, you'll need **hope.** Missionaries don't set the world ablaze: you may not see the results of your labour. You'll need to have the attitude of doing your best and leaving the results in God's hands. That will call for hope in God and in his power.

Along with faith and hope, of course, you'll need **love:** you won't reach anyone unless you love them; people won't care how much you know unless they know how much you care.

May the Lord bless us on this Mission Sunday. May he shake us out of our complacency and give us a heart for him and for his gospel. May we be strong in faith, hope and love.

Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood. As we continue our Year of Prayer for an increase in vocations to the diocesan Priesthood, we will

offer the 7.30pm Mass on **Friday, 27th October** followed by a Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the Derry Diocese. All welcome.

Baptism – We welcome into the family of God: **Aoife Seren Bevan-Davies**, Newport, Wales; **Sophia Louise McCrudden**, Gelvin Gardens; **Kia Ramsey**, Caw Close.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Fiona Simpson**, Foyle Road; **Jim Irvine**, Clareen Drive, Strathfoyle and **Betty Pulis**, Knoxhill, Prehen.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our Prayers **Ellen Magee, Susan McCauley, Lily McCallion, Barry McCallion, Fonsie Doherty, Sheila Lougheed, Eddie McLaughlin, Jim McColgan, Barney O'Connor, Sarah McGee, Patrick McFeely, James Mellon, Mary Storey, William Guthrie, Charles McDaid.**

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,931.00 Strathfoyle: £600.00
The second collection this 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 6: oopm. This year's theme: '**Year of Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood**'. 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.

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

Mass for Deceased Young People and Children will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.00pm on **Sunday, 12th November.**

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh beginning Monday, 23rd October and continuing for 9 Mondays ending with a Penitential Service on 18th December. Theme: "**Our Lady's Fiat**" with reflections on the Seven Sorrows, Candlelit, Rosary, Adoration, Benediction, and speakers. Everyone 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.

Vocations -As we pray this weekend for all those spreading the gospel in "the foreign missions" we continue to pray for those called to serve as priest here in our own diocese, and particularly for anyone from our own parish who may be contemplating a vocation to the priesthood.

A Mission of Love without limits

It's almost a hundred years since Pope Pius XI set aside this day, called Mission Sunday so that every diocese, parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movements throughout the world would pray for and support missionaries and Christian communities in need.

There have been tens of thousands of Irish missionaries who have given their lives happily in the service of the missions; they have brought education, health care and the fight for social justice to almost every country we can think of. Some of them have been killed or lost their health and all of them have left the known and familiar to bring the story of God's mercy, the good news that is the gospel to some of the poorest people on earth.

As Pope Francis has said,
As they travel through the streets of the world, the disciples of Jesus need to have a love without limits, the same measure of love that our Lord has for his people.
And God is always lending us a hand.

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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