



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 26th November 2023

Feast of Christ the King

What is the Kingdom of Christ the King?

Here is a beautiful explanation given by Gerald Darring (St Louis University: Centre for Liturgy):

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love.

As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that he is not our King if we do not listen to him, love him, serve him, and follow him. We belong to his Kingdom only when we try to walk with him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, he must be King of every part of my life, and I must let him reign in all parts of my life. By cultivating in our lives the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is in indeed our King and that he is in charge of our lives.

Forty Hours Adoration will take place in St Columb's Church tomorrow (Monday) from after 10.00am Mass until evening Mass at 7.30pm. (Because of an Indian community, pre - arranged event, we cannot have Adoration on Sunday afternoon)

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Paula Cunningham**, Duncastle Park; **Alex Park**, Heron Way and **Lawrence Moore**, Violet Street.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers **Vera Vaughan, Marjorie Clift, Fay Hegarty, Dolly Hegarty, Madeline Doherty, Sarah & Patrick Boyle, Mary Gillen, Christopher James, Ena Healey, Margaret, Mary & Lal Nash, Rita Cassidy, Margaret Curran, Margaret Monaghan, Joe Curran, Ann Marie Donaghy, Anthony Anthony, Bill & Kathleen Monk, Michael Gallagher, Willie Gormley, Leonard Tracey, John Coyle, Mary Ferry, Bill & Kathleen McHugh, Rene McLaughlin, Margaret Horner, Peter Murphy, Sheena Morrow, Pat Plumb, Chrissie McLaughlin, Jim Barrett, Eileen McLaughlin**

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,397.00 £Strathfoyle: £550.00

Retired Priests Collection: Glendermott £3,350.00 Strathfoyle: £295.00

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Courage It is I – In partnership with An Chroi Community Hub in Top of the Hill, the parish of Glendermott is offering a four- week programme on knowing and understanding our mental health for adults continues in An Chroi Community Hub, Trench Road, Derry. For further information please contact Parochial House, Chapel Road Tel. 71342303.

Lectio Devina – Scripture Meditation on **Thursday** evenings at 8.15pm in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road. All welcome. (Please note change of venue).

Long Tower Annual Solemn Novena - in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues in St Columba's, Long Tower, Derry. This year's theme: '**Year of Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood**'.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh continues 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.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK – Thursday 30th is the Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

Vocations – We pray for those who hope to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will play their part in building up the Kingdom of Christ. Bishop McKeown has said, “We will be more like the Holy Spirit-filled Body of Christ when our diocese is blessed with many families of Faith, people of all ages exploring and developing their faith, official ministries of Lector, Acolyte, and Catechist, the presence of consecrated virgins, female and male religious, permanent deacons, and ordained priests.”

Vetting of Parish Employees and Volunteers; We have been asked by the Safeguarding Office to renew the vetting status of all Parish Employees and Volunteers following the Covid 19 Pandemic.

This applies to the following employees and Volunteers in our Parish: Sacristans, Choir Leader, Childrens Liturgy Leads and Eucharistic Ministers (only those of you who bring the Eucharist into Care Homes or into any of the Hospital settings.)

Top of the Hill Christmas Appeal: Once again this year Hillcrest Trust and Hillcrest Youth Club in conjunction with Waterside parish will be supporting families and individuals over the Christmas Period. We are asking if you can donate no matter how small it will be much appreciated. Items we need include the following:

Non-perishable Goods: Tins, Cans. Jars and dried foods. Tins of Biscuits, Sweets or Selection Packs. Toiletries or Gift Sets. New – Children’s Toys/Clothing (all Sizes). Please leave donations at An Chrío, Trench Road by **Friday, 8th December**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

CONFIRMATION DATES - 2024

Thursday, 29th February: 1.00pm **St Oliver Plunkett PS** and **Oakgrove PS** in St Oliver Plunkett Church, Strathfoyle. 3pm **Chapel Road PS** in St Columb’s Church

Friday, 1st March: 11.30am and 1.00pm **Good Shepherd PS** in St Columb’s Church.

Friday, 8th March: 1.00pm and 3.00pm **Sacred Heart PS** in **Church of Immaculate Conception**. 5.00pm **St Columba’s PS**, and **Others** in **Church of Immaculate Conception**.

A Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King. As the great wheel of the liturgy spins, it lands here, once a year. To remind us that Christ is King – in winter’s chill or late autumn drear. We need reminding that new life will come. Spring from frozen roots and brittle branches. As we prepare to approach the manger once more. We need this renewal in understanding that the glory of God turns up in the most unexpected places. O Christ the King, turn our hearts this day not only to the world around us but to the world within us – Where your Kingdom comes anew with each act of love we offer, each prayer we whisper, each breath we draw. Amen.

Mass Schedule

Sunday

St Columb's Church	10am, 12:30pm, 6:00pm
Immaculate Conception	10:15am & 12:15pm
St Oliver Plunkett	11:15am
St Mary's Oratory	9:15am

Monday - Friday

St Columb's Church	10:00am, 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	10:00am, 7:00pm (Sunday Vigil)
Immaculate Conception	11:00am, 6:00pm (Sunday Vigil)
St Oliver Plunkett	6:00pm (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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