



## PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *What is done Together!*

The gospel of St Mark presents Jesus as a never-failing presence to ever failing disciples. From his many followers Jesus chose twelve to be his – so to speak – inner circle of disciples. He called the twelve to grow in communion with himself and one another.

For the twelve the path to becoming a community of believers is chequered; it is marked by strides forward and many steps back. Generosity and service draw them together while competition for the first places caused division among them. They had quite different personalities. Peter was generous but could be impetuous. Thomas liked to ask the hard questions and articulate his doubts. James and John were passionate but fiery as well. They ask Jesus if he could call down fire from heaven on the inhospitable Samaritans.

Success is not final nor is failure fatal - it is their courage to continue that counts. Despite their many stops and starts the disciples did manage to persevere.

As they carried out their mission it is clear what is done together for the spread of the gospel is more effective than any lone ranger apostolate. What is being shared has more credibility when it is being lived.

### *Thought for the Day – Catholic Schools Week 2024.*

Christian service puts faith into action. In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service.

Jesus served every person regardless of creed, background, faith, social status or age. He put faith into action by showing all those around him how our Heavenly Father is compassionate, courageous and, forgiving. Jesus didn't just talk about His faith. He lived it.

We are called by faith to go into the world to share the love of God with all those we meet. Each person, at every age is called to become Christ for another by serving every person with a humble heart and with a generous spirit.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the family of **Rossa Paidi Logue**, St Breacan's Park; **Naoise Fiadhna Fitzpatrick**, Victoria Gate; **Ollie Morton**, Glenvale Park.

**Deaths**– We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Eileen Costello**, Culmore Manor; **Sean O'Dwyer**, Victoria Park; **Jeanette Dunlop**, Strabane Old Road; **Thomas Barber**, Anderson Crescent.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers *Jackie Kelly, Robert Irwin, Madge O'Donnell, John Quinn, Sr Teresa Nicholas, Michael Owens, John Whoriskey, Billy McGowan, Paddy O'Donnell, Dolores O'Donnell, Louisa Ayling, John McAtamney, James & Kathleen Bradley, David & Philomena Quinn, Noel Martin, Tony McMonagle, Roslyn Henry, Catherine Callan, Dolly Hegarty, Grace Grimes, Jimmy McGurk*

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,629.00    Strathfoyle: £530.00**

**Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.**

**Vocations** – We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our own diocese, for all those who, like Simon and Andrew, hear Jesus say, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men and women.”

**The HSC NI Foster Team** - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph no doubt experienced many of the same joys and struggles as any other family. Indeed, Mary and Joseph struggled to find somewhere safe and warm to have their child. Although there was no room for them, our traditional narrative tells us of a kindly innkeeper, who pointed them to the stable where Jesus was born.

Unfortunately, there are times when there are no available spaces for foster care placements. The HSC NI Foster Team is urgently seeking more people to think seriously about fostering. If you think you can help or if you have any questions at all in relation to fostering, please contact the Team: Tel.0800 0720137 or email [info@fostering.hscni.net](mailto:info@fostering.hscni.net)

**St Vincent de Paul Society** is appealing for suites and bedroom furniture in good condition. All donations would be greatly appreciated. Please ring 028 7126 5489 to arrange collection.

**Christian Unity Week 2024** – To mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity Week there will be a walk beginning at St Columb's Church, Chapel Road at 7.00pm visiting the other churches and concluding at Ebrington Presbyterian Church on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. The theme for 2024 is based on a text from the gospel of St Luke, "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" with material prepared by the ecumenical team from Burkina Faso.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** from City of Derry Airport. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Full board £799, single room supplement £150. The pilgrimage office at 164 Bishop Street Derry will open to the public 11.00am – 1.00pm on Thursdays and Saturdays, starting Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. Tel no. 028 71260293.

**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** – We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 9 nights from **30<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with peers from around the world, in a faith context. For more information contact [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) or oo44 2971264087

**Accord Ni – Marriage courses for January – March 2024**. Venue Everglades Hotel. The courses are held on a Friday evening and Saturday morning. The dates are... **February 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>** and **March 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>**. Booking online at [www.accord.com](http://www.accord.com)

**Children in Crossfire** want to thank everyone who supported their Advent Appeal 2023. All donations will now be counted, and we will let everyone know once we have heard how much our Parish has raised. This year donations will go a long way to support vulnerable inner-city children in Tanzania, providing a quality education while ensuring access to a daily meal and a safe environment where they can flourish.

**Divine Mercy** -We have established a Divine Mercy Alcove in St Mary's Church, Convoy, Co Donegal, which includes a first-class relic of St Faustina. As part of the on-going development, we would like to draw up a list of Divine Mercy Groups. If you know of any Divine Mercy Group, no matter the size, please send the details to Fr Eamonn Kelly, Parochial House, Convoy, Co Donegal, F93HX2R or [eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com](mailto:eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com) or 0879077985 before **8<sup>th</sup> February**.

**FEASTS THIS COMING WEEK** – Monday is the feast of **St Vincent**, Wednesday is the feast of **St Francis de Sales**, Thursday is **The Conversion of St Paul** and Friday is the feast of **St Timothy and Titus**.

# 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	09:15am

## 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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