

# PARISHES OF GLENDERMOTT & STRATHFOYLE



*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024*

## *Feast of the body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi.*

The feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) is really a celebration of the great sacrament of the Eucharist – the sacrament of Christ’s permanent presence with us.

The Eucharist is, first and foremost, a meal in which we gather around the table of the Lord. During his life on earth, Jesus’ favourite way of expressing his love for people, especially those who were rejected and unloved, was to share meals with them. In eating with sinners, he was showing them respect and love, and drawing them into the family of God. He was helping them to realise that no matter what others might think, they too were God’s beloved children.

The Eucharist, however, is not just any meal. It is a very special meal, recalling and re-enacting Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. His last act before his death on the Cross was to share a meal with those he had chosen. In the course of this meal, he took bread and wine, blessed them and gave them to his disciples saying: ***‘Take and eat.... Take and drink... Do this as a memorial of me.’***

The moment of communion in Mass, when we eat the body of Christ and drink his blood, is the moment of greatest intimacy that can exist between Christ and us. However, we cannot be in communion with the Lord without being in communion with one another.

Every Eucharist ends with a sending on Mission. ***‘Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord’***. We are charged and entrusted with bringing the message of the Eucharist into the world. Just as Jesus has become our spiritual food, giving himself completely to us, so we, too, must give ourselves for the sake of the world. We are challenged to live the love we have experienced, becoming sources of nourishment for a starving world, longing for the bread of life.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers: *Thomas Tracey, Ita Gill, Sarah McLaughlin, Margaret Craig, Mickey Lyons, Lynne McCallion, Pam Leitch, Maureen Armstrong, Alex McVeigh, John Brown, Jimmy Brown, Mary Irwin, Michael McGinley, Laurence McGilloway, Kathleen McGrotty.*

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3331.00 Strathfoyle: £620.00**

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

**Bishop McKeown** will join ministers of our Christian denominations at what is believed to be the city's first inter-faith celebration of St Columba's Day. The service starts at 4.00pm on **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, gathering outside St Augustine's Church of Ireland on the Walls. Incorporating a sung version of the prayer attributed to St Columba, Alone with None But Thee My God, and excerpts from the Amrah Cholm Cille, the celebratory event will take no more than one hour. Everyone is welcome.

**Lectio Divina** – Our weekly meditation on the Sunday readings will continue each **Thursday** at 8.00pm in the side chapel of St Columb's Church, Chapel Road. Come along and join in the ancient practice of the Church of praying God's word.

**'Fan the Flame' Annual Open-Air Mass** for all the children in the diocese who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. It will take place in Celtic Park, Lone Moor Road, Derry on **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024** beginning at 11.30am and finishing around 1.00pm. Schools need to be seated by 11.00am.

**Services of Intercession for the Dead** – Blessing of the Graves will take place on **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June** at **3.00pm** in Altnagelvin and Ballyoan cemeteries and at **7.00pm** in Ardmore cemeteries.

**The Annual Service of Intercession** for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024** at 3.00pm.

**Bereaved NI** - New Bereavement Support Website for Northern Ireland – The website provides accessible resources for people who are experiencing bereavement to ensure that they have information and support for each stage of their bereavement journey. You can find Bereaved NI at <https://bereaved.hscni.net/>.

**The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June** at Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry. Starting with the holy rosary at 18.45pm, Mass at 19.15pm and novena to St Pio directly afterwards. The priest will bless each person, directly after Mass, with first-class relic of St Pio. All welcome.

### ***Catechism/YouCat Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024***

Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Do you want to know and share the catechism of the Catholic Church with your children?

You/Cat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) is a faith training programme of the Christian faith for anyone who wants to explore the Christian Faith.

To help you learn more about YouCat and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, you are invited to the **Catechism/YouCat Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June. No need to book.** Details of the pilgrimage can be found at: [derrydiocese.org/news/youcat-pilgrimage](http://derrydiocese.org/news/youcat-pilgrimage) or contact Mairin Ni Shuilleabhain, National Co-Ordinator for Adult Catechism Studies in Ireland on 00353 (0) 877950325.

**Fr. Liam Donnelly - 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood** -To mark this special occasion, Fr. Liam will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Friday 21st June at 7.00pm** in **Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Lavey. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Lavey Club. Everyone is invited to attend.**

**Vocations** – As we rejoice on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we pray for those being called to serve our parish and diocese as priests who, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will make Jesus present to His people in the celebration of the Eucharist.

**Foyle Hospice Female Walk/Run 2024:** This year's event will take place on **Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>** at 11.30am. Starting point: Catalyst Building. Finish: St Columb's Park. If you are interested in taking part, you can call into our Fundraising Department, located at Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Rd, Londonderry BT48 8JE. There is also the option to register on the day of the walk/run. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Quality** - It's not the quantity that counts, but quality instead, it's not a multitude of words but a spoken word well said.

It's not a gesture multiplied, but a deed that is sincere, it's not praying so others notice, but praying so God will hear.

It's not having friends galore, but a real friend you can trust, it's not the quantity that counts, but the quality...in us.

# Mass Schedule

## Sunday

St Columb's Church	10:00am, 12:30pm, 6:00pm
Immaculate Conception	10:15am & 12:15pm
St Oliver Plunkett	11:15am
St Mary's Oratory	09:15am

## Monday - Friday

St Columb's Church	10:00am, 7:30pm
Immaculate Conception	09:15am
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 10:00am Mass,

Monday – Thursday at 7:00pm before evening Mass

**Immaculate Conception** – after 11:00am 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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