



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday 12th May 2024

Feast of the Ascension

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

Today, the feast of the Ascension, marks both an end and a beginning: the end or completion of Jesus' mission on earth and his return to the Father to reign as Lord of all creation; and the beginning of the mission of the Church, empowered by the gift of the Spirit.

The Ascension of Jesus into heaven is not some mind-boggling physical feat never seen in the history of human endeavour; it is the mystery of Jesus' return to the Father. As the noted scripture scholar, Tom Wright, explains, what the Ascension means is that *'Jesus has gone ahead of us into God's new world, and is already ruling this present world as its Lord, and also interceding for us at the Fathers' right hand'*.

Today's gospel tells us that the final command of Jesus to the eleven apostles before he returns to his Father, is to *'go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation (Mk16:15)*. Mark underlines the universality of this commission. Jesus wants the gospel to be proclaimed to everyone, everywhere. During his earthly life, his proclamation of the Kingdom of God was limited primarily to the Jews. Now the boundaries of his mission are expanded to include all humanity and extend to all creation. Mark also reminds us that Good News does not compel acceptance. Those who hear it have the choice either to believe or not to believe.

Like the eleven apostles, all of us, by virtue of our baptism, are called and empowered to go out and proclaim, in word and deed, the Good News to all creation.

Volunteers needed – We are looking for people to volunteer to be **Eucharistic Ministers**, bringing Communion to the Hospitals. Please leave your name at office if willing to be of help.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God **Tadhg Rory Gallahers**, Thornlea Gardens; **Connlaodh Stephen Mairs**, Moymore Place; **Daniel Owen McDaid**, Fern Park; **Thea Taylor**, Tamneymore Park.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Brenda Ferris**, Hollymount Park.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers: Mary McNulty, Patrick Quinn, Molly McGowan, Attracta McChrystal, Kathleen Leitch, Michael Murphy, Elizabeth Shiels, Sue Crossan, Mark McConomy, Kathleen Whoriskey, Denis McGonigle, Terry Ward, Harry Bryson, John Carlin, Maureen Baxter, Dessie McNulty, Kathleen McNulty, Tony Healey.

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,914.00 Strathfoyle: £530.00

Second collection this weekend for the administration of the Diocese

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Gift- Aid - If you are currently paying tax and not already using a Gift Aid Envelope, please consider joining the scheme. In our Parishes the returns from Gift Aid are equivalent to about 8 weekly collections. With people dropping out new members are always welcome. Gift Aid forms are available from the Parish office.

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, 6th 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, 2nd June** at 3.00pm in **Altnagelvin** and **Ballyoan** cemeteries and at 6.00pm in **Ardmore** cemeteries.

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

Lough Derg One Day Retreats will take place on 14th, 18th 25th and 27th May. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie. The Lough Derg Three-Day Pilgrimage begins on **Friday, 31st May** and continues until **15th August**.

The Little Way Novena in St Eugene’s Cathedral – 11th May to 19th May:

The theme is '**I choose your will only**'. The Novena will begin at the 7.30 pm Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick on Saturday, 11th May. Devotions and talk on Sunday, 12th May at 6.00 pm. Monday to Friday (13th to 17th May) Novena Masses at 6.30 am and 10.00 am each morning and an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30 pm. Saturday, 18th May 10.00 am Mass for those who have died. The Novena will close on Sunday, 19th May at 3.00pm

Legion of Mary... Rosary at Home

The Legion of Mary in the Waterside have begun a campaign in promoting the Rosary at Home. If you would like us to help you get started on your own, with your family or with a prayer group please feel free to call Tom from the Legion of Mary on 07521500665 and one of our groups will get back to you.

Marriage Preparation Course -There are still a few places available on the May 17th/18th Course being held in the Everglades Hotel, Derry.

If you are planning to get married this year please book this course. **There will be NO Courses in July and August**

Vocations – For those considering a vocation to the priesthood of this diocese, that they will look to Jesus as “the true vine,” their inspiration and guide, the one who will nourish and sustain them in their desire to serve Him and His people.’

An Evening of Conversation & Music - Celebrating 125 Years of The Sacred Heart Church, Omagh: Wednesday 22 May, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. St Mary's Hall. Admission Free - Limited Tickets Available Joining us on the evening will be local Musicians including Tom Sweeney and The McSorley Sisters and native Priests of Drumragh including Fr Eamon Graham, Fr Joe Gormley, Fr Gerard Mongan and Fr Damian Bresnahan. You can book a ticket for this event through this Link <https://bit.ly/sacredheartchurch125> or call the Parish Office on 028 82 242092.

Foster Care - Running from **Monday 13 May - Sunday 26 May 2024**, Foster Care Fortnight is The Fostering Network's annual UK-wide celebration of fostering, highlighting the dedication and commitment of those who open their hearts and homes to a child in need. It also serves as an opportunity to encourage more people to consider making a difference by fostering.

For further information contact 0880720137 or
adoptionandfostercare.hcsni.net

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	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,

Monday – Thursday at 7pm 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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