



## PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

### Feast of Pentecost

This weekend, the Feast of Pentecost, marks the end of the Season of Easter. Some people refer to this feast as the birthday of the church but perhaps it is more accurate to describe it as the birthday of the Church's mission. It marks the Church as a Spirit-filled community sent out, in the name of the Risen Christ, to proclaim the gospel to all creation.

The church is missionary by nature. This means it is not some extraordinary activity that some members of the church undertake in addition to normal church activity. Mission is something the Church is, before it is something the Church does.

All of us who are baptised in the spirit are called to be missionary. If the church stopped reaching out to others to witness and proclaim the gospel of love, it would cease to be the Church of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

The great Protestant theologian, Emile Brunner said, "The Church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning".

The goal of all mission in God's name is to create a unity that respects and embraces diversity. Pentecost reverses the confusion of the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11; 1-9). On the day of Pentecost as the Acts of the Apostles, this weekend reminds us, people of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds were gathered for the Jewish Harvest feast. As they spoke different languages, they were unable to communicate with one another. However, they were all able to understand the message of the Spirit-filled apostles.

So, what is this gift, this language? It is the language of Christian love. Love is the only language capable of creating a unity that respects all.

***Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season.***

***Ordinary Time begins on Monday with Week 7; Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2.***

***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 **Jace Paul Taylor**, Crannog Park; **Alaya Ellen McDaid**, Rose Court; **Serena Mary McCann**, Spencer Road;

**Deaths:** We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Raymond McGinn**, Crannog Park, **Susie McNulty**, Woodside Road, **Tom Doherty**, Curryfree Road.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers: Kathleen Stevenson, Billy Stevenson, Jane Gillespie, Mary Collins, Kathleen McGrath, Elaine Murray, Isabella and James Kerr, Patrick and Ellen McLoone, Sheila Kelly, Jim Kelly, Frank Kelly, Frances McGowan and Jenny Murray.

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,054.00      Strathfoyle: £525.00**

**Diocesan Collection: Glendermott: £1,935      Strathfoyle: £320**

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

**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 6.00pm 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.

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats** will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. More details can be found at [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie). The Lough Derg Three-Day Pilgrimage begins on **Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May** and continues until **15<sup>th</sup> August**.

**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 Mercy, Lavey**.

**Refreshments will be served afterwards in Lavey Club. Everyone is invited to attend.**

### **All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - Saturday, June 1st**

Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 1130am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. See [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com) for more details.

**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](http://adoptionandfostercare.hcsni.net)

**Adoption – Could you be part of a child's journey?** The Western Trust is holding a Virtual Information event about Adoption on: **Tuesday 28 May, 3.00 – 5.00pm**. This will be held online via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join the online event, please contact Colette McCann Social Worker on 07879803297 or 028 82835114.

**Vocations** – "Come, Holy Spirit," fill the hearts of God's people with the light of Your love. Inspire men from this parish of Waterside and Strathfoyle to serve the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry. Be with those who are discerning their vocation in life and with those who are already in formation. Guide those applying to begin their studies this year. Reassure them all, of your loving presence in their lives and guide them always in the path God has chosen for them.

**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. You can book a ticket for this event through this Link <https://bit.ly/sacredheartchurch125> or call the Parish Office on 028 82 242092.

# 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	06:00pm (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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