



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday 26th May 2024

Trinity Sunday

Everything under God's protection.

Today's gospel is a call to every disciple of Jesus to share the light of the gospel so that others might come to know the joy of meeting the risen Lord, bask in the light he brings to the world and experience the living presence of God all their days.

The feast of the Holy Trinity reminds us that when we make the sign of the cross at the beginning of the day or at the beginning of prayer, we are making a commitment to act in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are consciously choosing to do what we do in their name.

We mark our activity and our rest, our joys, and our sorrows with the sign of the cross and the name of the Trinity. All is consecrated to their name. The cross means sacrifice made from love; it is death for resurrection.

To make the sign of the cross over our actions means to wipe out what is selfish and so set us free to love. It means renouncing what is empty, renouncing prestige, and the longing to possess and dominate, in order to consecrate all to Christ. It is the sacrifice of self for a higher life. Works done out of selfishness cannot carry the sign of the cross. They are not yet crucified; they are not yet consecrated to Christ.

To eliminate selfish motivations from our actions is to mark them with the sign of the cross. It makes them available for a new dynamism, for service done in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In that we see something of the greatness of becoming holy, of being consecrated to the Lord, of living for him.

The sign of the cross places everything under God's protection.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH WHO
MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OVER THE LAST FEW
WEEKS.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God *Daisy Marina Maxine Tully, Borch Hill.*

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers: Ethna Ivey, Mary Magee, Patrick Magee, Alfie Shotter, May McLaughlin, Margaret Norris, Rose Ward, Andrew & Kathleen Allen, Fr James Clerkin, Annie Quigley, Michael Devine, Jim Hamilton, Johnny McCourt, Fr Paul McChrystal, Elizabeth Irwin, Gary Walker, Lynn McCallion,

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3874.00 Strathfoyle: £585.00

Trocaire collection amounted to £13,313.00.

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, 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 **7.00pm** in **Ardmore** cemeteries. **Please note change of time because of Derry GAA match in Celtic Park in the afternoon.** The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on **Sunday, 30th 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/>

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.**

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. 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 for more details.

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, 3.00pm – 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

Vocations – For those discerning their call to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will grow in their personal vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual; and community formation that will lead them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel as they lead God’s people to know the love of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Adapted from Pope Francis’ intentions for the month of May*)

Allegri Junior and Youth Choirs and Oakgrove Integrated Primary School form the chorus with professional opera soloists Laura Sheerin and Ryan Garnham taking the lead roles of Mr. and Mrs Noah. Accompanied by Orchestra North-West & St Mary’s College String Orchestra they present the community opera for amateur youth performers alongside adult musicians. Don't miss out on this evening of captivating storytelling. Christ Church Infirmary Road, Derry on **Sunday 2nd June** at 6.00pm. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/noyes-fludde-tickets-884130216277?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

Foyle Hospice Female Walk/Run 2024: This year’s event will take place on **Sunday June 9th** 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!

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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