



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 14th July 2024

Living in a world without windows

An Australian business leader once wrote; “Whenever I meet a Buddhist leader, I meet a holy man in touch with another world. Whenever I meet a Christian leader, I meet a manager at home only in this world like I am.”

Jesus has called us to a kingdom and a life different to this world by its supernatural dimensions. Following Jesus is a matter of another reality. It is not merely a religious sentiment. For the follower of Christ, it is a matter of a different world, different energies, different possibilities and different prospects. Without faith and belief in another life we are like people living in a house without windows.

The themes of vocation and mission are highlighted in two of today’s readings. Both readings remind us that those chosen to bring the Word of God to others must rely, not on their own resources, but on the authority of the one who sends them.

Amos, the first of the great prophets, lived in the eighth century before Christ. This was a time of peace and prosperity. It was also a time of wholesale corruption and exploitation of the poor. Amos courageously denounced the injustices inflicted upon the poor.

Amos defends his prophetic vocation as a direct call from the Lord. He was poor farmer, taking care of sycamore trees, before the Lord summoned him to go and prophesy to the people. This is the call he must obey, not the orders of a well-heeled flunkey of the royal court. The example of Amos reminds us of our prophetic vocation as members of Christ’s Body to speak truth to power, to point out and denounce the corrupt practices of powerful elites, and to defend the rights of the poor and exploited people of our time.

by teachers or preachers (cf. *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 41). So let us, in the words of the American poet, Amanda Gorman, ‘*step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid*’ and bear witness to the healing love of Christ by the lives we live.

Taken from the book, Catalysts, by Rene Dionne, MAfr., and Michael Fitzgerald, MAfr.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God: **Elara Faela England**, Good Shepherd Glen; **Fiadh Mabel Freaney**, Gortin Meadows; **Carter Odhran Sweeney**, Gortin Meadows.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **John Joe McGilloway**, Mimosa Court, **William Ward**, Clooney Rd.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers: **Eddie McCay, Colman Logue, George, Agnes and Des Duffy, Margaret, Joseph and Kathleen Murray, Hugo Nicell.**

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3911 Strathfoyle: £570
Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2024 led by Bishop Donal McKeown starts on **Friday, 26th July**, and concludes on **Sunday, 28th July**. Bus will leave St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Friday 26th July at 11.00am and will travel via, Strabane, Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost £80 including transport. Cost for those making their own way to Lough Derg, £70. Please contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org.

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.

Holy Hour for Vocations – There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road on **Wednesday 17th July** at 8.00pm. | All welcome.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – This significant event will take place on **28th July 2024** at Knock Shrine, with His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio of Ireland, as the principal celebrant.

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday, 21st July**. Mass at 3.00pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Presession to the Shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations who are living “one day at a time” with addiction are welcome.

ACCORD Derry – Marriage Preparation Course will be held on the following dates **September 20th & 21st 2024, October 18th & 19th 2024**. These courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com. Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual.

Mary's Meals are organising a ‘Two Bridges’ Walk on **Sunday, 11th August** over the Foyle Bridge and Peace Bridge in Derry. We will meet in Sainsburys car park at 11.45am to begin the walk. The distance is approx. 5 miles. The walk is part of a series of walks taking place across Ireland in early August to raise awareness of Mary's Meals and the work they do. You can register for the walk at [Bit.ly/stepbystepwalk](https://bit.ly/stepbystepwalk)

Group Pilgrimage to Medjugorje running from **4th – 11th September 2024**. Total cost 835euro. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages. Includes daily breakfast and evening meal. For more information contact Group Leader Luke McCann on 07955386288. To book contact Marian Pilgrimages On 02895680005.

Prayer for Safe Holiday Travel

Loving Lord, as we prepare to leave for our journey, we pray for travelling mercies over land and sea, and place ourselves under your protective care. Be with us as we set out for our holiday, and we ask that you keep us safe every step of the way, as we journey to our destination. Go ahead of our route we pray, and we ask that you prevent any unnecessary hindrances or delays on our travel arrangements. Guard us from the evil one we pray and stand guard over our home while we are away. Father, into Your hands we commend ourselves and place our lives, our journey and our home into your safe keeping. This we ask in Jesus' name,
Amen.

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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