



## PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

*When we share the little, we have.*

For the next five Sundays the gospel passage invites us to reflect on what it means to pray Eucharist, to become Eucharist, to live Eucharist.

To understand any gift, it helps to understand the giver. In the Eucharist he gives us the fruits of his life, death and resurrection. He is the living bread come down from heaven who wants us to become fully alive.

Jesus grew up in a tradition which regarded food as sacred, as something to be treated with respect. At meals thanks was given to God for his gift of food. To give thanks to God is to be alive to his generosity and goodness. The prayer of the Eucharist grew from a prayer that Jesus was familiar with. It is a prayer of praise, a prayer that expresses wonder and amazement at the God of generous giving.

In today's gospel Jesus satisfies the hunger of the 5,000 but not their hunger for power. Of the multitude only 12 stayed. By rejecting efforts to make him king he kept his freedom and refused people the opportunity to use him for their own goals.

The boy with the barley loaves, the bread of the poor, is free to share the little he has and see it multiplied in the hands of Jesus. Sometimes we discover how much we have left over when we share the little, we have.

### ***St Augustine on the Eucharist***

As he held up the Sacred Host before his congregation, St Augustin used to remind them of their essential vocation with these words: *'Behold what you are, become what you receive.'* We become the body of Christ when we receive Christ, the Bread of life, in Communion, and our mission is to be, in turn, the body of Christ for others.

The Eucharist which affirms and strengthens our identity as the body of Christ ends with a sending out on mission: *'Go in Peace to love and serve*

*the Lord'*. We must bring the Bread of Christ for our broken and hungry world. Just as Christ has become our food, giving himself completely to us, so we, in turn, must give of ourselves for the sake of the world. We must become sources of nourishment for the world as Christ has become a source of nourishment for us.

*Jesus invites us to be His hands and feet to heal the wounds of the afflicted; care for the poor; give hope to the helpless; reach out to the weary; clothe the naked.*



**Baptisms:** We welcome into the family of God **Tomas Paul Dunn**, 107 Hollymount Park.

**Death** – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Joan Nicholas**, Bayswater.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers: *Anne Stone, Kathleen Mullan, Michael Friel, Phonsie Curran, Maria Mullan, Agnes McNaught, Michael Martin, Mena O'Donnell, Patrick O'Donnell, Evelyn Moore, Jeannie McDaid, Jack Sweeney.*

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3375      Strathfoyle: £555**  
**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.

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

**Vocations** – That those called to serve the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry will share the compassion of Jesus in this weekend's gospel, nourishing the people of God both physical and spiritually.

**ACCORD Derry** – Marriage Preparation Course will be held on the following dates **September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**. These courses are now online for booking at [www.accordni.com](http://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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 **4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Grandparents*

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and all of society.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. *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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