



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 25th August 2024
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are the Holy One of God

The main fruit of the Eucharist is Love.

St Augustine writes of three kinds of love. There is the love that gives in order to get back, there is the love that gives freely and receives freely, and lastly there is the love that gives even when it gets nothing in return.

The first sometimes is plain selfish, the second is love that is able to give and receive. The third is the love of Jesus, Jesus loved until the end. The Eucharist invites us to follow the example of Jesus, namely to love without asking whether the other person is worthy of our love. It is the love that is all-giving, the love that lives in us through the Eucharist.

The teaching of Jesus about the bread of life proved to be a massive test of faith for his listeners. Down the centuries belief in his presence in the Eucharist has continued to be one of the great challenges for faith. Peter's response, as set out in today's gospel, was emphatic, **"we believe, we know that you are the Holy One of God."**

Hopefully the Eucharist also inspires us to faith that takes Jesus at his word.

Annual Charity Big Cycle - Father Canny is on his travels again. Towards mid- October, He hopes to complete an almost 100-mile cycle trip around Inishowen in aid of charities. This year the donations will go to the **Northern Ireland's Children's Hospice** and a **Good Shepherd project in Bolivia supporting women who have been trafficked.**

Donations for this 100-mile cycle can be made in person to Father Canny, any of the Church Sacristies or to the Parish Office at 32 Chapel Road.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God: **Rossa George Elliott**, Lisaghmore Avenue, **Ollie James Payne**, Templetown Park, Maydown.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Gail Doherty**, Landsdowne Road, and **Sally O'Kane**, Caw Hill Park.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers: **Terry McLaughlin**, **Florrie McLaughlin**, **Mary Colhoun**, **Olive Houston**, **Cathal Gallagher**, **Brian McMenamin**, **Geraldine McChrystal**, **Jim McGowan**, **Canon John Friel**, **Teresa Donnelly**, **Angela Hampsey**.

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,480 Strathfoyle: £520

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Hosted by Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland, 8 – 10 November, Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Limited places. Booking is online only: www.marriageencounter.ie The programme involves a Weekend experience aimed at transforming the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other. The Weekend experience allows one to develop a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married.

VOCATIONS - We pray for those whom the Lord is calling to serve the parish communities of this diocese that, like Joshua in the first reading, they will choose to serve the Lord as priests, and encourage the people of God to do likewise and that, like St Peter in the gospel, they will lead others to know Jesus as the One to follow, as the Holy One of God who offers us the message and the gift of everlasting life.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS - A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be brought to St Mary's Church, Bellaghy, on Friday 30 August 2024, for veneration from 3-9pm.

An exhibition on the devotions and writings of Blessed Carlo is currently on display in the Church. Blessed Carlo Acutis is due to be canonised next year.

Could you 'Host for Hospice' October is officially Foyle Hospice 'Coffee Morning Month'. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, get your friends together and get the kettle on, it's a piece of cake!! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser on 028 71359888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

Holy Hour for Vocations: There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life next Wednesday 28th August 2024 at 8:00 in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside. All welcome.

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Vocations Day for those interested in the diocesan priesthood, **Sunday 8th September**, beginning with Mass in St Mary's Oratory, Buncrana at 12.30pm, ending with a Holy Hour for Vocations, from 5-6pm. Anyone hoping to attend should contact diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan on 028 79386259.

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.

St Columb's Church Choir -The choir will resume on **Sunday, 1st September**. We are looking for new members. Anyone interested please get in contact with Markus or any of the choir members or just come along.

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.

Weekend Retreat for Mission Supporters and Friends of SMA – Friday, 27th September(4.30pm) – Sunday, 29th September(2.00pm). The SMA community welcomes our Supporters and friends to this Weekend Retreat and Reflection, which will be an opportunity to take time aside in the tranquil and relaxed setting of Dromantine.

All will join in celebrating Mass each day at the Novena in honour of St Therese. The Sacrament of Reconciliation of the Sick will be celebrated during the weekend.

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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