



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

*Sunday, 8th September 2024 -
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Hear what we want

We tend to hear what we want to hear and shut out the rest. What is said clearly is not always heard clearly. Messages are filtered as they are received.

In the Gospels the miracles performed by Jesus reveal who he is. They point to his identity. This weekend's gospel story tells us that Jesus touched the ears and tongue of the deaf man, and he was healed. Healing freed the deaf man from isolation. As many people know not being able to hear properly can cause isolation from conversation.

The prophet Isaiah wrote that with the coming of the Messiah the blind would see, the lame walk, lepers would be cleansed, the deaf would hear and the dead would be raised to life. Jesus worked all these wonders.

Of all the people who were witnesses to the miracles of Jesus it was Peter who put all the clues together and concluded that Jesus was the Messiah, the Holy One of God. Many other people had the same experiences, but they failed to see the deeper meaning of his words and actions. The capacity of so many not to understand was inhibited by factors such as fear, anxiety and false expectations.

Reflecting on God's word this weekend perhaps we can ask ourselves are there parts of the Gospel that I shut out and that I'm afraid to listen to?

A word of welcome to the Sisters of Charity who are visiting our parishes this weekend. The Daughters of Charity are an International Community of Apostolic Life within the Catholic Church. Today the Irish Province of the Sisters of Charity comprises of houses in Ireland and Kenya.

The Irish Province also fostered the growth of the now thriving Province of Nigeria.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God: **Gregory Kosisochukwu Akujieze**, Shepherds Court; **Niamh Nuala Deery**, Butlers Wharf; **Kodi-Lee Helen Bradley**, Clon Dara, Skeoge Road.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Sadie Blanking**, Summerhill.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers: **Liam Gormley, Joe Doherty, John McLaughlin, Des McLaughlin, David Murray, Danny McGeady, Isobel & Patrick Moore, Joe Dunlop, Hugh O’Kane, Kathleen Green, William O’Donnell, Mark O’Donnell, Mickey McNaught, John Paul McConomy**,

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3347 Strathfoyle: £540

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Next weekend’s Collection is a Priests’ Collection

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. To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser on 028 71359888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

Vocations – Fr Pat O’Hagan, diocesan Vocations Director, will celebrate the 12.30pm Mass in St Mary’s Oratory, Bunrana this **Sunday, 8th September**, as part of a Day of Prayer for Vocations to the diocesan priesthood. Fr Lagan will lead a Holy Hour for Vocations from 5-6pm. Both celebrations may be followed on the Bunrana parish website at: www.buncranaparish.com

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.

Coffee Morning in aid of Foyle Hospice in Malvern House, Chapel Road on **Thursday, 12th September** at 11.00am.

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35yrs. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am – 5pm on **Saturday, 21st September 2024**. For information see poorclares.ie/events

125 Years Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Mass – This year we are celebrating 125 years of the foundation of Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart. Ulster Provincial Pioneer Council will hold their Mass today **Sunday, 8th September 2024** at 12noon in St Micheal's Church, Darling Street, Enniskillen.

Blessing of Motorcycles: All are very welcome to the blessing of motorcycles on **Sunday, 15th September** in St Aengus' Church, Burt, Co. Donegal. 1.30pm and then bike ride to RNLI Station, Ned's Point, Bunrana for refreshments. Donations on the day in aid of RNLI. Fr Gerry Sweeney will be celebrating Mass in St Patrick's Chapel, Dungiven at 11.30 am that Sunday morning all bikers are welcome to come along to the Mass and then head to Burt after the brief blessing service.

Triduum of St Therese of the Child Jesus – Retreat with Fr Dominique Faure, will take place in Termonbacca on **Sunday, 29th September** from 10am – 5pm. Cost for day, including light lunch £15. For details, please ring 02871 262512,

"Season of Creation" – From the **1st September - October 4th** the Church asks us to reflect on and celebrate the Season of Creation. This is an annual opportunity to pause and reflect on how we care for the gift of creation. It is a church occasion that speaks to people of all ages, and one that we should cherish for the benefit of future generations.

We pray in this season of creation, for a deep spirit of care for God's creation, that we may safeguard and use its resources for the wellbeing of all peoples.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock – Bishop McKeown will lead the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday 28th September 2024**. Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place at 3.00pm in the main Basilica. Bus departs St Eugene's Cathedral at 8.30am. Evening meal included. Cost £60 per person and places confirmed on receipt of completed form. For further information please contact the parish office, St Eugene's Cathedral on 02871262894 or email the parish office at cathedral@derrydiocese.org

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 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.

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

(11:00am 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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