



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 15th September 2024
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Suffering part of life

When the late Cardinal Basil Hume was told that he was seriously ill with cancer his first action was to go into the chapel and spend half an hour in prayer. Closeness to Jesus assured him that beyond the darkness of illness the light that God gives was ahead of him.

In our gospel this weekend we reach a pivotal point in St Mark's Gospel with Jesus heading towards Jerusalem and foretelling his passion to his disciples. Peter dismisses this sombre prediction. Despite the Old Testament predicting that God's anointed one would be rejected by His own people and vindicated by God, a suffering Messiah was not part of Peter's theological world view.

Shocked by these words of Jesus, Peter begins to '*remonstrate with him*' (Mk 8:32). For Peter, as indeed all the disciples, it was unthinkable that the Messiah should endure the kind of fate Jesus had described. What Jesus was saying did not make sense to them. Peter and the disciples want the Messiah to be strong, victorious and invulnerable.

Suffering was part of the life of Jesus and likewise will from time to time be part of the lives of all who follow him. By being a follower of Jesus does not keep us immune from pain and suffering.

In our second reading this weekend St James instructs us that faith is effectively useless without good works. It is through our actions that the character of our faith is seen. Aligning our faith and actions does not happen overnight – for most people it is a lifetime work.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you call us to follow You on the path of the cross. Grant us the courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow You, trusting that in losing our life for Your sake, we will find it. Amen.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God ***Ciarna Rea-Ann Gallagher***, Mosley Park; ***Rossa Rian Barry Pyper***, Coneyburrow, Strathfoyle.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Martin Diver**, Bawnmore Place.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers – Tony Devine, Ann Mulhern, Jackie Gourley, Mickey McLaughlin, Fr Aidan Mullan, Isobel Higgins, Rita McLaughlin, Thomas Mullan, Lily Gillespie, Philomena Martin, Anna McGarvey, Lily Gourley, Tommy Kerrigan, Pat & Jean Mullan, William (Tootsie) McCallion.

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3696 Strathfoyle: £495

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Vocations – For those whom God is calling to serve Him and His Church as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will have the courage to take up His invitation and follow Him, trusting that in losing their life for his sake they will discover a much richer life as His disciples, serving His people, embracing whatever challenges (crosses) priesthood may bring, but with faith and hope in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

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

Enagh Senior Group and **Library Staff** are holding a Coffee Morning on **Tuesday, 17th September** in aid of Macmillan Cancer in Strathfoyle Library from 10.30am – 1.00pm.

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.

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

Sisters of Charity of St Vincent DePaul - The sisters spoke at all Masses last weekend. Their appeal envelopes can be returned to any church or the parish office. All envelopes received will be passed on to them.

Blessing of Motorcycles: All are very welcome to the blessing of motorcycles today ***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	10am, 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 11am 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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