



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 22nd September 2024
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

His way is not about greatness!

On his way from Caesarea Philippi to Capernaum Jesus loses no time to continue to instruct his disciples about what lay ahead in Jerusalem. He will meet opposition; evil will fight against good and terrible violence will be unleashed against him. Jesus is trying his best to prepare his closest friend for what lay ahead. Perhaps they were in denial and didn't want to spend too much time thinking about it. Whatever their reasons Jesus failed to get their full attention. Instead of reflecting on the harsh reality that lay ahead they became preoccupied with who is the greatest among them.

Their failure to understand gives Him another opportunity to expand on what he had been saying. His way is not about greatness but about the way of service. In his kingdom service is the sole criterion for measuring greatness and success.

Service is God's way; it does not always bring us the place we want to be but rather brings us to the place where God wants us.

Indira Gandhi said: "There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there."

Each one of us leaves a footprint on the earth. Those who serve leave behind footprints of love. The challenge for all who claim to follow Christ is to leave a footprint of service and love.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you came not to be served but to serve. Teach us the true meaning of greatness, that we may be humble and willing to serve others as You did. Help us to welcome the vulnerable and embrace the path of self-giving love, trusting in Your promise of life eternal. Amen.

Organ Donation Week- 23rd to 29th September 2024 - Organ Donation Week is a time dedicated to remembering and giving thanks to people who have enabled the **"Gift of Life"** to others by donating organs to those in need of life saving transplants. This week is an opportunity to raise awareness of organ donation.

Have a conversation with your family, share your decision, register your decision. You Could Be a Life Saver. Further information: www.organdonationni.info

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Sean McElholm**, Summerhill, Prehen and **Lyndon Coyle**, Blackburn Crescent.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers – Dan Doran, Josie Nash, Bert del Pinto, John Sweeney, Margaret Mulligan, Sadie Conaghan, Tommy Nicholas, Vincent & Bridie Armstrong, Eileen Whoriskey, Evelyn Friel, Michael Deehan, Dennis McGonagle, James Barrow, Phonsie Henry, Minnie Boyle, Anne Quigley, Redmond Gallagher, Anne Aquino,

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £5731.00 Strathfoyle: £760.00
Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Holy Hour for Vocations – There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road on **Wednesday, 25th September** from 8.00pm – 9.00pm All welcome.

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 in the ancient practice of the Church of praying God's word.

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:

ACCORD Derry – Marriage Preparation Course will be held on the following dates **October 18th & 19th 2024**. These courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com. Please note that these courses are in person.

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.

Catholic Mothers of Ireland Retreat Day: Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, Inspiring Talks, Holy Mass, Prayer and Confession on Loughderg Island, Pettigo, Co. Donegal on ***Saturday, 4th October 2024***. This all-day Retreat will run from 10am – 5pm. Email catholicmothers@outlook.ie for more information or to book your place.

Diocesan Safeguarding Mass - To recognise the work that has been accomplished to date and to ask God's blessing on our work in Safeguarding within the Diocese, I would like to invite you to attend the Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving and Reflection for those in the Safeguarding Ministry in the Diocese. The 2024 Safeguarding Diocesan Mass will be celebrated on: **Friday 11th October at 7.30 pm, in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry.**

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. 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 two 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 Fr Canny, any of the Church Sacristans or to the Parish Office, 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

(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 – Friday 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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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS - If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children or a vulnerable adult **contact:** Designated Diocesan person Ms Marie Gormley at +44 7596500793 or marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org or PSNI 101 or emergency 999