



PARISHES OF GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 6th October 2024
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8)

In the Catholic Church, October has long been associated with mission. The month starts with the feast of **St Thérèse of Lisieux** and draws to a close with **World Mission Sunday** – a special day of prayer and global solidarity celebrated in all Catholic parishes around the world.

“You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8) These words were spoken by the Risen Jesus to his disciples just before his Ascension into heaven, as we learn from the Acts of the Apostles. *The call of every Christian is to bear witness to Christ*

This is the central point, the heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples, in view of their being sent forth into the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.

Each baptised person is called to mission. Missionaries of Christ are not sent to communicate themselves, to exhibit their persuasive qualities and abilities or their managerial skills. Instead, theirs is the supreme honour of presenting Christ in words and deeds, proclaiming to everyone the Good News of his salvation, as the first apostles did, with joy and boldness.

Prayer - We pray that every member of the Church may be witnesses of Christ by word and deed, wherever they find themselves. May the Spirit inspire each of us to offer the right word, at the right time and in the right way. Amen

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God **Reuben Brian Bell-Coyle**, Enagh Crescent, Maydown.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Carita Kerr**, Parklands; **Jean O'Donnell**, Ballyore, Newbuildings; **Dessie Grimes**, late Violet Street.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers: *Robert Herron, John Doherty, Samuel Frazer, Jim Houston, Jonathan Gibbons, William Canning, Kathleen Monk, Rachel Owen, Frankie Cullen, Betty Pulis.*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4358.00 Strathfoyle: £480.00
Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Vocations – Whilst this weekend's readings speak to us about the vocation of marriage and invite us to pray for engaged and married couples, we pray also for those called to serve as priests of this diocese, thinking particularly of the four men to be interviewed next weekend as they hope to begin studies in January.

Holy Hour for Vocations – There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road on **Wednesday, 16th October** 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 and join in the in the ancient practice of the Church of praying God's word.

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.

Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese of Derry: The Holy Relics of St Bernadette are on pilgrimage from Lourdes to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in Ireland during September and October. The relics will visit St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry from 2.00pm on **Sunday, 13th October** – **Monday, 14th October**. This very special, once-in-a-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisma of Lourdes in their own diocese.

Programme - Sunday, 13th October – 2pm Ceremony of Welcome. 3pm, 4pm, 5pm Rosary. 6pm Rosary and Devotions. 7pm Mass. 9pm Candlelight Procession. Confessions 3-6pm. **Programme - Monday 14th October** – 8am Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes. 10am Mass of St Bernadette. 12noon Angelus & Rosary. 2pm Rosary. 3pm Divine Mercy Chapel. 4pm Rosary. 5pm Stations of the Cross. 6pm Rosary. 7.30pm Mass of the Immaculate Conception with anointing of the sick. 9pm Holy Hour. Confessions 11am – 7pm.

Call for Volunteers – We need volunteers to help steward for the Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette on 13th October and 14th October. If you can spare some time, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 028 71262894.

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.**

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. For more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser on 028 71359888.

Ulster Projects Derry – Applications are now open for Ulster Project 2025. Teens who are eligible must be 15-year-old on or before **1st July 2025**. For details of other stipulations and an application form please email ulsterprojectderrylondonderry@outlook.com. Closing date **20th October 2024**.

Annual Charity Cycle - Having watched the weather forecast very closely I was able to do my big cycle on Wednesday last (25th September). 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 cycle can be made in person to Father Canny, or any of the Church Sacristies or to the Parish Office at 32 Chapel Road.**

Praying for the Holy Souls - Our Lady of Montligeon Prayer Group meets every Monday in St Joseph's, Galliagh (Our Lady's side chapel), after 11.00am Mass, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

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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