



PARISHES of GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 13th October 2024
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Treasures in Heaven'

The encounter between Jesus and the rich man takes place within the broader theme of discipleship in Mark's Gospel. In Jewish tradition, wealth was often seen as a sign of God's blessing and favour. However, Jesus reinterprets wealth as something that can hinder inner personal/spiritual growth if it is not used generously or if it becomes a source of attachment.

The rich man's attachment to his possessions prevents him from responding to Jesus' call to discipleship. Jesus emphasises the difficulty for the wealthy to enter God's Kingdom, not because wealth itself is evil, but because it can become a barrier to entering wholeheartedly into living life as God asks. We never fully enter life if we are focused on money or possessions.

The rich young man is sincere in his desire for eternal life, but he is unwilling to part with his possessions to follow Jesus fully. While wealth and possessions are not inherently wrong, the Gospel reminds us that attachment to them can hinder our relationship with God.

In a world that often promotes the accumulation of wealth, success, and comfort, Jesus' words challenge us to live counter-culturally. True discipleship means trusting God above all else and being willing to let go of anything that competes for our loyalty and devotion to Him. The Gospel calls us to invest in "treasures in heaven" through acts of generosity and compassion.

The man's sorrow when he hears Jesus' challenge reflects the struggle of letting go. It is hard to let go of attachments and the superficial material things that act as our crutches for the way we like to present ourselves to others. Our insecurities tempt us to trust or indulge in things, rather than trusting that God has made us to be enough in ourselves without the addition of more property or possessions.

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: **Hannah Rose Starrett**, Lyndhurst Manor: **Gia Grace Deery**, Moyglass Place.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Joan Crossan**, Knockwellen Park; **Frances McGinley**, Derryview; **Eireen Rainey**, Harberton Park; **Pam Doherty**, Dervock Place, **Vincent McClelland**, Lisnamon.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers: **Noreen O’Kane**, **Phyllis Nash**, **Edward Given**, **Aidan Quigley**, **Sarah Duddy**, **Grainne Shiels**, **Hugh Doherty**, **Maureen Beattie**, **William Doherty**, **Lily McCallion**, **Barry McCallion**, **Sarah McGee**,

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4395.00 Strathfoyle: £620.00

Foreign Missions Collection will be taken up next weekend as a second collection

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Vocations Society of St Joseph (formerly known as St Joseph’s Young Priests Society) is a Society of lay people approved by the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, organised in parishes throughout Ireland. Waterside Parish group meet monthly and assist students from Ireland and other countries studying for priesthood and religious life, both financially and by prayer. To quote *Pope Francis* ‘*vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit*’. Donations to the Society are always welcome via the Parish Office.

Vocations – For those considering becoming priests of the Derry Diocese, but are anxious about giving up so many of the things they have and enjoy in order to follow the Lord in this way, we pray that they will take to heart the words of Jesus in this weekend’s gospel: “For you it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.” On **Wednesday 16 October** there will be a Holy Hour for Vocations in St Columb’s Church at 8.00 pm. 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 ancient practice of the Church of praying God’s word.

Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese of Derry at St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry from 2.00pm on *Sunday, 13th October* – *Monday, 14th October*.

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.

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**.

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.

Annual Charity Cycle – A sincere word of thanks to the many people who have contributed so generously to this year's appeal. 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. The appeal closes on **15th October**.

Mission Sunday – next weekend is the one Sunday of the year when the entire global Catholic Church comes together in support of mission.

All offerings and donations made on World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. The Mission Collection offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women and children survive and thrive.

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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