



PARISHES of GLENDELMOTT & STRATHFOYLE

Sunday, 20th October 2024
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The call to greatness

Jesus accepted his disciples as he found them and set about forming them for a life of service and self-giving. His own example is a model for them to imitate. This weekend we hear him insist that in a life of service of God vying for the limelight and status has no place.

Not yet blessed with that wisdom as they travel towards Jerusalem, the sons of Zebedee express their ambition for pride of place with him in glory. While they completely miss the point of what he has been saying, Jesus allows them to be themselves. Jesus takes the request of James and John seriously, explains how it is out of place in his vision of things and then seeks to direct their energy towards a life of service.

Where there is a competition for prominence and status, the energy left over for a generous life of service is greatly diminished. The first disciples gradually came to the insight that the core call in every life is the call to service. As apostles they needed to discover for themselves that unless they listened to God, they would have nothing worthwhile to say to the world.

In Jesus' scheme of things, the call to greatness is a call to serve God and to serve his people by helping them to reach the destiny God has in store for them.

Mission Sunday – this 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.

Adult Safeguarding Training

We have invited Mrs Briega O'Neill, Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the Diocese of Derry to facilitate Adult Safeguarding Training.

Adult Safeguarding Training is relevant to clergy, sacristans, church secretaries, adult prayer groups, senior choir leaders, Legion of Mary volunteers, members of St Vincent de Paul and Eucharistic Ministers to those people confined to their homes/nursing homes and all those in the parish who are interested in Safeguarding Adults. Training will take place on **Monday 11th November**- 7.00 pm - 10.00 pm in Waterside Parish Hall.

Adult Safeguarding Training needs to be updated every three years. It is essential to book your place on this training course as the maximum number is twenty-five.

If you are interested in attending this training, please contact the parish office on (02871342303) or leave your name in the sacristy by (Friday 8th November).

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of God: **Adam Danny Page**, Ashthorpe, Belt Road; **Caleb Jason O'Hagan**, Bawnmore Place.

Deaths: We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Maureen Phillips**, Prehen Park.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers: **Ellen Magee, Vera Doherty, Susan McCauley, Colette Dolan, Charlie McCauley, William Strawbridge, Patrick McFeely, Nellie Ringland, Eddie McLaughlin, Patrick O'Donnell, James Mellon,**

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3332.00 Strathfoyle: £650.00

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

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

Vocations – As we celebrate Mission Sunday, we pray for those who hope to play their part in the Church's mission of spreading the Good News of God's love as future priests of the diocese of Derry.

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.

Fireside Quiz in aid of Vocations Society of St Joseph will be available after all Masses in every church next weekend 26th & 27th October. Price £1.

Lectio Divina – Our weekly meditation on the Sunday readings will continue each **Thursday at 8.00pm** in the side chapel of St Columba's Church, Chapel Road. Come and join in the ancient practice of the Church of praying God's word.

The Annual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St Columba's Church, Long Tower on the nine Sundays before Christmas. Beginning on **Sunday, 27th October** at 6.00pm, with guest speaker, Bishop Donal McKeown. As this year has been dedicated as Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, the theme for the Novena is "The Power of Prayer". The Novena will end on **Sunday, 22nd December**, with Carols by Candlelight."

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.

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.

Accord Derry are facilitating a Marriage Preparation Course in the Everglades Hotel, Derry on **November 15th/16th 2024**. Booking now online at www.accordni.com This course is in person and not virtual.

Annual Charity Big Cycle – A very sincere 'Thank You' to all who have so generously contributed to this year's charity cycle. The amount raised is **£20,600.00**. 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.

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 – 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**