



Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday, 17th November 2024
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

To reach our full potential!

Timothy Radcliffe the Dominican priest and now Cardinal wrote, ***“We have nothing to fear from crisis. The church was born in one and renewed through them; they are our speciality.”***

Our readings this weekend strike a sombre note. The gospel this weekend says that when Jesus comes at the end, that will be harvest time. Hence as we await the return of Jesus, the present is a time for growth and maturing, an opportunity for all of us to reach our full potential.

The coming of the Son of Man in glory at the end of time will be preceded by a time of great crisis. The gospel is clear that there will be times of turbulence and times of great change, there may even be earth shaking events. In preparation for such events there is the need to lay solid foundations so that we won't be blown off course by the winds of suffering or the gales of change. Securing that anchor requires both prayer and Christian action.

The end will come, even if (in this modern culture of ours) we ignore it, or don't admit it, or forget about it. It will come for all of us. Rather than getting worked up about it, Jesus encourages us to prepare for it. Live every day as if it were your last: that's good advice.

Meanwhile, Jesus calls us to do what we are here for: to grow as we go on our journey of life. That's the best preparation for death. While life as we know it will pass away, the words of Jesus will not pass away. His teaching of God as a loving Father, his giving us a glimpse of eternity in his Resurrection, his telling us not to worry, his promise to return to take us with him: none of these things will ever change. Focus on them rather than getting worked up about crisis after crisis.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you call us to stay watchful, to live with hope and expectation of Your coming. Fill our hearts with trust in Your promises, especially in times of trial. Help us to remain faithful, to live with purpose, and to be lights in a world that needs Your love. Amen.

Forty Hours Adoration will begin after 12.30pm Mass on **Sunday, 24th November** in St Columb's Church and continue until 6.00pm. Adoration will commence again on Monday after 10.00am Mass and conclude at 7.30pm.

Mass for deceased parishioners - The evening Mass in all three churches on **Saturday 16th November** will be offered for those who were buried from our churches in the past year. The names of the deceased will be read out and a candle to take home will be available.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers *Eithne Logue, Annie Kelly, May Ferry, Liam Collins, Elizabeth Toland, Michael Gallagher, Dorothy Gillespie, Margaret Hillen, Denis Keys, Paddy Barr, Joanne McCauley, Maureen Doherty, Patrick McBride, Don Doherty, Bridie Kelly, Ann Devine, Daniel Kelly, Celine Hargan, Anthony O'Doherty.*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3647.00 Strathfoyle: £515.00

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

St Columb's Liturgy Team as a preparation for Advent wishes to invite all readers and Eucharistic Ministers, past and present, to a morning of prayer and reflection in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 30th November**. The morning will commence after 10.00am Mass with refreshments and conclude around 12.30pm. The theme this year is "Come Follow Me." We are delighted to have Fr Paddy Doherty, PP Maghera and Mary Murphy former head of English at Thornhill College as guest speakers.

Vocations -That our seminarians and those discerning a vocation as priests of this diocese will "shine as brightly as the stars of heaven" and be zealous in the instruction and example they give of Christian living to God's people.

St John Paul 11 Prayer for Vocations – Shortly before his death in 2005 Pope St John Paul 11 Blessed a monstrance which was to be used for the purpose of praying for Vocations. The monstrance which currently making its way around Ireland will be in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Trench Road on **Thursday, 21st November**. There will be a Holy Hour of intercession for vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Derry on **Thursday, 21st November** from 8.00pm – 9.00pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to come and pray for this intention.

Lectio Divina – Our weekly meditation on the Sunday readings will not take place next **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.

2024 Men’s Adoration - St Joseph’s Church, Galliagh on **Saturday, 23rd November** from 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Three hours of Adoration, talk on Christ the King and the father’s role in the family. Ending with Vigil Mass of Christ the King at 7.15pm. Confessions during adoration and St Padre Pio relic will be available.

Fireside Quiz Results: 1st Prize **Teresa Rodgers**; 2nd Prize **Sally McCallion**; 3rd Prize **Patsy O’Kane**. Thanks to all those who bought sheets.

Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry will hold a Sr Clare Crockett Advent Retreat from **Friday 29th November-Sunday 1st December** in preparation for Christmas. The weekend is open to both women and men. Cost £100 residential/ £70 non-residential. For further details and bookings, contact 71 262512 or email termonbaccaderry@gmail.com

Save the Date – The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday, 15th June 2025**.

Advent – Sign up today for @derryyouth Advent Course, Maghera Pastoral Centre – starting on **Thursday, 28th November** at 6.30pm- 8.00pm and running for four consecutive weeks. For more information contact lizzieria@derrydiocese.org.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis in his apostolic letter *Misericordia et Misera*, marking the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, establishing this Day, said that it would serve as ‘the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy.’

November prayer for the Dead - Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love: deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping, no pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. **Amen.**

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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