



Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday, 24th November 2024
Feast of Christ the King

Justice is Love in action!

The gospel extracts this weekend presents Jesus as a witness to the truth. The truth that Jesus proclaims is that “God is love”. Jesus wants to see justice in the world but the kingdom he wants established above all is a kingdom of love, a kingdom where justice is love in action. Jesus is king where his message is heard and lived. As their shepherd he leads his disciples to the fullness of truth.

The solemnity of Christ the King celebrates the uniqueness of Jesus and his place in our lives. He made the claim to be divine, the Son of God. He made good on that claim in his suffering, putting himself as the service of the ultimate truth: if we don't focus on serving one another, we end up serving ourselves. If we don't serve, others suffer. Jesus reveals God's way, and that way leads to peace, love and justice and allows all to flourish.

In today's world, where 'my truth' comes first, others invariably come second. In a world which prizes luxury and choice, there must be those who come 'last'. - last in terms of resources available to them, last in terms of the value of their life, last in terms of economic benefit, last in terms of access to education, health and justice. Any other measure than the standard of Jesus lets us justify excluding others at home, at work, at school, in the wider world.

Christ is king not because he can do whatever he wishes, but because he seeks to be the truest measure of what makes for a fair, human and humane world. The world today sees nothing beyond death. But the Resurrection of Jesus shows otherwise. Jesus is king because he is first among us: first with wisdom, first with love, first to serve, first in power to save, and first in the revelation of eternal life. Allowing Jesus to be king means that our primary allegiance is to him and to the values he proclaims.

Prayer - Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, you call us to follow You in truth and love. Help us to understand Your kingship and to seek Your kingdom above all. Grant us the courage to live as witnesses to Your truth, and to serve others with humility and compassion. May Your reign of peace fill our hearts and the whole world, drawing all people into Your loving embrace. Amen.

Christ, King of the Universe. Christ did not seek earthly domination in his kingship, but rather the liberation of the weak and oppressed. The Christian community shares in the royal dignity of Christ by showing to the world that service which was Christ's.

Forty Hours Adoration will begin after 12.30pm Mass (today) **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 just before evening Mass.

Baptisms – **Mya Faith McGrath**, Dunverne Gardens, Eglinton; **Charlie Daniel Doherty**, Clooney Park Gardens.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Marie Doherty**, Winchester Park; **Eileen Carlin**, Eskaaheen View; **Philip Howell**, Dereen Drive.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers Eileen McLaughlin, Anthony Anthony, Rita Cassidy, Marie Brennan, Dr Terence Quinn, Liam McGuinness, Bill & Kathleen McHugh, Dolly Hegarty, Joe Curran, Ann Marie Donaghy, Carla Ward, William Grimes, Madeline Doherty, Ena Healy, Annie Leonard, Mary Gillen, Laurence Moore, Jackie, Gerry, Bill & James Mallett, Paula Cunningham, Anastasia Warne, Willie Gormley, Bernard O'Kane, Bernie Campbell, Maisie Cassidy, Rene McLaughlin, Sally & Willie McFeeley, Patrick Boyle, Vera Vaughan, Margaret Monaghan, Bridget O'Donnell, Fiona & Michelle Webb, Bill Monk, John Coyle.

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,961.00 Strathfoyle: £580.00
Retired Priest's Collection: Glendermott: £3,240.00 Strathfoyle: £325.00
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 those called by the Lord to be priests of the diocese of Derry will “bear witness to the truth” as they help God’s people to listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, whose Kingdom “will never pass away.”

Lectio Divina – Our weekly meditation on the Sunday readings will 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.

Hillcrest Trust Christmas Appeal – This year Hill Crest Trust will be running our annual Christmas Appeal to support individuals and families within our community who are in need. If you can help us this year, please leave your donations of non- perishable food items/ new toys/ toiletries at the rear of the chapel or An Croi Community Hub, 10 Trench Road by **Tuesday, 10th December**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

St Oliver Plunkett Primary School will be hosting their Open Evening on **Wednesday, 11th December** from 5.45pm – 7.00pm. Prospective families are warmly invited to come along and find out about the exceptional provision the school can offer to your child.

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

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. contact lizzierea@derrydiocese.org.

Christmas Carols by Candlelight followed by Live Crib at 5.00pm in St Patrick’s Church, Crossroads, Killygordon, on **Sunday, 15th December**. Hot Chocolate will be served! Everyone welcome.

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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