



## Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### *Only the love of God*

In today's Gospel we hear the Lord give Peter his mission as a fisher of men. Peter is told to launch out into the deep. Experience has taught him that for fishermen every day is different. Where a shoal of fish can be found today might or might not be the place where it will be found tomorrow.

Peter has the privilege of experiencing the Lord's touch before setting out. That healing touch which has renewed him several times already would renew him again and again on his mission. Peter is sent out, aware that it is the Lord who is the fisher of men, that it is the Lord who makes every mission fruitful.

All followers of Christ are, like Peter, called to be missionaries. Like Peter we must be aware that we are instruments in the hand of God who does great things through those who generously put themselves at his service. Like fishermen a range of strategies is required, and we need to be able to adapt to new situations. There will be days, maybe weeks and months, when no one takes the bait, and no one is brought to know Jesus. There will be many times during life when weariness will set in, and enthusiasm will falter.

When fatigue and weariness set in it is only the love of God that can renew us. Peter is a reminder that the presence of the Lord is the one that continues to renew.

At the sight of the great catch Peter was overwhelmed. Gratitude brought him closer to the Lord and that same gratitude inspired him to put himself at the service of the Lord.

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Today we look at the vocations of Isaiah, St Paul and St Peter. They are called in strange circumstances. They each recognise their unworthiness but have the assurance that God will be with them. Through our Baptism we also are called to build God's kingdom.

**Baptism** – We welcome into the family of God **Sean Anthony McCafferty**, Woodland Mews, **Eile Theresa McLaughlin**, Birch Hill.

**Deaths** – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **John Wylie**, Heron Way, **Winnie Kelly**, Champion Court and **Nancy O’ Donohue**, Longfield Care Home.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers *Billy Leitch, William Leitch, Peggy Walker, Frank Cassidy, Jean Foster, Nora Brolly, Anne Shiels, Irene Mullan, Pat Simms, Michael Donaghy, James Kelly, George Caldwell, Margaret Hargan, Hugh Brady, Sean Gribbon, Bridget Miller, Teresa Wiseman, Helen McGilloway, John Conway, Phyllis Carlin, Charlie Storey, Barney Devine.*

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3827.00                      Strathfoyle: £ 555.00**

**Stipend Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.**

Thank you for your generosity to the church collections.

**Lectio Divina:** Our weekly meditation on the Sacred Scriptures will continue in the side chapel of St Columb’s Church, Chapel Road. Come and join in this ancient practice of praying the word of God which for centuries has led God’s people in a deeper appreciation of the beauty of God’s word. This week we will meditate on the Gospel for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: Luke 5:11. All welcome.

**Vocations-** This weekend’s Gospel tells us that the fishermen who met Jesus” ...left everything and followed Him.” We invite men ages 18+ who may be considering following the Lord as diocesan priests to a Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from **7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Anyone interested should contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O’Hagan at [pgoh2111@gmail.com](mailto:pgoh2111@gmail.com)

**The Lourdes Hospitalité Collection**, which helps those who wish to go to Lourdes and require care and assistance, is due to take place as a door collection on the way out at weekend Masses on the this weekend **8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> of February**.

As in previous years, we appeal to your generosity for this worthwhile cause as we take the pilgrimage forward facing many new challenges.

**Holy Souls in Purgatory Prayer Group** – There will be a meeting of the Holy Souls in Purgatory Prayer Group in Termonbacca on the following Wednesday from 12.30pm – 1.30pm – **26<sup>th</sup> February, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

**Invitation to Mass – concluding the 33 days of Family Prayer:** As you may be aware, Bishop McKeown has been leading the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary, as part of the diocesan programme for the Jubilee year of 2025, ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. The 33 days concludes on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. Bishop McKeown now extends an invitation to those who have participated in this journey of prayer to join him in St Eugene’s cathedral, Derry on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00pm. The bishop will pray the final prayer of this journey and lead people in making the Prayer of Consecration. This will be followed by the celebration of Mass at 7.30pm

**‘Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage’ to Rome:** Led by Thornhill Ministries. 16 October 2025 x 4 Nights £1095 stg pp sharing. Txt: 07736832458 with name and address for Forms and Details

**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima** – We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from **14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposits of £100 are requested as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information, please contact [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org)

**Calling all Knitters** - Age NI is delighted to announce that the Big Knit is back for 2025! So, grab your needles and your brightest yarn and get knitting for Age NI. For every hat knitted, Age NI receives 30p, and that money helps the Charity support older people who have no-one else to turn to. To register and find out more, call Age NI on 028 9024 5729, email [bigknit@ageni.org](mailto:bigknit@ageni.org) or visit [www.ageni.org/thebigknit](http://www.ageni.org/thebigknit)

#### A Prayer for Hope

Dear God, please help me find hope, despite my circumstances and how I feel.

My situation is not hidden from your eyes. You are all-knowing and all-loving.

I ask you to give me the assurance I need to get through this moment, this hour, and this day.

I declare today that HOPE is in me, because You are in me, working all things for my good, and for Your glory. In Jesus name. **Amen.**

## Mass Schedule

### Sunday

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 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     | 9.15am                    |

### Monday – Friday

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| St Columb's Church    | 10.00am and 7.30pm |
| Immaculate Conception | 9.15am             |
| St Oliver Plunkett    | 11.00am            |

(11.00am mass in St Mary's Oratory every Wednesday)

### Saturday

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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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