



Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle

Sunday, 30th March 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis reflecting from hospital

“The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much. Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills, make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here. Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.”

— *Pope Francis*

Accord NI is recruiting experienced practitioners for the Derry and Enniskillen centres, to train in the specialism of couple counselling. Successful applicants will follow an 18-day (9 weekends) in-person Certificate programme, (144 hours class contact), which will provide the clinical skills essential for safe and ethical couple's work. Course fees paid and placement provided by Accord NI. For further information and to obtain an application form please email info@accord.ie

Baptisms - We welcome into the family of God **Thomas John McCann**, Beaufort Drive; **Anna Kate Gallagher**, Birch Hill; **Janiah Lilian Quilang**, The Old Fort; **Taylor Walsh, Shae Walsh, Aoife Walsh**, The Old Fort.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Victor McClean**, Gelvin Gardens.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers – *Georgina Harrison, Jim Campbell, Shaun Hegarty, Michael Hegarty, Mary Ellen Gallagher, Jimmy Gallagher, Patrick & Anna Deehen, Patsy Ferry, Sean Friel, Anthony Cavanan, Joan Nash, Sean Carr, William Ball, Celine Deehan, Kathleen Boyle, Teresa Brady, Jim McGill, Noreen McConomy, Martin McConomy, Paddy Maguire, Eddie Mailey, Brian McChrystal, Marian Given, Johnny Sharkey, Danny Doherty, Anna Anthony, Ann Monaghan, Thomas Grimes, Harry McGurk, Patrick Brown, John Callan, Patrick Brown, Benny O'Donnell.*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3962.00 Strathfoyle: £520.00

Thank you for your generosity to the Stipend collections.

Trocaire Boxes are available at the church porches.

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.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima: We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights **14th July – 16th July 2025**. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposits of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book please contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org 0044 2871264087

St Paul's Bookshop and Gifts – Discover a beautiful selection of Books, inspirational gifts, and unique treasures to nourish your faith and spirit. The shop is at the site of the former Veritas shop on Shipquay Street. We can't wait to welcome you!

A Theology Course for Lent – An exploration into Theology – Reading the signs of the times: A theology course presented by Fr Brian Brady will take place on the Tuesdays of Lent, at 7.00pm in St Eugene's Cathedral Hall. St Eugene's Cathedral Hall is just a few yards outside the cathedral grounds. All are welcome.

Holy Souls in Purgatory Prayer Group – There will be a meeting of the Holy Souls in Purgatory Prayer Group in Termonbacca on the following Wednesdays from 12.30pm – 1.30pm – **30th April, 28th May and 25th June 2025.**

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

Sing for Joy - We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. **Saturday 26th April 2025** at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Tel. +447759496677.

Eucharistic Adoration: Calling all Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in the Derry Diocese to the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 6th April. Ring to enquire or book a seat: +4477 0912 5696 or +4477 3887 3492. Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Young Residential Retreat Termonbacca – Friday 16th – Monday 19th May 2025 "Called". This retreat is for 18 -35 years old on their journey of Christian faith entitled – "How am I called to love and serve" Price 325 Euro per person sharing to book call or email marcus@loughderg.org or 353 (0)719861518

New offertory envelopes – new offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March just before the first weekend of April.

Gift Aid – The amount of money received for Gift Aid is significant. It is equivalent to approximately 10 weekly collections. If you are currently paying tax and not already using a Gift Aid Envelope, please consider doing so. It is no extra cost to the donor. ***Gift Aid*** forms and direct debit forms are available from the Parish Office.

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	9.15am

Monday – Friday

St Columb's Church	7.15am* 10.00am and 7.30pm
Immaculate Conception	9.15am
St Oliver Plunkett	11.00am

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

* Monday to Friday during Lent

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**