



## ***Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle***

***Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 -  
Easter Sunday***

### **EASTER - A truly Joyful Feast**

This is the most blessed and most joyful feast in the Christian calendar as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We are so accustomed to hearing of Jesus risen from the dead that we could say, "Oh yes...we know all about it" and miss the grace of entering fully into this celebration.

Pause and think about it, Jesus rose from the dead! Death is not the end. It is only the door to beyond.

Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is more to each of us than meets the eye, that we have an immortal soul. We will live forever with God.

What is the purpose of my Life? What is my goal in life? Life has only one goal, to prepare for the next life, and if I am not preparing for my own resurrection, I am like a train that has become derailed. What happens to a train that gets derailed? It goes nowhere. Can I take my house with me when I die? Can I take my car with me, or my bank account?

St Paul asks us to reflect on the glorious future that awaits each of us. In the letter to the Romans Paul wrote to the Philippians, "For us, our homeland is in heaven, (Phil 3:20)

Just think of it, because of the Resurrection of Jesus, our bodies will be transformed to become a glorious body like that of Jesus. Do I live like someone who believes in such glorious future?

***Easter Blessing*** – The priests of the parish thank all those who assisted in the many ceremonies during Holy Week. We wish all our parishioners a Peaceful and Holy Easter Time.

## Easter Week Mass Times

Mass each day in St Columb's Church only at 10am and 7.30pm

Please note no Mass in other churches until Vigil Masses on Easter Saturday 26th

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**Youth of Acutis Group** - • On Saturday, April 26th at 8:15pm, in St Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Derry, the Youth of Acutis which is under Carlo Acutis' patronage, are hosting a talk from Dominican Friar Conor McDonough OP on what we can learn from the life and works of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Buns and refreshments shall be provided. Adm Free.

• On Sunday, April 27th at 3:30pm, the day of Carlo's Canonisation, the Adoration room at Carnhill is to be dedicated to Carlo Acutis.

**Baptisms** - We welcome into the family of God *Ruaidhri Adrian Moore*, Ebrington Oaks; *Sophia Elizabeth Dineen*, Strabane Old Road; *Dolores Marie McGuinness*, Swindon, England; *Anthony Cillian Gallagher*, Brighton, England.

**Deaths** – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of *June Dunlop*, Dunfield Terrace.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers: *Shirley Wilson, Samuel Wilson, Noel McLaughlin, Ronnie Nicholl, Brian Gibbons, William Boyle, Ellen Boyle, Geraldine McCarron, Brian Coyle, Plunkett Devine, Terry Neely, Kathleen Irwin, Arnold Doherty, Kathleen McGurk*

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £5684.00      Strathfoyle: £815.00**

Thank you for your generosity to the Stipend collections.

**Vocations** – For those discerning a calling to the diocesan priesthood that, in the words of our Second Reading for Easter Sunday, they will have to grace to " ...seek and set their minds on the things that are above, where Christ is..."

**Easter Monday Pilgrim Path Walk @ Lough Derg** - Join the Team at Lough Derg for a guided walk along the ancient Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg

on Monday 21st April @10.30am. 8km & 12km option available. Free event. Booking essential. More information [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

***Rosary on the Beach*** Sunday at 3.00pm at Benone Beach.

***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 – **30<sup>th</sup> April 28<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

**‘Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage’ to Rome:** Led by Thornhill Ministries. **16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Young Residential Retreat Termonbacca – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marcus@loughderg.org) or 353 (0)719861518

***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.

**New offertory envelopes** – new offertory envelopes are available at the back of the churches. Please take one and use it weekly.

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### *Easter Prayer*

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life.

From the waters of death, you raise us with him and renew your gifts of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with

Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord *Amen*.

## **Mass Schedule - from Vigil Masses on 26<sup>th</sup> onwards**

### **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	10.00am & 7.30pm
Immaculate Conception	9.15am
St Oliver Plunkett	11.00am
(11.00am Mass in St Mary's Oratory every Wednesday)	

### **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)

### **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 at 5.30pm before evening Mass on Saturday.

**St Oliver Plunkett** — Every Saturday at 5.30pm before the Vigil Mass.

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