

Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle



***Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday***

***Christians must light
candles of hope
(amid gathering Darkness)***

Pope Francis, on the events in today's world remarked:

"A disciple of the Lord should not yield to resignation or give in to discouragement, even in the most difficult situations, for our God is the God of resurrection and hope, who always raises up. With Him we can lift up our gaze and begin anew."

"When faced with trials," said the Pope. "Christians should instead ask themselves "What good can I concretely do?"

"Every Person faces their own unique situation in life, but each has the chance to do something good, even in the midst of a crisis."

"It is a skill typically Christian not to be a victim of everything that happens, but to seize the opportunity that lies hidden in everything that befalls us, the good that can come about even from negative situations," he said. "Every crisis is a possibility and offers opportunities for growth."

"We should not become distracted," added Pope Francis, "but rather turn every event into an opportunity to bear witness to the Gospel."

Pope Francis – may he rest in Peace.

We must trust in the Lord

The Lord arrives when Thomas is out. The disciples are gathered in fear behind locked doors. Jesus appears and fills them with joy. He confers on them a mission and gives them his own Spirit to continue his saving work. Jesus makes his presence and power known to his closest friends and offers them the spirit-gift for the sake of the kingdom. But Thomas isn't present. He's just stepped out briefly.

Thomas returns and they tell him they have seen the Lord-but for Thomas, something doesn't ring true. If they have seen the Lord, why are they still locked up tight in that room? If they are filled with such joy, why couldn't he read it on their faces?

Thomas could not read the presence of the Risen One on the faces of his friends... What would he read on our faces? What do we read on one another's faces? We need to look like a credible community, a community that has seen the Lord and been transformed.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our *prayers*: *Andrea McCorkell, Margaret Frazer, George O'Neill, Eamon O'Neill, Joe Arbuckle, John Carlin, Joe Brown, Johnson Joseph, Gerald & Kathleen Fleming.*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermot: £5372.00 Strathfoyle: £710.00

Thank you for your generosity to the Stipend collections.

Trocaire Boxes to be returned as soon as possible

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 us in the 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. Every Thursday evening after evening Mass.

Vocations – That those called to serve the Church as priests of the diocese will bring the people among whom they will minister to the faith of Thomas the Apostle who came to know Jesus as "My Lord and my God."

The Youth of Acutis – On **Sunday, April 27th** at 3.30pm, the Adoration room at Carnhill is to be dedicated to Carlo Acutis.

Relic Visit – We are very honoured to announce that we will be hosting the relics of two great Divine Mercy saints. The relics of St Faustina and St John Paul II. The relics will be in the shop on **Tuesday, 29th April** from 12noon – 3.00pm. Everyone welcome. St Pauls Books and Gifts, 20 Shipquay Street, Derry.

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

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

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.

Thought for the Day – The struggle for faith experienced by Thomas leads us to think on the meaning of faith in the risen Christ. We do not depend on physical experience of Christ but know his presence in keeping God’s commandments and as a gathered community, in the hearing of the word and in sacramental signs. So the Christian community is a thankful one, always blessing God for a sure hope through the resurrection of Christ.

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	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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