

Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle



Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday 11th May 2025

Have you ever had the experience of, over the mobile phone, talking to a friend about buying something – shoes or something, and the very next time you went to your mobile phone you saw ads for what you were thinking of buying?

Yes, our phones and other devices are listening to us. They know us because we have told them about ourselves and maybe told them about our friends. They hear our voices and know us and all too often we hear them and follow them when they try to sell us stuff.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we reflect on the many voices that are trying to grab our attention in this modern world. Many of the voices are false and make promises that they cannot keep.

For the followers of Jesus there is only one voice and one true Good Shepherd. And we are all his sheep. For the believer he is the only true voice that can be trusted.

In a world of many voices competing for our attention it is very easy to get distracted and listen to the voice that provides the fastest fix or seemingly easy solution.

The voice of the evil one, under many guises, is always tugging at us with a view to making us selfish, self-centred and less loving. The essence of the Christian life is to become attuned to the voice of Jesus gently drawing us towards becoming loving persons. The more we choose to listen to the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd, we will get the gift of eternal life and it can never be stolen from us.

Pope Leo XIV – We remember in our prayers our New Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV as he begins his new responsibility. He is an Augustinian Priest. The Augustinians were founded in 1244 and follow the rule of St Augustine of Hippo in the 5th century. They are known for their pastoral work, missions and education with their motto “One mind and one heart intent upon God”.

Little Way Novena - The Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place at St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry, from **Saturday 10th** until **Sunday 18th May 2025**.

There will be Devotions and a talk. Monday to Friday (12th to 16th May)

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Reigh-Ryan McClay**, Cliftonville Avenue and **Arthur Daniel Doran**, Dervock Place.

Deaths – we extend our sympathy to the family of **William James Coyle**, Beverley Gardens and **Lena McCarron**, late of Dungiven Road.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers *Lizzy Shiels, Maryann Duddy, Mary McNulty, Louise Casey, Sue Crossan, Mark McConomy, John Dillon, Kathleen Leitch, Mary McGinley, Anna Canning, Tony Healy, Tom Doherty, Mina O’Donnell, Maureen Baxter, John Carlin, Attracta McChrystal, Elaine Murray, Celine Chambers.*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermot: £4166.00 Strathfoyle: £590.00

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
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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** after evening Mass.

Cemetery Sunday – Sunday 8th June - The annual service of intercession for the dead will take place in Ardmore at 6.00pm. and in Altnagelvin and Ballyoan cemeteries at 3.00pm.

Vocations – As we celebrate Vocations Sunday, we pray especially for those considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood – that they will listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd; that they will develop a personal relationship with Him as they come to know Him and follow Him wherever He may lead them.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima – To celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima on **Tuesday, 13th May** St Paul's Bookshop & Gift Shop, Shipquay Street will have the Fatima Relic in Store on display from 12.00pm – 3.00pm. All are welcome.

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 00353 (0)719861518

Columban Camino - Children in Crossfire, along with **Longtower Parish**, is organising a ‘Columban Camino’ between **5th** and **7th June**. Participants will walk from Derry to Buncrana, from Rathmullan to Milford and from there on to Gartan; overnight stays will be in the Inishowen Gateway and Mulroy Woods. contact shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org

Encounters with the Heart of Jesus - A weekend retreat (**16th-18th May**) that dives deeper into Sacred Heart Spirituality. Time for prayer and chat. Retreat £90 and is full board. Join us at the peaceful Termonbacca Retreat House in Derry. Led by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Email termonbaccaderry@gmail.com to register.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025 to Knock Shrine, led by Bishop McKeown, will take place on **Saturday 15th June**, commencing with Rosary at 2.00pm, followed by Anointing of Sick at 2.30pm and concluding with Mass and Eucharistic Procession at 3.00pm. Confessions available throughout the Day. Bus transport available from St Eugene's Cathedral. For further information on this, please contact Karen on 028 71262894 or by email on catherdal@derrydiocese.org

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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