

Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle

Sixth Sunday of Easter 25th May 2025



Thank You

This weekend the Parish Financial recurring operating income and expenditure statement is presented on paper. I hope you will find it easy to read and understand. I avail of this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the parish.

This parish has been passed on to us, and now, at this time in history, we are entrusted with caring for and ensuring that it is passed on, in good condition, to generations to come.

I thank sincerely the many people who contribute regularly and generously, without your generosity we would not be able to keep our church in such good condition.

In this parish, with 3 church buildings, 2 parochial houses and a parish hall, as well as the monetary contribution, we are also very dependant on the talents and resources of many people who give of their time and talents voluntarily.

To our volunteer sacristans, cleaners, flower arrangers, organists and choir members and those who do the offertory collections and count the money a very sincere thanks. A sincere word of thanks also to Eucharistic Ministers, Readers of God's Word and those who bring communion to the sick, a very faithful group. This parish would be much poorer, indeed would not be able to function as a parish without you.

While the building is important, much more important are the people who use our churches for worship. Buildings and keeping them in good condition is important but we must always remember that buildings must always be an aid to faith.

Building up the faith community and passing on the faith must always be our priority. On this front we face many challenges.

Finally, thank you again for your generosity and being part of parish life at Glendermott and Strathfoyle Parishes.

Glendermott – Recurring Parish operating income for 2024

Weekly collections	202,677
Gift- Aid refund	40,043
Shrine candles & bookstalls	13,706
Hospital chaplain	15,149
Total	£271,575

Recurring Parish expenditure for 2024

Priests' stipends	31,800
Employees' wages	63,014
Heating & Lighting	28,609
Maintenance & repairs	31,640
Parish supplies	10,192
Furnishings& equipment	2,445
Insurance premiums	8,457
Rates & rents	3,959
Telephone, postage, stationery etc	5,121
Pastoral programmes	400
Diocesan Levy	35,308
Other pastoral expenses	1,286
Accountancy fees	1,100
Bank charges	1,630
Contribution to Ardmore Cemetery	9,852
Total	£234,813

The surplus for the year was £36,762.00

As you can see from the recurring income section Gift Aid is a significant amount of our recurring operating income. **Gift aid alone amounts to almost 11 weekend collections. The money obtained from Gift Aid is easy to obtain.** So if you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid - the only condition apart from paying tax is that you must use the Gift Aid envelopes or Standing Order for your contributions.

Strathfoyle Parish – Recurring Parish operating income for 2024

Weekly collections	29,803
Gift- Aid refund	4,967
Shrine candles	700
Total	£35,470

Recurring Parish expenditure for 2024

Heating & Lighting	2,412
Maintenance & repairs	950
Parish supplies	2,370
Insurance premiums	2,310
Rates & rents	1,280
Diocesan Levy	4,611
Bank charges	237
Total	£14,170

The surplus for the year was £21,300.00

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Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Aodha Lynn McDaid-Teasdale**, Caw Close; **Rhia Summer McGonagle**, Caw Close; **Cillian Frank George Doherty**, Ardilea Drive.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers *Carol McLaughlin, Mary Cassidy, Eamon Duffy, Margaret Boyle, Fr James Clerkin, Frances McGowan, Fr Paul McChrystal, Alex & Mary Arbuckle, Andrew & Kathleen Allen, Gary Walker, Jim Hamilton, Maura Doran, Laurence McGilloway.*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4247 Strathfoyle: £600

Thank you for your generosity to the collections.

Altar Servers – We are trying to recruit new Altar Servers. Children from P4 upwards are welcome.

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 – In this Sunday Gospel Jesus prays for His disciples and for those who will come to faith through their words. We pray for the men called to preach *the Word of God as priests of the Diocese of Derry and for those among whom* they will minister.

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; contact shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025 to Knock Shrine, led by Bishop McKeown, will take place on **Sunday 15 June**, commencing with Rosary at 2.00pm, followed by Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 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 71262 894. In conjunction with the pilgrimage, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, is running a two-night pilgrimage to Knock from **15th - 17th June**. For more information and full itinerary, contact Anne Marie on amhickey@derrydiocese.org.

"Dare to Hope" Young adult (18-35) Faith gathering at Knock Shrine on Saturday 14th June. The day will feature Fr Conor McDonagh OP as principal speaker, along with a variety of enriching workshops. Bookings can be made directly on Eventbrite by searching "Dare to Hope".

Prayer before exams - Loving God, be with me as I prepare for my exams. Thank you for the many talents, gifts and the opportunity of education you have given me. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the question to the very best of my ability. Holy Spirit, be with me in my exams and always.

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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