

Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle

Sunday, 8th June 2025

Pentecost Sunday



Treasure within: An old beggar lay on his deathbed. His last words were to his young son who had been his constant companion during his begging trips. “Dear son,” he said, “I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze

bowl which I got in my younger days from the junk yard of a rich lady.” After his father’s death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin in the boy’s bowl and he was surprised to hear a familiar ring. “Let me check your bowl,” the merchant said. To his great surprise, he found that the beggar’s bowl was made of pure gold. “My dear young man,” he said, “why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man. That bowl of yours is worth at least thirty thousand dollars.” — We Christians are often like this beggar boy who failed to recognize and appreciate the value of his bowl. We fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit living within us, making each of us His Temple and sharing His gifts, fruits, and charisms with us. On this major feast day, we are invited to experience and appreciate the transforming, sanctifying, and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit within us. This is also a day for us to renew our promises made to God during our Baptism and Confirmation, to profess our Faith, and to practice it. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Monday 9th June is the feast of Columba

A Blessing of St Columba

See that you be at peace among yourselves, my children
And love one another.

Follow the example of good people of old,
And God will comfort you and help you,
Both in this world and in the world which is to come. Amen

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Kemal Abraham McGowan-Gul**, Kensington Road; **Rosa Margaret Malone**, Gortnessy Meadows; **Oran Paul White**, Birch Hill; **Theo Bryan McGrath**, Blackthorn Manor.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers Susan Kelly, Mary Quinn, Harry Baldrick, Marjorie McGarry, James Bradley, William Smyth, George McLaughlin, Ita Gill, Margaret Craig, Tommy Conaghan, Rory Finnis, Brendan Coyle, Paddy Callan, Gerard Callan, Peter Melarkey, Sarah McLaughlin, Frank McLaughlin, Jimmy & John Brown, Christopher Kirk, Noreen McFadden, Gerry McCormick, Brendan McMenamin, Mary Josephine Kelly, Laura McNutt, Roseann Murphy, Paul McCauley, Anne Roche, Mary Antony, Phillip McLaughlin, Lenny Irwin, Rita McPhillips, Margaret Walsh, Martin O'Neill, Edward Given,
Grant them, O Lord, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light, and peace.

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4,530.00 Strathfoyle: £530.00

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 – today **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 Pentecost Sunday we ask the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts and minds of the men being called to serve the Church in this diocese as priests, to guide them in their discernment, and help them to choose the path the Lord wishes them to follow.

Parish of Culmore – Parishioners from Culmore Parish are invited to join in a time of prayer to discern our Parish needs and how the Lord invites us to respond. We will gather to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in Hollybush Primary School on **Tuesday 10th and 17th June** at 7pm. This gathering in prayer is

open to everyone. "At this time, Jesus went out into the hill to pray, spending the whole night in prayer with God." Luke 6-12.

.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 information 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.

Pentecost

A quote often repeated of Mother Teresa is "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Not all of us can be Mother Teresa. Her ministry was a rare event and her sainthood a singular action of the Spirit in Kolkata. But her way of acting in the world is common and available to each person. With the Gifts of the Spirit, we can act every day, with great love.

In the Pentecost readings, something rare and beautiful occurs. The Spirit long promised by Jesus, comes to the disciples like a wind. The Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is the love of the Father for the Son and the Son for the Father that is so tangible it is animated filling the world. Mother Teresa was encouraging us to be in the Spirit, even in the smallest things. If enough people do the smallest act in great love, out of that Spirit will come the rare great events, such as we witnessed in Mother Teresa's life.

Ordinary Time resumes on Monday with week 10
Sunday cycle C. Weekday Cycle 1

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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