

Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle

Sunday, 15th June 2025

The Most Holy Trinity



The sign of the Cross - The feast of the Holy trinity reminds us that when we make the sign of the cross at the beginning of the day or at the beginning of prayer, we are making a commitment to act in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are consciously choosing to do what

we do in their name. We mark our activity and our rest, our joys and our sorrow with the sign of the cross and the name of the Trinity. All is consecrated to their name. The cross means sacrifice made from love; it is death for resurrection.

To make the sign of the cross over our actions means to wipe out what is selfish and set us free to love. It means renouncing what is empty, to consecrate all to Christ. It is the sacrifice of self for a higher life. Christians are privileged not only to know God but also to share in the life of the Trinity.

We never see the Father he remains hidden but is present in his Son. Jesus chose to be a humble presence in the world. After he ascended, he sent the Holy Spirit who is among us as an invisible presence. God hides in the heart of his people

The sign of the cross places everything under God's protection.

The Trinity – offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community. It also challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met all the time. The Trinity asks us to be mindful of our responsibility to those around us in our families, our neighbourhood and our parish community.

Fr Paddy Doherty, PP Maghera will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee with Mass on ***Thursday, 19th June 2025*** at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Maghera. All are welcome.

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Freya Nash**, Mimosa Court and **Erin Rosie Grace Connolly**, Corn Mill Park, Campsie.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and Friends of **Myra Simpson**, Clondermott Park and **Adeline Brothers**, Clooney Terrace.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers *Mary Ann Duddy, Nellie Crumley, Willie Gillespie, Frances Kerr, Robert Doherty, George Crumley, Jennifer McCorkell, Denis Doherty, James McNulty, Ellen Monaghan, Mary Callaghan, Madge Shotter, Detta Smith, Jospeh McConomy, Mary Givens, Georgina McGaughey, Mary Kelly, Rosleen Ward.*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3971.00 Strathfoyle: £575.00

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.

Vocations Society of St Joseph – The mission of the Society is to pray for Vocations, Priesthood and Religious Life. The Rosary in St Columb's Church at 9.30am on Thursdays will be offered for this intention. All welcome.

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer and only in prayer, can they persevere and bear fruit." (Pope Francis)

Lourdes 2025 – Bishop McKeown will offer Mass for intending pilgrims in Our Lady of Lourdes, Steelstown Road, Derry on **Monday, 23rd June** at 7pm. After Mass pilgrim packs including tickets will be distributed. Those who cannot attend should arrange for someone to collect their tickets.

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 **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.

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery and ***Sunday 22nd June*** at 3.00pm

Rosary on the Beach *Sunday, 15th June* at 3.00pm on Benone Beach.

“Road Victim Support Northern Ireland and Donegal” (RVSNIID) is holding its first support meeting for the Northwest/Derry area on ***Monday, 16th June*** at 7.00pm in Shantallow Community Centre, Drumleck Drive, Derry. This meeting is open to everyone who may be interested in finding out more about RVSNIID. If you or anyone you know has been affected in any way by a fatality on our roads, please feel free to come along for support or information on the services we provide. For more information telephone Eamonn Karran on 07522997079.

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.

Trinity - There is a very old and much-repeated story about St Augustine, one of the intellectual Giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligent explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. ‘What are you doing, my child?’ asked Augustine. ‘I am trying to empty the sea into this hole,’ the boy answered with an innocent smile. ‘But that is impossible, my dear child,’ said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine and replied, ‘What are you trying to do – comprehend the immensity of God with your small head – is even more impossible.’ Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: ‘You see the Trinity if you see love.’ According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our feeble mind. Evagrius of Pontus, a Greek monk of the 4th century who came from what is now Turkey in Asia and later lived out his vocation in Egypt, said: ‘God cannot be grasped by the mind. If God could be grasped, God would not be God.’

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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