

# ***Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle***

***Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025  
Feast of Corpus Christi***



***“Do this in memory of me.”***

***“You may forget those with whom you laughed, but  
you never forget those with whom you have wept.”***

**- African proverb**

Jesus was inspired by love in all that he did. When he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper he said to his disciples, “Do this in memory of me.” What he asked them was to ‘do this’, do Eucharist, become Eucharist, live Eucharist, celebrate Eucharist.

We do many things in memory of people. Some have buildings or streets called after them, others are remembered by having their names inscribed in different places, others have their names linked to scholarship funds. Over the passage of time, despite our best efforts, memories fade.

Jesus did not want to be a yesterday memory. He gave us the Eucharist so that he might be a living presence that would never be forgotten.

Just as violence was about to be unleashed against him Jesus gave us the Eucharist. Love was his response to violence.

The God that we worship as revealed in Jesus is life and love. The desire of Jesus is that we become fully alive and radiate his love. The main fruit of the Eucharist is charity. In the Eucharist the Lord fills us with love for him, with love that reaches out to our brothers and sisters.

In reaching out to others we share the gifts we have been given and in different ways we become a source of blessing for others on their pilgrim journey.

**Ordination to Diaconate** – Stephen Baxter a native of this parish who has been studying for the priesthood for the past number of years will be Ordained a Deacon by Bishop McKeown in St Columb's Church on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** (Feast of the Sacred Heart) at 6.30pm. We remember Stephen in our prayers as he prepares for this significant step towards Ordination to the Priesthood.

**Please note no 7.30pm Mass on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Baptisms** – We welcome into the family of **Grace Jean O'Donnell** and **Jack Stephen O'Donnell**, Woodburn Park, **Riona Harmon-Doherty**, Clareen Drive.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers *Bridie McGinley, Mickey Lynch, Donald Ward, Michael O'Kane, Jean & William Doran, Bridget Brown, William Hegarty.*

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3788.00**

**Strathfoyle: £475.00**

**Second Collection today is the Peter's Pence Collection.**

Thank you for your generosity to the collections.

**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** As we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we pray for our diocesan seminarians and for the men who are currently discerning a vocation to the priesthood that, as priests, they will faithfully and reverently nourish the people of God in their preaching of the Word and in the Eucharist.

**Feast of Corpus Christi** – This **Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Feast of Corpus Christi Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the celebrations for the consecration of Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Knock – the first national consecration in over 150 years.

**Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead** takes place in the City Cemetery today **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** at 3.00pm

**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, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** at 7pm. After Mass pilgrim packs including tickets will be distributed. Those who cannot attend should arrange for someone to collect their tickets.

**Derry Diocesan Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025** - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July. For those who wish to avail of bus transport, a bus will depart from St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry after 10.00am Mass, and will travel via Strabane, Lifford, Ballybofey. Cost £95, including transport is required if you are availing of the bus transport. Contact Tony Brennan on [tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org)

**Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops** – September to November 2025. **September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2025.** All the above courses are now online for booking at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com) Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual.

**Derry Search Youth Group** – 40 Years of Faith, Friendship & Fellowship! Join us as we celebrate Derry Search Youth Group's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a night of praise and worship on **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church. Creggan.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY with Derry Diocesan Trust:** Diocesan Youth Coordinator - 1 Year Fixed Term Contract (with possible extension) - 35 hours per week. Job Role The focus of the post will be working with young people, schools and parishes to help them develop their knowledge and understanding of youth ministry in the context of the Catholic Church. For application packs, Tel 028 7126 2302 or email: [recruitment@derrydiocese.org](mailto:recruitment@derrydiocese.org) Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

**Thought** – As St Augustine held up the Sacred Host he used to remind his congregation; "See what you are and become what you see, the body of Christ." This is the constant challenge of the Eucharist

# 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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