

Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle

Sunday, 29th June 2025



SS Peter and Paul Apostles

What is remarkable about Peter and Paul is not just their personal conversions and faith journeys, but also their unity in diversity. They were two different individuals with distinct backgrounds, personalities, and approaches to ministry.

Peter was the one who walked with Jesus during His earthly ministry, while Paul came later as a convert and a passionate advocate for the Gospel. Yet, despite their differences, they recognised their common mission and the need to work together for the sake of the Church. Their collaboration was not always smooth.

They had disagreements and even public disputes, but they ultimately sought reconciliations and unity. Both Peter and Paul understood that their shared commitment to Christ and the proclamation of His message superseded personal differences. They recognised that unity in the Church was essential to its mission.

As we reflect on the lives of Peter and Paul, we are reminded of the importance of unity within the Church today. The Church, like any human institution, is made up of diverse individuals with unique backgrounds, perspectives, and gifts. It is in embracing this diversity and recognising the common mission that we can truly be effective witnesses of Christ's love and mercy.

Peter and Paul also teach us about the transformative power of God's grace.

Peter, the impulsive fisherman, became the courageous leader of the early Church.

Paul, the persecutor, became the ardent defender of the faith. Both experienced profound conversions and allowed God's grace to shape their lives and ministries.

Congratulations – We extend our congratulations to **Reverend Stephen Baxter** a native of our parish who was Ordained Deacon on Friday past.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Edward Dunn**, Poplar Road and **Marie McGinn**, Crannog Park.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers *Willie McGrath, Alex & Mary Arbuckle, Ellen & Jimmy Duffy, Jackie Duffy, Brian Owen, John Carlin, Sadie McIntyre, Mary Mullan, Bridie McKinney, Ann Deehan, Sheila Coyle, Gerald O'Doherty, Sarah Ford.*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3682.00 Strathfoyle: £485.00

Thanks for your generosity in Peter's Pence collection last weekend.

Thank you for your generosity to all 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 Apostles Peter and Paul we pray for our seminarians and all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, that they will "...fight the good fight.... run the race to the finish...(and) keep the faith."

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)

Derry Diocesan Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025 - Friday 25th – Sunday 27th 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 if you are availing of the bus transport. Contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Trench Road are looking for a volunteer sacristan to cover weekdays (every second week).

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Ballymagroarty will meet on ***Tuesday, 1st July 2025***. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm, celebration of Mass at 7.15pm after which the priest will bless everyone with a first-class relic of St Pio, while closing prayers are recited.

Culmore Parish: After four weeks of prayerful discernment as a parish community we have discerned with Eucharistic Adoration in homes; Celebrating Monthly Mass and Pilgrimage. Three groups are now working on these proposals. We will gather as a Parish community on ***Tuesday, 15th July*** at 7.00pm in Hollybush Primary School to celebrate Mass and provide feedback from the three groups. All are welcome.

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops – September to November 2025. ***September 26th & 27th, October 17th and 18th, November 7th and 8th 2025***. All the above courses are now online for booking at 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 Seach Youth Group's 40th Anniversary with a night of praise and worship on ***Sunday, 6TH July*** at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church. Creggan.

Feast of St Oliver Plunkett – ***Tuesday 1st July*** is the feast of St Oliver Plunkett who is the saint of our church in Strathfoyle. He became Archbishop of Armagh in 1669 and had to work in a covert way. He was arrested and tried in Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the state. He was convicted in London of high treason and condemned to death. He was hanged, drawn and quartered on 1st July 1681.

Prayer for going on Holiday

Heavenly Father,

Please bless our holiday time.

Help our family to have patience and understanding.

Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together.

Help us to make compromises when necessary and handle any chaos that comes our way with Your love and grace.

Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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