

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

***Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025***

## ***'Unless we are first listeners'***



Hospitality is a notable characteristic of all civilisations and cultures. In the Bible it ranks among the most highly virtues. Today's first reading from the book of Genesis illustrates the hospitality of Abraham, our father in Faith. It describes how he welcomes three strangers into his tent with great kindness and generosity.

One of these strangers happens to be the Lord himself and Abraham's hospitality is rewarded with the wonderful news that his wife, Sarah, will bear him a son. In welcoming strangers, Abraham and Sarah met their Lord and were blessed.

Today's gospel reading presents Jesus as the recipient of hospitality at the home of Martha in Bethany: 'Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house' (Lk 10:38).

Martha, as the head of the house, is the one who welcomes Jesus and serves him. She immediately begins setting the table and preparing a meal for Jesus. Mary, her sister, comes across as a more relaxed person, comfortable in her own skin, a good listener. Clearly, Jesus loved both very much. Along with their brother, Lazarus, they were among his closest friends.

While Martha is preparing a meal for Jesus, Mary is allowing him to nourish her with his life-giving word. She epitomises the receiving person. Sometimes this story has been misinterpreted to contrast the different vocations of the active and contemplative apostolates

Christian discipleship involves both prayer (listening to the word of God) and action (service of others). We are called to be both listeners to the Word and doers of the Word. And we will not be doers of the Word unless we are first listeners. Without prayerful listening to the Word of God, our activity, however well-intentioned, may not lead to the spread of the gospel, or the growth of God's kingdom in the world.

**Baptisms** – We welcome into the family of God – **Daniel James Monk**, Carn Manor; **Carter James Costiff**, Rosslea, Newbuildings; **Cadha Christine Louise Wilson**, The Old Fort.

**Deaths** – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Shaun Lynch**, Campion Court.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers *David Mullan, Noel O'Donnell, Jacqueline Doherty, Patrick McConomy, Johnnie McChrystal, Catherine Caldwell, Margaret Owens, Ellen Lynch, Kathleen Murray, Mary Murray, Lexie Smyth.*

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £5061.00      Strathfoyle: £665.00**

**Thank you for your generosity to all the collections.**

**Vocations** – That those considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will always, like Mary in the gospel, “...choose the better part...” and, like St Paul” ... become a servant of the Church... responsible for delivering God’s message... the mystery of Christ among you, your hope of glory.”

**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)

**Grandparents and Elderly:** Join us at Knock Shrine on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July** at 2.30pm. Celebrate the National Grandparents and the Elderly. A day of grace, blessing and prayer, for families, our church, and our future. All are welcome bring your family - bring hope and joy. Anointing Mass. Rosary (weather permitting). Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy. Music: Una Nolan and Choirs guest soloist Dana. Visit our website for resources: [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

**Culmore Parish** – As part of the parish prayerful discernment three groups have been set up to work on Eucharistic Adoration in homes; the Mass and Pilgrimage. If you would be willing to offer your home for Eucharistic Adoration one evening, please email: [mamh22yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mamh22yahoo.co.uk). To help with the planning and organising of the Mass please email [john.mcdevitt@derrydiocese.org](mailto:john.mcdevitt@derrydiocese.org). To assist in organising the pilgrimage please email [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.

***Rosary on the Beach – Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July*** at 3.00pm on Benone Beach.

***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 if you are availing of the bus transport contact Tony Brennan on [tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org)

***Mary's Meals Walk:*** 'Two Bridges Walk' on ***Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August***, over the Foyle Bridge and Peace Bridge. We will meet in Sainsbury's car park at 11.45am to begin the walk at noon. The distance is approximately 5 miles. The walk is part of a series of walks taking place across Ireland in early August to raise awareness of Mary's Meals and the work they do. You can register for the walk at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/step> . If you have any questions please contact Helen Quinn, telephone 07814441701.

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

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### ***'His invitation'***

Today Jesus asks each of us: What takes priority in your life? One way to answer this question is to ask ourselves; How do I use my time? Do I fritter it away? Do I work 12 hours a day? Am I involved in activities I enjoy? Do I spend quality time with the people I care about? Do I make time for prayer and spend time with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

No one else needs to know the answers to these questions. However, our answers to these questions may give us some insight into our lives. In our busy and distracting world, it is easy to get off-track.

Today Jesus is inviting us to come away and spend time with Him. What a wonderful invitation! Today will we accept His invitation, or will we ignore it because we are too busy?

# 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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