

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 10th August 2025

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“FEAR NOT”



The opening words of today's gospel passage from Saint Luke recall Jesus' touching appeal to his disciples not to be afraid but to trust in the kingdom the Father has in mind for them: 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom' (Lk 12: 32).

Fear, not doubt, is the opposite of faith. 'Fear not' is one of Jesus' most frequent exhortations to his disciples. Fear can paralyse us, holding us locked in the past, unable to move forward. The faith Jesus is looking for involves letting go of those things we imagine will make our lives secure – our possessions – and seeking instead the things that truly enrich us: 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven, where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it' (Lk 12:33 -34).

The courageous, forward-looking, faith that inspired Abraham and that Jesus requires of us is never easy. In the anxious and uncertain time in which we live, it is particularly demanding. The kingdom of the Father – the kingdom of universal justice, peace and love – that Jesus proclaimed seems to be a long way off. At a time like this, we tend to hold on grimly to the familiar terrain of the past rather than embrace the unknown future. But our Christian faith calls us to move forward with hope in our hearts.

Mass times for the Feast of the Assumption

Vigil Masses on Thursday 14 August

Church of the Immaculate Conception	6.00 pm
St. Columb's Church	7.30 pm

Friday 15 August

Church of the Immaculate Conception	9.15 am
St. Columb's Church	10.00 am and 7.30 pm
St. Oliver Plunkett's, Strathfoyle	11.00 am
St Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings	11.00am

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God – **Layton Michael Brown**, Parkmore Drive; **Robyn Luna Campbell**, Limavady Road; **Jude Sarsfield McAnaney**, Birch Hill and **Fionn Michael Ciaran Morrison**, Moyglass Place.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Fergus Duffy**, Broomhill Mews.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers *Bridie Gormley, Ann Frazer, Rose McDonald, Jim Elliot, Jim Ferry, Tammy Callaghan, Josie McGeady, Mary Downs, Jim McColgan, Agnes Webb, Sheila Kerrigan, Josephine McGrath, Jim McDaid, Annie Caldwell, Mary Cooke, Michael McLaughlin & Peter Mallett*

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

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4,120.00 Strathfoyle: £545.00
Thank you for your generosity to all the collections.

The Iosas Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff, is a vibrant and welcoming place for all the family, with something special happening every day of the week. Enjoy the buzz of *Fish & Chip Friday*, treat yourselves to a hearty all-day breakfast on Saturdays, or gather around the table for a delicious Sunday lunch made with our own organic produce. Eircode F93F104 will bring you straight to our door in Co. Donegal. Tel 0(0353)74 91 848 66.

ACN Pilgrimage to Knock: Papal charity *Aid to the Church in Need Ireland* invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday 30 August. Mass is in the basilica at 3pm – all welcome. For more info, see www.acnireland.org

Vocations - In our second reading this weekend Abraham and Sarah are held up as models of faith. We pray for our seminarians and for those considering the diocesan priesthood, that they will be good examples of faith and trust in God for the people they will be called to serve. Anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood is invited to an afternoon of prayer and discussion organised by the diocesan vocations team on **Sunday, 24th August**. Mass in St Columb's Church, Waterside, at 12.30pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Bishop McKeown hopes to attend, along with several priests and seminarians. The afternoon will end at 6.00pm. If you are attending, please let Fr Pat know – for catering purposes – on pgoh2111@gmail.com

St Columb's Church Choir – is looking for new members to join the choir for the 10.00 Mass on Sunday mornings when they resume on Sunday 7 September. Please speak to Markus or any of the choir members for information.

Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg this August & September:

- **One Day Retreats** – *Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection* - places available on August 19, 23, 24, 25, 30; September 3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 20, 21.
- **National Sacred Heart Crusade** – a Sacred Heart Statue blessed by Pope Francis will be present for the Day Retreats on 23, 24 & 25 August.
- **Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sunday 7 September** – special devotions and blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic. Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential.
- **Thursday 21 August** to mark **National Heritage Week 2025** Lough Derg offers a day to *immerse yourself in the story and heritage of the ancient Sanctuary*. Guided Tour of Station Island and Boat Trip at 11am & 2:30pm. Admission €15. Concessions for students, children & families. Advance Booking Essential.
- **Pilgrim Path Lake Shore Pilgrimage** - *In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries*: Sunday 31 August. Guided 8km & 12km walk options available. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential.
- **Quiet Day Retreat** – *Come apart by yourself, and rest for a while* – Friday 12 September. Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential.

Contact by email: info@loughderg.org / Tel. 0(0353) 719861518

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.

Rosary on the Beach – Sunday, 3rd August at 3.00pm on Lisfannon Beach.

Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The late Pope Francis said that Christians must bring joy to the world, not sorrow. Mary brought God wherever she went. In other words, she brought joy to the world. How? By bringing Christ into the world. Joy and Christ go hand in hand. The fruit of Christ's presence in our lives is joy. It isn't naivety. It isn't foolishness. It isn't blindness and wishful thinking. It is joyfulness. It is the joy from seeing things as never before ... seeing things as God sees them!

The world around us is in turmoil. What should we do? What St Paul did. "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer" Pray as Mary prayed: "Rejoice in God my Saviour"

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 *See front cover for times for the Assumption, 15 August*

St Columb's Church	10.00am & 7.30pm
Immaculate Conception	9.15 am
St Oliver Plunkett	11.00 am
(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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