

# ***Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle***

***Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025***  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time.**

## **‘Buying up the poor for money’**



Money features strongly among the most prominent of human concerns. Money – its uses and abuses – is the main theme of our readings today.

‘Money makes the world go round’. So sang Liza Minnelli in the popular 1972 musical, *Cabaret*. According to Daniel Kahneman, ‘Money may not buy you happiness, but the lack of it will certainly buy you misery’.

Our first reading from the prophet Amos, underlines the abuses to which greed for money gives rise. Amos lived in the eighth century BC, one of those rare periods when Israel was relatively peaceful and prosperous.

Ideal opportunities for trading had triggered ‘an economic miracle’, leading to undreamed of riches for some people. Behind this success story, Amos sees a world of injustice. What they are doing is ‘buying up the poor for money’ (Amos 8:6).

Fearlessly, Amos castigates those who engage in such practices, ‘*who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor*’. He tells them that God ‘*will not forget a single thing you have done*’ (cf. Amos 8:7).

Today’s gospel speaks about stewardship. A steward is a person who is given responsibility to handle the goods and property of his/her employer. In the words of Joyce Meyer, ‘We must remember that we are stewards of what God has provided for us, not owners. We have no absolute right to anything we have.

So the question today’s gospel puts to us is: ‘How well am I using the resources the Lord has provided me with for his service and the service of others?’ Am I using them to make the kind of friends Jesus refers to in the Gospel – friends who will welcome me ‘into the tents of eternity’ (Lk 16:9)?

**Baptisms** – We welcome into the family of God – **Tom James Canavan**, Birch Hill.

**Deaths** – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: **Sr Carmel Guinan**, Good Shepherd Convent; **Bridget Herron**, Henderson Park; **Adrian Sharkey**, Dervock Place.

**Anniversaries:** We are asked to remember in our prayers – Gerard Carey, Thomas Mullan, Dan Doran, Umberto del Pinto, Josey Nash, Tommy Nicholas, Jean & Pat Mullan, Minnie Boyle, Sadie Conaghan, Tony Devine, Anna McGarvey, Anne Aquino, Phonsie Henry, Lily Gourley, Jim Barrow, John Sweeney, Michael Deehan, Denis McGonagle, Noreen Ferguson.

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

**Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £5,275.00      Strathfoyle: £750.00**

**Vocations** – We pray that our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will be found worthy of the great things entrusted to them by the Lord.

**St Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings** – Mass on **Wednesday 24<sup>TH</sup> September** will be held in **St Columba's Primary School at 11.00am** and not in the Oratory. Everyone welcome.

**Caring for People Living with Dementia:** On **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September** Ards Friary is holding a day of emotional support and sharing for those caring for people living with dementia. This day will be led by Caroline Brown, facilitator, trainer and ex-carer. Information contact Caroline at carolinebrown268@gmail.com.

**St Therese of Lisieux** - This year it is 100 years since St Therese of Lisieux was declared a Saint. To mark this wonderful occasion, Termonbacca Carmelites have built a new chapel which holds a first-class relic of St Therese. Every Monday we will hold a weekly prayer hour, praying for her intercession, particularly praying for world peace. Prayer will be from 7:30-8:30pm and everyone is welcome.

**The Churches Trust** – Developing women in the Community programme. Starting **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Locations: Waterside, Cityside & Strabane. Contact Margaret for further information tel. 028 71311322.

**Organ Donations Week – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Organ Donation Week is a time dedicated to remembering and giving thanks to people who have enabled the "Gift of Life" to others by donating organs to those in need of life saving transplants. This week is an opportunity to have a conversation with your family, share your decision, register your decision. **You Could Be A Life Saver. Further information: [www.organdonationni.info](http://www.organdonationni.info)**

***Rosary on the Beach*** – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.00pm on Benone Beach.

***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.

***Ulster Project Derry/Londonderry2026***: Applications now open. Teens who are eligible must be: 15 on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 i.e.: born between 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. Regular attender of chapel/church. A written reference from priest/minister on attendance must be included with application form along with a reference from the form teacher. For an application form please email [ulsterprojectderry/londonderry@outlook.com](mailto:ulsterprojectderry/londonderry@outlook.com) Closing date; ***Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025.***

***Adult Faith Formation***: Are you interested in volunteering to help children and adults in our parish to prepare for the Sacraments? If you have a basic knowledge of Catholic teachings and some teaching experience (not essential), please contact the Parish Office. We hope to put together a small parish team that will be supported in preparing and delivering sessions. The time commitment would be about 3 hours per week from October to May. Safeguarding checks will be carried out as part of the process.

***Parish Child Safeguarding*** – Training for all people in our parishes who may have contact with children during their parish activity are invited to a training evening in the Parish Hall, Chapel Road, on ***Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025.*** It is important that all who may have contact with children attend this training.

***Feasts of the week*** – Tuesday: St Padre Pio. Saturday: St Vincent de Paul

***Healing prayer of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)***

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set us free.

I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me. Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body and spirit.

Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet.

And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honour to your holy name.

I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. ***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	9.15 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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**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS** – If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children or a vulnerable adult contact:

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