

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 2nd November 2025

31st Week in Ordinary Time

“For your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended”.



In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God created each person for eternal life and that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity. All who are baptised in Christ share in his victory over death and nothing can separate us from God's love. As St Paul declares *‘I am certain of this; neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights, nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord’* (Rom 8:38-39).

The gospel reading from Luke recounts the moving miracle of Jesus restoring a young man to life. Unlike most of the miracles of Jesus, this one does not begin with someone asking him for help. Luke describes the event with admirable simplicity and clarity. As Jesus and his disciples approach the village of Nain they come upon a funeral procession. A young man is being carried out for burial, *‘the only son of his mother, and she was a widow’* (Lk 7:12). Without a husband and sons, the situation of the grief-stricken widow is desperate.

In telling this story, Luke adds after raising the young man to life, *Jesus ‘gave him back to his mother’* (Lk 7:15). Responding to the mother's grief was as much the concern of Jesus as the restoration of the young man to life.

Today's Mass triggers memories of the many 'faithful departed' whose lives have touched ours profoundly: parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends. We all have our own special memories of them.

The German theologian, Karl Rahner, reminds us of this important truth. *‘The great and sad mistake of many people, among them, even pious persons, is to imagine that those whom death has taken, leave us. They do not leave us. They remain.... We do not see them, but they see us. Their eyes, radiant with glory, are fixed upon our eyes full of tears. Though invisible to us, our dead are not absent.*

Remembering the Deceased Parishioners of the Past Year

Saturday 8th November 6.00pm Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Saturday 8th November 7.00pm Mass at St Columb's Church

Sunday 9th November 10.15 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

At these Masses the names of parishioners who were buried from our parishes will be read out and a candle lit in their memory.

St Columb's Liturgy Team welcomes you to a series of talks on the theme of Hope. These talks will be held in St Columb's Church during the 7.30pm Mass on the following dates:

Monday 1st December - guest speaker Bishop Donal McKeown.

Tuesday 2nd December – guest speaker Fr Declan Boland

Wednesday 3rd December – guest speaker Fr Peter Burns

All are welcome to attend.

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Baptisms - we welcome into the family of God – ***Fodhla Aoibh Morrison***, The Hillocks and ***Sadie Morton***, The Hillocks.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of ***Rose Reynolds***, Bentley Terrace.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers – Mary Gillespie, Margaret Doran, Jean McGlinchey, Patrick Crossan, Kathleen McLaughlin, Jack McLaughlin, Daniel Doherty, Chris McGaughey, Paul Doherty, Anne Friel. Grant them, O Lord, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light, and peace.

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4,139.00 Strathfoyle: £560.00

Mission Collection: Glendermott; £3,330.00 Strathfoyle: £395.00

Retired Priests Collection will be taken up next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collection.

Vocations – On this Holy Souls Day we remember the deceased priests who served the people of this diocese in the past. We pray for the priests who serve our parishes today, and for the men who will have the pastoral care of our people in the years to come, our current seminarians and those discerning their vocations at this time.

Lectio Divina – Our weekly meditation on the Sacred Scriptures will continue in the side chapel of St Columb's Church, Chapel Road on **Thursdays** after 7.30pm Mass.

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.

Annual Mass of Remembrance for deceased Staff and Pupils of St Joseph's Boys' School on **Thursday, 13th November 2025** in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30pm. All are invited to attend.

St Vincent de Paul Derry is looking for individuals who could assist for a few hours a week as van drivers. Email: svp.derry@svpni.co.uk if you can help.

Rosary on the Beach – Sunday at 3.00pm on Lisfannon Beach.

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops – September to November 2025. **November 7th and 8th 2025**. All the above courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com These courses are in person and not virtual.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on **Tuesday, 4th November** in Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty. After 7.15pm Mass and Novena the priest will bless everyone with a first-class relic of St Pio.

Norms for Indulgences for the Faithful Departed

Indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November. A *plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,

- on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed.
- on All Souls' Day devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.
- Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1st November.
- Communion may be received on any day from November 1st – 8th.

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 (Check Church Holidays for changes)

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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