

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 9th November 2025
32nd Week in Ordinary Time



“We are God’s Living Temple”

Today we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the ‘mother of all churches,’ symbolising our unity in Christ. This feast reminds us that we, the faithful, are God’s living temple, called to holiness and worship.

Paul’s letter teaches that we are God’s temple, with Christ as our foundation. The Spirit dwells in us, making us holy. The Lateran Basilica, as the Pope’s cathedral, represents the universal Church. These readings call us to purify our hearts, ensuring our lives reflect the sanctity of God’s dwelling place.

The Lateran Basilica, dedicated in 324AD, stands as a symbol of the Church’s mission to spread God’s love. Yet, the true temple is not just stone but us - God’s people. Jesus’ zeal in cleansing the temple challenges us to examine our hearts. Are we a house of prayer, or have we let worldly distractions clutter our souls?

As God’s temple, we’re called to live with integrity, charity, and faith. The life-giving waters of Ezekiel remind us that God’s grace flows through us to heal and renew others. We build this temple through acts of love, forgiveness, and service, united with Christ, our cornerstone.

In a world often divided, our unity as the Church – reflected in the Lateran’s universal significance – witnesses to God’s kingdom. Let’s strive to be a living sanctuary, radiating Christ’s presence to all.

On this feast, let’s recommit to being God’s holy temple. Through the Eucharist, may we be strengthened to live as Christ’s body, bringing his love to the world. Let’s pray for the Church universal, united in faith, hope, and charity.

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.

Liturgy Group member Gerard McReavy will present a talk entitled “How Paul III righted the Barque of Peter, the purification of the Church after the Reformation”, on **Saturday 22nd November** in the Parochial Hall. Tea/coffee at 10.30am followed by talk at 11.00am. All welcome to attend.

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Baptisms - We welcome into the family of God – **Avery George Toland**, Birch Hill; **Eli Michael Toland**, New York, USA; **Kairo Luca McFeely**, St Breacan's Park.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Paddy Flanagan**, Hillview Avenue, **Sheila Strawbridge**, Knockwellan Park; **Sister Anna Byrne**, Good Shepherd Sisters; **Collie Welch (Keyes)** who died in U.S.A.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers – Dermot McCrossan, Jim Harte, Christina Walter, Kitty McFadden, John Bradley, Eithne Logue, Olive Parkhouse, Margaret Hillen, Christopher Gibbons, Michael O'Hagan, Patrick Murray, Stella Thomas, Annie Kelly, Margaret Kelly, Margaret O'Donnell, John McLaughlin, Sammy Donaghy, Richard & Ann Freaney, Paddy Dillon, Nellie Slevin. Grant them, O Lord, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light, and peace.

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4,247.00 Strathfoyle: £630.00

Retired Priests Collection will be taken up this weekend.

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collection.

Vocations – We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, and for the future priests of the diocese, that they will know and honour Jesus as the foundation of everything they do to build up His kingdom of justice, love, and peace in the world.

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.

Adoptive Parents needed urgently

Family Care Adoption services is an Independent Adoption Agency. We are based in Belfast, but we assess from all areas of Northern Ireland. We work with Health and Social Care Trusts to find suitable children for our adoptive parents. There are currently lots of children in Northern Ireland who need a secure and permanent adoptive home. There is an urgent need for new adoptive families.

So, wherever you live in Northern Ireland if you think you could offer a child a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this and find out more about adoption **CONTACT US!**

Email: email@familycareadoption.org. Phone: 028 90691133.

Website: www.familycareadoption.com

Prayer for the Dead

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.

In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest.

The old order has passed away; welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but fullness of peace and joy, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

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 (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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