

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 16th November 2025

33rd Week in Ordinary Time

Something that will never end



November often feels like the ending of things. There is a popular poem which emphasises the 'no'part of the month. No sunshine, no flowers, no warmth, no butterflies or leaves.

In the Catholic tradition; remembering the faithful departed is important, while making our November Dead list and visiting cemeteries we may be tempted to dwell only on what has ended even as we entrust our dead to God's merciful love. In sadness we may forget for a while the Lord's reminder that the seed must first die in order to live.

Shortly before his own death last April, Pope Francis wrote of a '*consoling certainty: death is not the end of everything, but the beginning of something. Something that will never end.*'

In praying for our dead we are not just being nostalgic we are meeting them in a communion of prayer. November also ends on an uplifting note in the triumphant Solemnity of Christ the King. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. The dying world points to His Kingdom, not of earthly power, but of truth, life, and divine mercy.

In November we not only watch the year die but enter into nature's cycle of death and rebirth. We honour the saints, pray for our dead and fix our eyes on the Eternal King who promises that death is but a gateway, and that for those who believe, life is changed, not ended.

Today 16th of November is world day of the poor

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 CSSR

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.

Forty Hours Adoration will begin next **Sunday 23rd November** in St Columb's Church after 12.30pm Mass and continue until 6.00pm Mass. Adoration will commence again on Monday after 10.00am Mass and conclude just before evening Mass.

Baptisms - We welcome into the family of God – **Orlaith Elizabeth Stead**, Pelham Road; **Eala Rose Cassidy-Francis**, Thornlea Gardens; **Jack Alexander McCloskey**, Sevenoaks; **Cadhla Evelyn-Rose Christy**, Birch Hill.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Stephen McBride**, Crannog Park; **Victor Galbraith**, Summerhill, Prehen; **Ursula Patterson**, Knockwellan Park.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers – Willie & Eileen Carlin, Joe Cooke, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Dorothy Gillespie, Michael Gallagher, Eileen Carlin, Daniel Kelly, Carla Ward, Rose Lynch, Celine Hargan, Joseph Elliott, Joanne McCauley, Bridie Kelly, Paula Cunningham, Paddy Barr, Philomena Kirk, Ita O'Connor.

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4,022.00 Strathfoyle: £540.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collection.

Eucharistic Procession – 23rd November 2025 marks the centenary of the establishment of the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the Universal King. A Eucharistic Procession has been organised in Derry, beginning after 12noon Mass in the Long

Tower Church. Everyone is encouraged to take part. The Derry event is being replicated in a few countries around the world.

Vocations – As Jesus asks us all in today's gospel, we pray for our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, that they will be strong and faithful witnesses to Christ, especially in the face of persecution, criticism, or opposition.

St Mary's College – Mass of Remembrance: **Thursday, 20th November** at 5.15pm, for deceased Past Pupils, Staff and Governors, in the school multi-purpose hall. If you would like to add to the list of those to be remembered, please contact Mura on 028 71362154 or email mmckinney822@c2ken.net. All are welcome. Refreshments served afterwards.

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.

Rosary on the Beach – **Sunday, 16th November** at 3.00pm on Benone Beach

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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