

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 23rd November 2025

34th Week in Ordinary Time

FEAST OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

KING TO ALL WHO ACCEPT HIM

St Luke in the gospel this weekend relates the events on Calvary with great skill and gives an insight into how the mercy of Jesus transforms lives. He begins with those furthest out and gradually moves closer to the Cross, describing five attitudes to Jesus.

Furthest from the Cross are the people who stood by, watching. They are uninvolved, not drawn into the drama of what was taking place, yet he remarks that some went home beating their breasts.

Next are the leaders of the time who jeer at Jesus, seeing him as a rival. Nailed to the Cross and powerless, they taunt him, calling on him to prove he is the Christ by saving himself. Likewise for the soldiers who understand him in political terms and who were used to being treated badly it was a chance to vent their anger. Jesus responds with silence

Luke then brings us to the criminals one tries to exploit the power that Jesus has with his self-serving plea: "Save yourself and us as well." Jesus does not allow himself to be used for selfish purposes. Luke then takes us to the second criminal. He does not lapse into self-pity but turns to Jesus in trust. He takes responsibility for his past and puts his confidence in Jesus welcoming Jesus into his life as king and saviour in a personal way.

On Calvary his wounds and pain are transformed into wisdom a wisdom that can inspire all of us to make space for Jesus to heal our wounds.

Central to the account of the events on Calvary is the inscription that states Jesus is King. He is King to all those who are open to accept his gift of salvation.

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 today **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 – **Kia Noel McElhinney**, Windridge Drive; **Oisin Carlo Connor Gallagher**, Summer Meadows View.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Marie Spellman**, Bayswater.

Anniversaries: We are asked to remember in our prayers – Denis Keys, Dr Terence Quinn, Rita Cassidy, Dolly Hegarty, Marjorie Clift, Maureen Doherty, Patrick McBride, Dan Doherty, Siobhan Giffin, Anastasia Warne, Ciara Warne, Jim Barrett, Madeline Doherty, May Ferry, Paddy Boyle, Anthony Anthony, Jack Finlay, Brendan Gibbons, Vera Vaughan, Vera Watters, Rene McLaughlin, Willie & Kathleen Monk, Anne Marie Donaghy, Laurence & Bridget Moore, Barry O’Kane, Damien McGartland, Bill & Kathleen McHugh, Sally and Willie McFeely.

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £4,183.00 Strathfoyle: £480.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collection.

Eucharistic Procession – Today **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 today 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 – We pray that our seminarians and all the future priests of the diocese will be faithful servants of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations: On Tuesday evening **25th November** 7.30pm Mass in St Columb's Church will be offered for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Derry. This will be followed by a Holy Hour from 8.00pm – 9.00pm, concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction. All are welcome to come and pray.

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.

Fireside Quiz – Many thanks to everyone who bought sheets or donated, **£740** was raised towards Parish Funds.

Pioneer Annual Draw 2026 – The Supporters' Draw is one of our main fundraising initiatives to help us to develop the Association. The Draw runs for six months and takes place on the third Wednesday of every month, beginning on **21st January 2026** and continuing each month until **June 2026**. The monthly prizes are 1st £1,000; 2nd £400; 3rd £200; 4th £100. Cost £40 for six months. Contact Bert Glackin 07759586666

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 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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