

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 7th June 2026

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)**

Jesus has become our food

Celebrating the Eucharist was what gave meaning to the lives of the early Christians. They would risk imprisonment, or even death, rather than live their lives without the Eucharist.

This has been true for many Christian communities down through the centuries. During the time of the Penal Laws in Ireland (the 17th to the early 18th centuries), the celebration of the Eucharist was forbidden. This did not stop many of Catholics from celebrating Mass in secret.

During his life on earth, Jesus' favourite way of expressing his love for, and his desire to be one with people especially for those who were rejected and unloved, was to share meals with them.

Most Jews invited only friends or powerful people to their meals. In eating with sinners, Jesus was making friends with those who had no friends. He was showing them respect and love. He was drawing them into the family of God.

Every Eucharist ends with a sending on Mission: 'Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord'. We are commissioned to bring the message of the Eucharist to the world.

Our celebration of the great feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our constant challenge: to keep alive the blessed memory of Jesus by becoming, in the context of our time, his flesh and blood given for the life of the world.

Ordination to priesthood – Rev Stephen Baxter, a native of our parish will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop McKeown next **Sunday, 14th June at 3.00pm** in St Columb's Church. Stephen will celebrate his **First Mass on Monday evening 15th June at 7.30pm**. All welcome and keep him in your prayers.

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Arabella Claire Doran**, Central Drive and **Saoirse Julia Flanagan**, Prehen Road.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Gerard Gallagher**, Virginia Court, and **Fredrick Welch**, Hollymount Park.

Anniversaries – We are asked to remember in our prayers – Sarah McLaughlin, Annie & George McLucas, Margaret Craig, Ruairi Finnis, Mary Duddy, Tommy Conaghan, Bridget & Bella Barron, Gerard Callan, Patrick Callan, Ita Gill, William Smyth, Marjorie McGarry, Mickey Lyons, Margaret Walsh, Mary & Tommy Callaghan, Roseann Murphy, Paul McCauley, John Brown, Jimmy Brown, Lenny Irwin, Mary Anthony, James Bradley, Matthew Callan, Adeline Brothers, Patrick Mullan, Rosaleen Kane, Geraldine McCarron.

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: 4,370.00 Strathfoyle: £595.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections.

Vocations – We pray for the men who will serve the Church as priests of our diocese, that their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will be strengthened as they share the Body and Blood of Christ with their brothers and sisters.

Vocations Society of St Joseph (Waterside Parish) We continue to pray for priests, vocations to priesthood and religious life and support seminarians. The Rosary on Thursday mornings at 9.30am offered for this intention and everyone welcome. Please remember in prayer Deacon Stephen Baxter who will be ordained to the priesthood in St Columb’s Church on **Sunday 14 June**. The Society also wishes to acknowledge with thanks anonymous donations of £70, £40, £40, £20, £10 and £5.

Lectio Divina – Join us on **Thursday** evenings at 8:00 in St Columb’s Church for our weekly praying of the Sacred Scriptures.

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery today **Sunday, 7th June** at 3.00pm. Please be in position by 2.30pm. Families are asked to bring their own holy water. The service will also be live streamed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvtk3PsOheU>

Eucharistic Marian Procession on **Saturday 13th June** – 12noon St Mary’s Church, Creggan ending at Celtic Park. You and your family are warmly invited to come along and join in!

St Columba's Day 2026 – This year's we're celebrating 80th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Long Tower in 1946. 7.30pm Mass of St Columba on **Tuesday, 9th June** to mark the 80th Anniversary of the of the Consecration of Long Tower church celebrated by Fr John Joe Duffy, PP Creeslough followed by procession to St Columba's Well and Parish Party in Lower School Hall.

Ministers and priests from the city's Christian churches will gather on **Sunday June 7th** this year, to honour our city's patron saint. The interdenominational service begins at 4.15pm in St Augustine's Church of Ireland, on the Walls. The main address will be delivered by the Catholic Bishop of Derry, Dr Donal McKeown. The event is scheduled ahead of the June 9th Feast Day of St Columba.

Diocese of Derry – Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026: The Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from **Friday 24 July to Sunday 26 July 2026**. A bus will travel from St Eugene's Cathedral, via Strabane and Lifford. Cost: £95 / €110 including bus transport. You are welcome, of course, to use your own means of transport. Booking form and full details available at: derrydiocese/lough-derg.

Volunteers Needed Overseas - Make a Difference! You can help us promote equality, justice, peace and opportunity for all! Viatores Christi (VC) Lay Missionaries are visiting parishes in the Derry Diocese this year. VC was founded in Dublin in 1960 and since then has sent over 2000 lay missionary volunteers overseas to share their skills, knowledge and enthusiasm. Our roles are varied, based on the need identified by our partners, for example education, agriculture, social work, healthcare, ICT, pastoral and project support. Next Volunteers INFO Day, Emmaus Room, St Patrick's, Pennyburn, Derry BT48 7QL **Saturday 13th June 2026**, 2.00 to 4.30 pm for further information email sally@viatoreschristi.com

Rosary on the Beach – **Sunday 7th June** at 3.00pm on Lisfannon beach.

A morning prayer of St Columba – 9th June

*Be Thou a bright flame before me'
Be thou a guiding star above me,
Be thou a smooth path before me,
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today, tonight and evermore. Amen.*

Mass & Confession Times

Sunday

St Columb's Church	10.00am, 12.30pm & 6.00pm
Church of Immaculate Conception	10.15am & 12.15pm
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	11.15am
St Mary's Oratory	9.15am

Monday – Friday

St Columb's Church	10.00am & 7.30pm
Church of Immaculate Conception	9.15am (Monday – Friday)
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	11.00am (Mon, Tue and Thursday)
St Mary's Oratory	11.00am (Wednesday only)

Saturday

St Columb's Church	10.00am & 7.00pm (Vigil of Sunday)
Church of Immaculate Conception	6.00pm (Vigil of Sunday)
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	6.00pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions

St Columb's Church	Monday – Friday 7.00pm – 7.25pm Saturday after 10.00 Mass
Church of Immaculate Conception	Saturday 5.30pm – 5.55pm
St Oliver Plumkett's Church	Saturday 5.30pm – 5.55pm

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