

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 21st June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'The humanity of the unborn child'

Every year our Day for Life falls on Father's Day and we wish our fathers a blessed day. We remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are alive or dead.

This Day for Life 2026, will reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of fertilisation. We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary.

Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her.

We, in our turn, commit ourselves to work and pray for our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life, and to help our parish communities support all those in our midst who have suffered the loss of a child.

A word of thanks to all who contributed their time, efforts and talents in any way to the celebration of ordination of Stephen Baxter to the priesthood last **Sunday, 14th June** and to the first Mass of thanksgiving on Monday night. In a particular way to Bishop Donal McKeown, Parish Priest Fr Canny for hosting the ceremony in St Columb's Church, to all those who attended or watched online, sent cards or messages, they were all greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for me and all priests, as well as those discerning their vocations currently.

A very special word of thanks to the ladies who helped in preparing the hall and looking after the refreshments. Your sterling work is much appreciated.

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Daire McLaughlin**, Rose Court.

Anniversaries – We are asked to remember in our prayers – Leonard & Bridie Callan, Kathleen Hamill, Georgina McGaughey, Michael McNutt, Mary Kathleen O’Kane, Mickey Lynch, Bridie McGinley, Harry & Rita Doherty, Donald Ward, Sean Ward, Roseleen Ward, Mary Given, Bridget Brown, Nellie Crumley,

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3839.00 Strathfoyle: £550.00

Second collection this weekend is the Peter’s Pence Collection

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections.

Vocations – As we pray for seminarians and those considering priesthood we hear Jesus telling those who ‘declare themselves’ for Him and ‘commit their cause to Him’ not to ‘be afraid’ but, instead, to know that “God is at (Their) side, a mighty hero.” (Jeremiah, First Reading).

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.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026: Tickets and pilgrim packs will be distributed after a special Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Steelstown Road, Derry BT48 8EU on **Monday 22nd June** at 7.00pm. Anyone unable to attend should ask someone to collect the pack on their behalf.

Sr Joseph’s Boys’ School, Westway, Derry will host a coffee morning on **Monday, 22nd June** 9.00am – 11.00am for Olive Branch for Gaza appeal. All welcome to attend.

Diocese of Derry – Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026: The Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from **Friday 24th July** to **Sunday 26th 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.

Rosary on the Beach - Sunday 21st June at 3.00pm on Benone Beach.

Concern Derry Group - the annual Scalp Challenge in aid of Concern's worldwide development work will take place on **Sunday 28th June** at Henry McLaughlin's farm (from Derry turn right at Burnfoot). First walkers should set off at 12noon and the last at 2.00pm. Check the weather forecast and wear suitable clothing. All support greatly appreciated.

Accord Derry - Marriage Preparation Workshops - September and November 2026. September 25th/26th 2026 – November 20th/21st 2026. These courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com

Please note that Accord Derry will **NOT** be facilitating courses during October or December 2026.

Man and Woman, He Created Them - The Priory Institute is running an online summer school in August again this year. The course will examine a selection of Pope John Paul's writings on the human body, man and woman, love and sexuality and marriage. The Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from **10th August 2026**. The course includes four recorded presentations and one online zoom discussion and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online prioryinstitute.com

Fr Mike Schmitz Parables Tour for Young People 20th July – Dublin: Derry Youth Ministry are inviting young people aged 16+ to join them for the Fr Mike Schmitz Parables Tour taking place on **20th July 2026** in the National Stadium Dublin. Fr Mike is an American priest and digital evangelist, who will present the message of the Gospel, in a novel, energetic and engaging style that speaks into young people's lives today. Cost £45 for ticket and transport. Bus departs Derry at 12noon, with pick-ups in Strabane and Omagh. To secure your place or for more information contact bethanydoherty@derrydiocese.org or call 02871264087.

Prayer for Day of Life - 21st June

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendour and beauty,
And fashion human lives in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and renew among
your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. ***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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