

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 18th October 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday - 18th October 2026

This weekend the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, the weekend when the Pope annually invites all Catholics throughout the world to support the Churches missionary life.

World Mission Sunday is the day set aside by the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to its universal mission, it's calling to bring the Good News of Christ to the ends of the earth.

In his message marking the 100th World Mission Sunday Pope Leo reminded us that the unity of the Church as a community of Christ's disciples is inseparable from its missionary outreach to the world: ***'The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power.'***

As Christ's disciples, we are all called and sent to be instruments of his compassion in the context of our broken, confused and anxiety riven world.

While all baptised members of the Church are called to bear witness to Christ and the Gospel of love, wherever they are, there is also, within the Church, a special calling to mission outside one's own cultural or national setting – mission ad gentes. Down through the centuries the Church's mission to the nations was carried out by the members of missionary congregations and societies, ready and willing to embark upon a courageous outreach to peoples and cultures outside their homelands.

Irish missionaries and their supporters have made, and continue to make, an outstanding contribution to this missionary outreach. Without the inspiration and leadership given by these women and men, the missionary impulse of the Church would have gradually diminished and died out, and the Church would have never realised its essential vocation to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth.

New Diocesan appointments – Towards the end of last week Bishop Michael Router announced new Diocesan appointments. Fr Patrick Lagan who has served as curate here for the past 4 years is to become the new Parish Priest of both Greencastle and Gortin in Co Tyrone. He is replaced here by Fr Stephen Baxter who was ordained here in Waterside on 14th June this year. Fr Lagan takes up his new appointment on 30th October.

Baptisms – We welcome into God's family: **Kiara Kathleen Gillespie**, The Old Fort

Anniversaries – For those whose anniversaries occur around this time Tina Keyes (nee Herron), Peter O'Donnell, Sarah McGee, Susan McCauley, Noel Patrick McGinley, Lily and Barry McCallion, Jim Irvine, Helen Magee, Grainne Sheils, Patrick O'Donnell, Noreen O'Kane, Evelyn Friel, Eddie McLaughlin, Maureen Phillips, Jackie McLaughlin, Jean Feeny.

Offertory Collections: Glendermott: £4175 Strathfoyle: £525
Second Collection this weekend is the Annual Mission Collection
Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Many of us want to read the Bible but can find it difficult to understand. The Parish will be running 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible', an eight-part course that will help us to understand the main story of the Bible and how all the different parts fit together. It gives the 'big picture' and helps us see what the Bible is really about. We will meet on Monday evenings starting on 2nd November at 8pm (after 7.30pm Mass) in the Parish Hall, St Columb's Church. Sessions will begin with prayer, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion. By the end, you'll feel more confident reading the Bible and have a better understanding of how you fit into God's plan. To register for the course, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office (028 71 342303 or email secretary@watersideparish.net).

Congratulation to **Chapel Road PS** on being awarded Primary School of the Year – County Derry at the Local Women Education Awards 2026. Also, the Building Supervisor Derek McCallion was awarded Best Support Staff.

Trench Road Folk Group have returned for practises on Wednesday evenings in Malvern Terrace Parish Hall at 7pm. New and returning singers are welcome. Ages P7 up to and including adults.

He who sings, prays twice.” (St Augustine) – St Columb’s Church resumed in September. We are constantly looking for new singers, maybe you would consider joining, just come along and give it a try or talk to Markus or any choir members

Derry Diocesan Young Adult Community: Derry Youth Ministry invites everyone aged 18–35 to join their new community every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, starting **20 October**, at Claudy Pastoral Centre. Each week features a varied programme including invited speakers, scripture, prayer, food, and fellowship, alongside organised social events. Everyone is welcome to come along! For more details, please contact yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org.

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

Centring Prayer Group – Join us on **Wednesday** at 8:00pm in the St Columb’s Church (Parish Hall)

Rosary on the Beach – The Holy Rosary will be prayed on Sunday 18th October at 3:00pm at Lisfannon Beach.

Struggling to understand how Direct Payments work? Looking for more information on how they could support you or someone you care for?

Join us for a free information session delivered by The Centre for Independent Living, where you'll learn more about Direct Payments, how to access them, and the benefits they can provide on 22nd October at 12 noon.

Venue: Health for Life HLC, Central Drive, Creggan, BT48 9QG

To book your place or find out more, contact Eilish Brown at eilish.brown@healthforlifew.org

Prayer for the Missionaries

Lord our God, loving Father,

We humbly pray to you for our beloved missionaries, heralds of the Gospel,

May our Prayers reach their hearts that they may feel our love, our strength, our faith.

May our prayers reach their hearts that they continue with your zeal the mission you entrust them with.

May their presence in their community be a reminder of your presence among us.
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 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
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	11.00am Mon. Tues. Thurs.
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 Plunkett's Church	Saturday 5.30pm – 5.55pm

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS – If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children or a vulnerable adult contact: Designated Diocesan Person Ms Marie Gormley at 07596500793 or marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org or PSNI 101.

Our Churches are monitored by CCTV cameras and by live streaming. Live streaming can be viewed online at the parish website. The Diocese of Derry Privacy Notice is displayed on the parish website and Church notice board.