Parishes of
Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 1st November 2026

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of All Saints

This weekend the church celebrates the feast of All Saints. We are celebrating and honouring those who have been officially declared saints and not just those, but all who have lived lives of faithful service to the Lord and are now united with him eternally. These include many people we have known and loved, people who never became famous, but who inspired others by the example of their lives.

Saints are people who let the light of Christ shine through the darkness and gloom of our world. But how do we let the light of Christ shine through our lives. Today's gospel reading provides the answer. It is by striving. to live the virtues of the beatitudes as honestly and fully as we can: simplicity, humility, gentleness, compassion, mercy, integrity, and a passion for justice and peace. These are not the virtues that are likely to make us famous in the eyes of the world, but they are the virtues and qualities that have always identified, as still identity, the true disciples of Jesus.

As we honour the saints today, we thank God that we belong to a community of disciples of Jesus that has a history of holiness and fidelity to the gospel. While we may struggle in these uncertain times to live by the demanding standard of the beatitudes, we know that we are not alone. We are linked to a large cohort of friends in heaven who are cheering us on and praying for us.

Saints are Like Windows.

'Saints are like windows. Through them the light of God's wisdom streams into the world, banishing the darkness, and brightening the road for uncertain travellers.
Through them the warmth of God's love radiates through the world, banishing the coldness, and warming the hearts of even the most forlorn of his creatures.
And through them we catch a glimpse of another world, a world which lies not just beyond the walls of our earthly home, but even beyond the stars.' (Fr Flor McCarthy)

All Souls Day – Having reflected on those who are now enjoying union with God on Sunday we on Monday turn our attention to those who are still on their journey to sainthood. These can be assisted by our prayers.
All Masses on Monday will be offered for the Souls in Purgatory.

Usual Monday Mass times with extra mass in Newbuildings at 11:00
Please not no Mass in Newbuildings on Wednesday

Norms for Indulgences for the Faithful Departed
Indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,
- On any and each day from November 1st-8th, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed.
- On All Souls' Day devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.
- Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1st November.
- Communion may be received on any day from November 1st -8th.

Welcome- This weekend we extend a word of welcome to Fr. Stephen Baxter who takes up his position as priest in this parish. We wish him many years of happiness

Baptisms – We welcome into God's family: Cadhla Danielle Callaghan, Clonmeen Drive, Strathfoyle

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of- **Gary Johnston**, Moore Street and **Teresa Harrgan Forbes**, Clonmeen Drive and **Paul Doherty**, Stranorlar late of Chapel Road.

Anniversaries – For those whose anniversaries occur around this time Mary Gillespie, Joe Fagan, Paddy Joe McPeake, Gretta Murray, Liam Colms, Norah McGinley, Dermott Colm McCrossan, Jean McGlinchey, John and Sheelagh McLaughlin, Richard Freaney, Ann Freaney, Sheila Strawbridge, Daniel Doherty, Kathleen McLaughlin and Jack McLaughlin.

Offertory Collections: **Glendermott: £3,515.00 Strathfoyle: £465.00**
Mission Collections: Glendermott: £3,445.00 Strathfoyle: £590.00
Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections and Mission Collection taken up recently.
Retired Priests collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend.

Vocations- For the future priests of our diocese, the men who will preach the Good News of the Beatitudes (today's Gospel) - the happiness that comes from persevering in faith

and trusting in the goodness and mercy of Almighty God through the ups and downs of life.

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

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible 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

Rosary on the Beach – The Holy Rosary will be prayed on Sunday 1ST November at 3:00pm at Lisfannon Beach.

Annual Solemn Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Nine Sundays before Christmas in Long Tower Church, Derry at 6.00pm, beginning this Sunday 25 October. *The theme of our Novena this year is 'Make me a Channel of your Peace – celebrating the 800th Jubilee Year of St Francis'*

Choir Director: St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, 10 hours per week: St Eugene's Cathedral is recruiting for an experienced choir director to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir. They will ensure that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the church's liturgical themes. For a job description and application pack, Tel. (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Submit completed applications to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or email them to recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Applications must be received by noon on Thursday 12 November 2026. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society Monthly Mass on Monday 2 November at 7.30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Everyone is welcome: Mass is offered for enrolled members of the society and their families. Anyone dealing with addiction either personally or within their families is encouraged to attend. Spiritual Packs for the Protection of family homes from Drugs will be distributed after Mass. To enrol yourself or someone else please email: vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com

VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF ST JOSEPH (Waterside Parish)

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 04 November after 10.00 am Mass. We continue to pray for priests, vocations to priesthood and religious life and support seminarians. The Rosary on Thursday mornings at 9.30am is offered for this intention. We acknowledge with thanks donations of £10 & £10.

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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