

From Slavery to Freedom

St. Patrick the patron of our land whose feast day we celebrate next weekend as a man whose faith transfigured outer bleakness into inner peace, transformed physical slavery into interior freedom. In so doing he made his own the message of today's gospel that faith in Jesus is the gateway to life.

In Jesus' audience there were no neutrals, people were either for him or against him. Those who rejected him thought they were passing just judgment on him when in fact they were judging themselves, choosing darkness rather than light. Those who welcomed him were welcoming the gift of God's love and making space for that love to live in them.

St. Patrick noticed the transformation that faith in Christ brought about in his life. He tells us that when he was shepherding the flock he would pray right through the day. He says that "more and more the love of God... grew strong within me.. In snow, in frost, in rain I would hardly notice any discomfort and I was always filled with energy." This gift was a continual source of wonder for him.

In his 'Confessions' St. Patrick reflects in ways that connect well with our Lenten journey. Closeness to God brought an acute awareness of his faults and his unworthiness. He remembered the mercy of God and because of that mercy his faults did not become a barrier to growth.

The love of God had set him free, free from slavery and free for service. Hence the power of the song he called 'The Deer's Cry'. "I arise today in a mighty strength, calling upon the Trinity, believing in the three Persons, saying they are One, thanking my Creator".

+Rest in Peace+

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Mark Thompson**, Strathfoyle; **Mary Crumlish**, Lisnamon Court and **Veronica Gildea**, Foyle Fold.

We pray for the following on the anniversaries of their deaths:

Jim McGinn, Betty Ferry, Bernadette Gillespie, Patrick McFadden, Laurence Conaghan, Michael Hegarty, Sean Hegarty, Mary Deehan Boyle, Jim Duffy, Patrick McNaught, Ellen McCallion, Gerard Hegarty, Paddy O'Kane, George Johnson, Kathleen Donaghey, Willie Diver, Mary McCauley, Edward & Molly Donaghey, John McChrystal, Jim Robb, Isobel Doherty, Kathleen Stone, Shea Bradley,

May they and all who sleep in Christ find in God's presence light, happiness & peace.

Boards of Governors - Reconstitution - the Education Authority (EA) are seeking applications and encourage applications from people of the diverse range of skills and experience needed. Contact the EA website, www.eani.org.uk/schools/school-governors/ for all relevant information and to download the application form.

Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £3,571.00

Strathfoyle: 565.00

Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers – During this season of Lent we are inviting all parishioners to consider becoming Readers of the Word or act as Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. If you are interested please leave your name in any of the sacristies or the parish office or talk to one of the priests.

Lent Retreat Day: Thornhill House **Wednesday 21st March** 9:45 am – 2:30 pm led by Fr Paschal McDonnell OFM on the Theme 'Parable of the Family' Includes Eucharist and Lunch. To book, please contact Erin 71351233.

Thinking of giving up something for Lent? Anyone giving up alcohol for Lent is invited to take a short- term Pioneer pledge until **Easter Sunday, 1st April**. If interested ring Bert: 71341647 – 07759586666 or Harry: 71342973 – 07811350821.

Thornhill Ministries: The Examen of St Ignatius for 5 Monday Mornings starts 10:30 am; **Going Deeper'** into spiritual life 6 Tuesdays Mornings starts 9:45 am **The Quiet Hour** for 5 Tuesday Evenings using art and scripture to lead into meditation 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm. All held in Thornhill House, Culmore Road Contact 71351233 for details.

Dance in Ardmore Pastoral Centre on **Friday, 23rd March** at 8.30pm Supper will be served.

Nurses needed to accompany Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018! -The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes take place from **1st - 6th July 2018** and is led by Bishop McKeown. 2018 marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes. Contact the Pilgrimage Office 164 Bishop Street Derry BT48 6UJ. Telephone 028 71260293. Email. derrypilgrim@outlook.com

Daleview is a registered Housing with Care Scheme which provides supported living accommodation to individuals who feel they can no longer live at home on their own and require extra care and support.

Anyone who would be interested in applying for this accommodation can ring myself on:02871140148 or call in to visit the scheme any time to have a look around.

My Time – Lord, I entrust my past to your mercy, my present to your love, and my future to your care



Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parishes Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B 11th March 2018

Join us during Lent...

SUNDAYS: 6.00pm **LENT DEVOTIONS**
Reflection on the Stations
of the Cross with Adoration
and Benediction



MON-FRI: 7.30am **EARLY MORNING MASS** St Columb's Church
Daily & Weekend Mass Times on back of Newsletter

MONDAYS: 7.30-8.30pm **LENT RETREAT TALKS** *A Lenten Journey with Mary*
Mass – Talk – Adoration – Benediction

12th March CONVERTING **Fr Eamon McDevitt**
A radical new beginning with God.

19th March FORGIVING **Fr Chris McDermott**
God's mercy renews our soul from
our past & equips us with new strength.

26th March DYING **Fr Donncha O'hAodha**
Accepting our mortality and uniting
our trials with the sufferings of Christ.

Confessions from 7-7.25pm and from 8.30pm each night.

*Mass arrangements for Saint Patrick's Day, Saturday 17th
March*

St Columb's Church: 7.30pm (Vigil) 10.00am & 12.30pm
Church of Immaculate Conception: 6.00pm (Vigil) 11.00am & 6.00pm
St Mary's Oratory: 10.00am
St Oliver Plunkett Church: 7.00pm (Vigil) 11.15am

PLEASE NOTE: Weekend Masses are at the usual times.

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle	ST COLUMB'S Chapel Road	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Trench Road	ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S Strathfoyle	ST MARY'S ORATORY Newbuildings
MASS TIMES: Vigil (Saturday) Sunday	7.30pm 10.00am 12.30pm	6.00pm 10.30am 12 noon	6.00pm 11.15am --- --- ---	--- --- --- 9.30am --- --- ---
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	10am & 7.30pm 10am & 7.30pm 10am & 7.30pm 10am & 7.30pm 10am & 7.30pm 10.00am	9.15am 9.15am 9.15am 9.15am 9.15am 11.00am	9.15am 9.15am --- --- --- 9.15am --- --- --- --- --- ---	10.00am --- --- --- 10.00am --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- ---
CONFESSIONS: Mon-Fri Saturday Eve of Holyday Eve of First Fri	7.00pm 10.30am 7.00pm As Saturday 10.30am	--- --- --- 11.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	--- --- --- --- --- --- 5.30pm 5.30pm	--- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- ---
BAPTISMS:	Saturdays 4.00pm	Sundays 12.45pm	Saturdays 5.00pm	arrangement with Priest
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:	Fridays 10am-10pm	Thursdays 10am-8pm	Mondays 10am-10pm	Wednesdays 10- 11.30am



in the Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace
every Monday night at 8.30pm.

MARRIAGES: 3 months notice must be given before the date of marriage.

ANNIVERSARIES NAMES & NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Email or contact the
Parish Office before **3pm THURSDAY**

SAFEGUARDING: Any concerns to our Parish Reps: Glendermott: Mrs. Mary
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