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Third Sunday of Easter

15th April 2018

Vocations Day - The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Cloister day on **Saturday, April 21st 2018** from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact Sr. Faustina at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

St Mary's Parish, Creggan will host "A Life in the Spirit" Seminar weekly until Pentecost **Sunday, 20th May** at 7.30pm. For more information contact any of the following: Martin McLaughlin 07711131888, Thomas Gallagher 07841100174, Ann Connor 07779784414 or Carmel McConnellogue 07920805167. To book a place email: stmaryslifeinthespirit@hotmail.com

St. Columb's Church Choir would like to invite new singers - everybody is welcome. Rehearsals are **Monday** evenings. If interested please contact Markus (0787 653 7740) or any other member of the choir.

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Logan Barr, Sevenoaks; Liam Michael Monaghan-Ferry, Moyglass Place; Fiachra Joshua Doherty, Moore Street and Ashton Bear Quigley, Pelham Road.**

+Rest in Peace+

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Maureen McConomy, Clareen Drive, Strathfoyle.**

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

Danny Gallagher, Roseleen Elliott, Brian Dunlop, Betty Hebden, Shirley Wilson, Samuel Wilson, Charlie Kelly, Jim Ward, Thomas Grimes, Harry McGurk, Mary Strawbridge, Patrick McGuigan, Elizabeth Mallett, Kathleen McLaughlin, Patrick Canning, Michael John McGinley.

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

Day of Reflection exploring the theme *The Gospel of the Family - Joy for the World*, hosted by American Catholic evangelist, author and biblical scholar, Jeff Cavins, on **Saturday 21st April 2018**, in Our Lady & St Patrick's College, 120 Gilnahirk Road, Knock, Belfast BT5 7DL. Starting time 10.30am, doors open at 9.30am. Opening Prayer will be led by the internationally renowned *The Priests*. Jeff Cavins will then lead participants in journeying with the Scriptures, reflecting on God's plan for each of our families and our parish families. There will be facilitated workshops, looking at how we share our faith with our family members and how to bring Scripture alive for children. There will also be Question and Answer sessions. The Day will finish around 4.00pm. Please see full details on www.livingchurchevents.com or telephone 028 9069 0920. 'Group' bookings can be made at an enhanced rate. This Day may be of particular interest to members of the Parish Pastoral Council and anyone interested in leading or promoting faith-development in the parish.

First Communion Dates 2018

5 th May 11.30am	Oakgrove Integrated Primary School
12 th May 11.00am	Sacred Heart Primary School
12 th May 11.30am	Good Shepherd Primary School
19 th May 10.30am	St Columba's Primary School
19 th May 11.00am	Chapel Road Primary School
26 th May 11.00am	St Oliver Plunkett Primary School

Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £4,693.00

Strathfoyle: £675.00

Working in Partnership with Saint Mary's College, Twickenham, the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre offers the MA in Catholic School Leadership, beginning **Autumn 2018**. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If you require any further information please contact The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Accord Derry – Marriage preparation Workshops – **September 14th/15th 2018; October 19th / 20th 2018; November 16th / 17th 2018.** Venue: Thornhill Centre, Culmore Road, Derry. Booking now online at www.accordni.com

Nurses required to accompany the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018! 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

First Aid for Grandparents began **Thursday, 12th April 2018** from 1-2 pm and will end **Thursday, 26th April 2018** in Malvern House, 21 Chapel Road To enrol or for more information contact Older People North West, 028 71 347 478.

Melodies and Memories a music group for older members of the community, extends a warm welcome to anyone living with Alzheimer's or experiencing other forms of memory loss, to come along to St Cecilia's College, Blighs Lane, Derry, on **Mondays** from 3.30 – 5.30pm, for a music, song and fun afternoon.

Gift-Aid Boxes have been renumbered this year. The box you received is your new number.



Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parishes

Newsletter

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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)	7.30pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	--- ---
Sunday	10.00am 12.30pm	10.30am 12 noon	11.15am --- ---	9.30am --- ---
Monday	10am & 7.30pm	9.15am	9.15am	10.00am
Tuesday	10am & 7.30pm	9.15am	9.15am	--- ---
Wednesday	10am & 7.30pm	9.15am	--- ---	10.00am
Thursday	10am & 7.30pm	9.15am	9.15am	--- ---
Friday	10am & 7.30pm	9.15am	--- ---	--- ---
Saturday	10.00am	11.00am	--- ---	--- ---
CONFESSIONS:				
Mon-Fri	7.00pm	--- ---	--- ---	--- ---
Saturday	10.30am	11.30am	--- ---	--- ---
Eve of Holyday	7.00pm	5.30pm	5.30pm	--- ---
Eve of First Fri	As Saturday 10.30am	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: Three months notice must be given before the date of marriage. Details for marriage preparation can be obtained from www.gettingmarried.ie.

ANNIVERSARIES & NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Names of loved ones and notices for the newsletter: email or contact the Parish Office before **3pm THURSDAY**

Parish Contact Details	Telephone	Email
Parish Office	028-7134 2303	secretary@watersideparish.net
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Parish website: www.watersideparish.net

"Where do we find Jesus Christ?"

We live in a secularised society. More and more people feel that they can live their daily lives without any direct reference to God. Despite this many people will still turn to the Church in special moments in their lives, but their relationship to God is fragile and tenuous.

Secularisation is not just about a fall in Mass attendance or weaker attachment of individuals to their faith. It is not about a political or media bias against the Church. Where the overall presence of God in society diminishes or becomes relativized, then society as a whole begins to ask itself if God really matters at all. If society goes about its business without God really mattering, then the overall place of faith in society changes.

This is not something completely new and original to our times and our society. The history of salvation is a complex history. It is a story of God's people living often in exile, in an alien place and under persecution. The people rebel and reject their God and create false God's. The story of the history of salvation is the story of the Church. Today still it is in the Church that we encounter the saving power of Jesus.

So, what does that mean to the many in our world and in our parish who find the Church alienating - to those who repeatedly proclaim that they believe in God but not in the Church?

The answer is that which we learn from the history of salvation. It is God himself who intervenes and his call reaches out in every generation inviting people to return to him in fidelity and hope. The Resurrection we celebrate at Easter is not just a distant memory, an event entirely of the past. The Risen Lord is among us.

Through his Resurrection, Jesus has changed human history and opened a path to new life. With his resurrection Jesus Christ transforms history and draws it to itself.

The Church must be a beacon of hope, translating the teaching of Jesus into concrete help and support for those for whom the burdens of life can be so great as to empty their hearts of hope. Jesus is Risen and is with us and helps us to be people of life and light in a time marked by many dimensions of darkness.