

**World Meeting of Families – Dublin August 2018** – Anyone interested in getting tickets for the ‘Papal Events’ are invited to give their name and address to the Parish Office during the coming week.

**Forty Hours Adoration** will begin in **Church of the Immaculate Conception** on **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May** after 12noon Mass and until 6.00pm. Rosary and Benediction at 6.00pm.

**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.

**Cemetery Sunday** - Blessing of graves will take place in Altnagelvin and Ballyoan cemeteries at **3.00pm** and in Ardmore cemetery at **6.00pm** on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**.

**Baptisms** – We welcome into the family of God **Aoife Jean Stewart, Dervock Street; Keirsha Annie McLaughlin, Dereen Drive.**

**+Rest in Peace+**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Nora Coyle, Primrose Street** and **Molly McGowan, Hollywood Avenue.**

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

**Mary McNulty, Eileen Quigg, Attracta McChrystal, John McCourt, Tony Healy, Mary Mullan, Harry Bryson, Charles Cauley, Kathleen Sweeney, Mena O'Donnell, Kathleen Leitch, Mary McGinley, Georgina Boyle, Margaret McCarron, John & Sally Robertson, Thomas McNulty, Agnes McCamphill, John Dillon, Tommy & Teresa Nicholas, George & Annie McLucas,**

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

**Diocesan Pioneer Mass** on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Ardmore.

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** wishes to acknowledge with thanks donations of £20, £20 & £10. All benefactors and their families are prayed for at all meetings.

**SINGERS REQUIRED FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES CHOIR**

to become a member of a Diocesan Choir for the World Meeting of Families, please contact Sr Perpetua on 028 7135 1233 or email [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org), no later than Wednesday 16 May.

A balance of SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) singers is required.

**Accord** invites applications for the **Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship)**, for the academic year 2018/2019. Successful applicants' course and supervision fees funded by ACCORD. Training in Maynooth one weekend per month, Sept. to June. Application Criteria and Form: <http://www.accord.ie/joining-accord/becoming-a-counselor>. Closing date: **18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg** led by Bishop Donal McKeown, will take place **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. Coach travelling from St Eugene's Cathedral. A non-refundable deposit of £20 per person is required to secure your place. For more information contact the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 028 7126 4087 or email: [rebecca.odoherty@derrydiocese.org](mailto:rebecca.odoherty@derrydiocese.org)

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

**Celebration of Friendship:** Thornhill House is hosting a few hours on **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May** where friends can come together to give gratitude for friendships shared. Arrival time is 11:30 am for 12:00 noon. Gratitude Prayer and Celebration Lunch. Cost is £20. Pre-booking essential.

**Lough Derg 2018:** Season opened for One Day Retreats on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. Retreats continue on **May 15, 20, 22, 26, 27 & 28**. Advance booking is essential. Tel +353 (0) 71 9861518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) (Three Day Pilgrimage Season begins on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**.)

**Resilience and Forgiveness - A Valued Voices/Towards Understanding and Healing** event will take place on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018** 7.30pm at Holywell DiverseCity Community Partnership, Bishop Street, Derry To book a place, please contact Amanda Clarke at 028-71261941.

**Lost** – Daily Missal of great sentimental value, mislaid on 29/4/2018 from St Columb's Church. No name on it. If found please return to the church/parish office. Reward offered.

**Foyle Diabetics Exercise Club:** Classes every **Monday – Thursday** in the Prehen Lifestyle Centre (at rear entrance to Everglades Hotel) 6.30pm – 7,30pm. £3 per class – first class free. Come along and help to make a difference to your diabetes control and also make some new friends, Call or Text: 07929607845.

**Offertory Collection**

**Glendermott:** £3,521.00

**Strathfoyle:** £540.00



# Glendermottott & Strathfoyle Parishes

## Newsletter

*Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Year B 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018*

<i>Parishes of Glendermott &amp; Strathfoyle</i>	<b>ST COLUMB'S Chapel Road</b>	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Trench Road</b>	<b>ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S Strathfoyle</b>	<b>ST MARY'S ORATORY Newbuildings</b>
<b>MASS TIMES:</b> Vigil (Saturday) Sunday	7.30pmd 10.00am 12.30pm	6.00pm 10.30am 12 noon	6.00pm 11.15am --- --- ---	--- --- --- 9.30am --- --- ---
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<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	<b>Saturdays 4.00pm</b>	<b>Sundays 12.45pm</b>	<b>Saturdays 5.00pm</b>	arrangement with Priest
<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b>	Fridays 10am-10pm	Thursdays 10am-8pm	Mondays 10am-10pm	Wednesdays 10- 11.30am



**Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace**  
**Mondays at 8.30pm.**

**MARRIAGES:** Minimum 3 months notice must be given. Our Marriage Preparation Booklet is available in the Resources Section on the Parish Website.

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

**SAFEGUARDING:** Any concerns to our Parish Reps: Strathfoyle: Noel O'Donnell on 07596 500 793; Glendermott (Waterside): Mrs Mary McCafferty on (028)71342303.

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**Parish website: [www.watersideparish.net](http://www.watersideparish.net)**

### **ASCENSION - A TRANSITION**

Sandwiched between Easter and Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension can sometimes tend to be overlooked. It can be hard to make sense of the artistic images we see of Jesus disappearing into the clouds as the disciples stand and stare after him. The ascension does more than simply mark the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, it opens up for us a path to God. Where Jesus has gone, we hope one day to follow.

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the ascension. He is now... present in every space and time, close to each one of us. We are never alone; the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us.

It is this very presence of Jesus that gave the disciples, and gives us, the strength for mission. Immediately before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final and most important instruction: 'Go out to the whole world: proclaim the good news to all creation.' And after he goes, the disciples straight away set about the task.

Far from being suddenly absent, we are told the Lord is now working with them in a new way. The Ascension is less a loss than a transition, a promise that Jesus will always be with us.

### **'MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH & MOTHER OF THE FAMILY'** **1 Hour on Mondays 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May** **St Columb's Church 7.30-8.30pm.**

Pope Francis has established a new feast devoted to Mary as the "Mother of the Church," to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost, (this year Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May)

Join us for Reflection and Prayer as we celebrate family life as a family of faith in preparation for the World Meeting of Families