

**Trench Road Folk Group** will return for practice on **Wednesday, 19th September** in the Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace at 6.30pm. We would welcome new, past and returning members, all ages are welcome from P7 up to adult. If you feel that you would like to join our music ministry, we practice every Wednesday and sing at 10.30am Mass every Sunday in Church of Immaculate Conception, Trench Road.

**Baptisms** – We welcome into the family of God **Jaxon Padraic Houston**, Clon Elagh, Skeoge Road; **Tadhg Morrison**, Briar Hill; **Shay Gareth Logue**, Good Shepherds Glen.

**+Rest in Peace+**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **David Godfrey**, Primrose Street and **Phyllis O'Neill**, Camellia Court.

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

**Johnny & Mary Doherty, Jean Collins, Eileen O'Donnell, Paul Crossan, William O'Donnell, Mark O'Donnell, Liam Gormley, Kathleen Green, Philomena Martin, Mickey McLaughlin, Patsy Breen, Tommy Kerrigan, David Mulhern.**

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

**St Mary's Parish, Clonmany** invites you to "A Gospel of Hope for Families" – A Mission with a Difference **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**. Inspirational Talks & Musical Celebration each evening at 7.30pm. Vigil Mass: **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 6.30pm. Everyone is part of a family. Everyone is welcome. Details on Church Noticeboard.

**Derry's very own I AM Worship Band**, who represented Ireland at Phoenix Park for the Papal celebration, will be performing their debut album 'Fight the Good Fight' in the Millennium Forum on **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. An evening of praise and worship, young people celebrate their faith in song, with a night not to be missed! Tickets, £15, are available at the Millennium Forum CDs are £10 and are available at Veritas Derry.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> **October 2018**. For more information and/or booking visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or tel. 028 7135 9612.

**The Poor Clares** in Galway are hosting a Cloister day on **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com)

**Offertory Collection**

**Glendermott: £3,176.00**

**Strathfoyle: £545.00**

**Coffee Morning** in aid of Macmillan Cancer being held in Strathfoyle Library on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September** 10.30am – 1.00pm. All welcome.

**The Male Walk/Run & Junior Boys Mini Marathon 2018** will take place on **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September**. The Annual Foyle Hospice Walk/Run and Junior Boys Mini Marathon will commence at 1.30pm and start/finish from Sainsburys Car park. The annual walk has two scenic routes to choose from in whatever your age and ability, you can take up the challenge whilst doing your bit to help your local hospice continue to provide specialist care for our patients and support for their families and loved ones. The main 5.5mile route will take in the Peace Bridge and Foyle Bridge or the shorter route of 2 miles will travel up to the Peace Bridge then return to Sainsburys car park. Registration is £10 – inc. Tech T-shirt & Goody Bag!!

**Foster Carers Needed:** The Western Trust urgently needs people to come forward who can offer a loving home to foster children. At present there is a greater number of children in need of homes than there are foster carers available. If you have room in your home and in your heart to care for a child, please contact Vanessa Nelis, WHSCT Recruitment Officer for Fostering, Tel No: 028 82835264, Mob: 07554552989, e-mail: [Vanessa.Nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Vanessa.Nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net)

**Irish Dance Classes** every **Saturday 11.00am** and every **Wednesday 6.00 pm** in Hillcrest House. Beginners welcome. Classes under the instruction of Maria Guthrie-Wilson T.C.R.G. and Shauna Wilson T.C.R.G.

**Can you help address the need for Food in this City:** The Pantry Project is a project of The Churches Trust. It was established as a crisis response to meet the needs of people (individuals and families) who for one reason or another find themselves in a situation of extreme hardship. The Churches Trust collect food donations and work with community hubs to distribute food parcels to those in need. People from all walks of life have accessed our project. Last year we provided food to over 2000 people (adults and children). People can be referred to the project by contacting their local community groups, or Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership, or Greater Shantallow Area Partnership (Ethos project). Referrals have also been made via churches and onto The Churches Trust or indeed directly to The Churches Trust.

We would appreciate if you could bring non-perishable foods to the church next week. Flyers about the project are available at the back of the church. The Churches Trust will arrange to pick-up the food from the church. If you would like to know more about the Pantry Project, please call The Churches Trust on 71311322.



# Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parishes

## Parish Newsletter

Twenty- third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

| Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle            | ST COLUMB'S Chapel Road           | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Trench Road | ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S Strathfoyle  | ST MARY'S ORATORY Newbuildings   |
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| <b>MASS TIMES:</b><br>Vigil (Saturday)<br>Sunday | 7.30pm<br>10.00am<br>12.30pm      | 6.00pm<br>10.30am<br>12 noon      | 6.00pm<br>11.15am<br>--- ---      | --- ---<br>9.30am<br>--- ---     |
| 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                           | --- ---                           | --- ---                          |
| <b>CONFESSIONS:</b><br>Mon-Fri<br>Saturday       | 7.00pm<br>10.30am                 | --- ---<br>11.30am                | --- ---<br>--- ---                | --- ---<br>--- ---               |
| Eve of Holyday<br>Eve of First Fri               | 7.00pm<br>as Saturday<br>10.30am  | 5.30pm<br>5.30pm                  | 5.30pm<br>5.30pm                  | --- ---<br>--- ---               |
| <b>BAPTISMS:</b>                                 | <b>Saturdays</b><br><b>4.00pm</b> | <b>Sundays</b><br><b>12.45pm</b>  | <b>Saturdays</b><br><b>5.00pm</b> | arrangement<br>with Priest       |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b>                   | <b>Fridays</b><br>10am-10pm       | <b>Thursdays</b><br>10am-8pm      |                                   | <b>Wednesdays</b><br>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)**

### The Capacity to hear Clearly

What is said clearly is not always heard clearly. Every message is filtered as it is being received. How it is actually received depends on what is happening in the life of the listener.

In the gospel of St. Mark the miracles performed by Jesus reveal who he is, they point to his identity. The prophet Isaiah had said that with the coming of the Messiah the blind would see, the lame would walk, lepers would be cleansed, the deaf would hear and the dead would be raised to life. Jesus worked miracles in all of those areas.

Peter was the first to put the clues together and identify Jesus as the promised Messiah. Others did have the same experience as Peter but they missed the deeper meaning of events. The capacity of the disciples to hear clearly and interpret accurately was inhibited by factors such as fears, expectations, anxiety and what we call spiritual blindness. When Jesus spoke of going up to Jerusalem and facing suffering there, the disciples could not cope with the prospect. Fear of suffering and the very basic need to avoid harm and injury were so strong that what Jesus said clearly three times did not sink in. The frightened hearers blocked out the message. When Jesus summed up his life in terms of service and self-giving, his words made little impact. Even his closest companions did not understand him.

The gospel recounts how the sons of Zebedee aspired to the first places in the Kingdom. In minds where ambition for status held sway, the call to humble service didn't get much of a hearing. It's quite a journey from hearing what we want to wanting what we hear. Like the first disciples, we develop ways of evading what we find seriously challenging, of shutting out what threatens or disturbs, of sidestepping what makes demands. By giving us hearts that are free

**YouCat Study Group – ANOTHER CHANCE FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO IT**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Parish Office.**

The Catechism for everyone to Study, Know and Live their Faith.  
Fr Seán will host a second introduction night ahead of the YouCat Companion Course which will start on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.