

Helping Christians in the Holy Land - A missionary group from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will be visiting St Columb's Church and St Oliver Plunkett Church on the **24th/25th November** and Immaculate Conception Church and St Mary's Oratory on **1st/2nd December** to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help and support the poor Christians families, any help you could give them will be highly appreciated.

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Anthony Mark Browne, Camellia Court.**

+Rest in Peace+

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Joe Cooke, Glenmore and Kathleen McLaughlin** late Bentley Terrace.

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

Fr Harry Quigg, Eileen McLaughlin, Margaret Kelly, William McLaughlin, John & Anna O'Donnell, Dorothy Monaghan, Dr Dan Kelly, Seamus Nash, Maureen Doherty, Patrick McBride, Dan Doherty, Roseleen McCahill, Annie Kelly, Annie & Barney O'Kane, James & Annie Quigley, Ann Devine, Jack Finlay, Bridget Moore, Celine Hargan, Joe McClelland, Tommy & Lily O'Donnell, Helen Boyle, Bridget O'Donnell, Ita O'Connor, Anthony O'Doherty, Sally & Willie McFeeley, Philomena Kirk, May Ferry, Molly Williams, Vera Vaughan, Kathleen McDaid, Eileen McDaid.

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

Mid-Waterside Residents meeting on **Monday, 26th November** at 8.00pm in Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace.

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner-Dance in the Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace on **Friday, 14th December.** Admission £10.00. Contact Kathleen Tracey 07521147079 or Monica McNaught 07596230565.

St Columb's Church Choir are looking for new members male & female. The choir sing at the 10.00am Mass each Sunday in St Columb's Church. Check out <https://www.watersideparish.net/2018/10/23/markus-needs-new-recruits> also **Church of the Immaculate Conception Choir** are looking for new members male & female. Contact the Parish Office if you feel you would like to take part in any of the choirs.

Confirmation 2019

Children from Sacred Heart Primary School, St Columba's Primary School and Lisnagelvin Primary School will be confirmed by Bishop McKeown at 11.00am on **Saturday, 2nd February** in Church of Immaculate Conception. At 2.30pm Bishop McKeown will confirm children from Good Shepherd Primary School and Chapel Road Primary School in St Columb's Church.

On **Sunday, 24th February** at 11.15am Children from St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Strathfoyle and Oakgrove Integrated Primary School will be confirmed by Bishop McKeown in St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £3,549.00 Strathfoyle: £535.00

Christmas Hamper Appeal – The Parish Pope Paul 11 Award Youth Group are appealing for your generosity in support of their Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. Any non-perishable goods can be left in any of the parish sacristies or Parochial Houses. The Group will make up the hampers and distribute them within the local parish community.

Twelve Days of Christmas Concert with **The Priests** in the Guildhall, Derry, **Thursday 3rd January 2019.** Tickets available at the Millennium Forum, Tel 028 7126 4455.

Crib Festival: Would anyone be willing to lend a crib to Thornhill Ministries for their annual Crib Festival (**23rd to 25th November**)? If so, please contact the secretary. As it takes time to organise the displays, it would be much appreciated if you could get in touch fairly soon. Thank you.

Annual Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **4 - 9 July 2019.** The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, is now taking enquiries and initial expressions of interest from anyone who might intend to participate in it. Christmas Vouchers (*which you can give as a gift to someone wishing to participate in the pilgrimage*) can now be ordered. The opening hours of the Pilgrimage Office are: **Thursday and Saturday, 11/00am – 1.00pm.**

St Joseph's Boys School will be holding our annual Mass for deceased pupils, staff and governors on **Thursday 22nd November** at 7.00pm in the School, if you would like to add a name to the list of those to be remembered please contact the school office on 02871 262923.

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service donating session – Guildhall Building **Monday, 19th & Tuesday, 20th November** 1.30pm – 4.00pm & 5.15pm – 8.00pm.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society – Annual Quiz Results. **1st Prize:** Nuala Costello, Altnagelvin. **2nd Prize:** Abbie Gallagher, Sacred Heart PS. **3rd Prize:** Rose McKeegan, Clondermott Park. The society thanks most sincerely all friends who supported the quiz in any way, including the parents, staff and pupils of Sacred Heart PS.

Learning about the Mass with Kath and Qumen
Preparing the Church for Mass



The sacristan is a very important person in church. He or she opens and closes the building, makes sure that it is warm and welcoming, prepares the altar, lights the candles, puts out the necessary books and things needed for the Mass and makes sure that there are enough candles, wine and altar breads for Mass. In most parishes there are people who look after the cleaning of the church. They also make sure that there are flowers to decorate the altar. They may put up the crib at Christmas and decorate the church building for special occasions.



Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parish Newsletter

Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

18th November 2018

<i>Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle</i>	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 7.00pm	11.30am 5.30pm	--- --- --- 5.30pm	--- --- --- --- --- ---
Eve of Holyday	as Saturday	5.30pm	5.30pm	--- --- ---
Eve of First Fri	10.30am			
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

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.



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

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Apocalypse

In the pages of the Bible there are many stories of great figures who as they see death approaching, gather their children or followers to give a final testament. The dying Moses encouraged his people to be strong and stand firm, then appointed his successor to lead the twelve tribes. Before King David ended his days, he addressed the officials of Israel and passed authority to his son Solomon. In the same way Jesus, before he died, gathered his disciples and delivered his final teaching on the future age. Instructing them how to live in the midst of political and cosmic upheavals. Part of Jesus' final testament is what we hear in today's readings.

The vision of the future doesn't look very appealing at first reading. The bad news is delivered first of all. Jesus imagines a time of terror and trouble and persecution. People will be betrayed and handed over to the authorities. There will be wars and earthquakes and famines. Jesus says, "These things must happen." Then there will be cosmic upheavals "the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from the heavens". After this catalogue of disaster there is the good news. Jesus looks beyond the time of distress to the final time, when the Son of Man will gather the scattered people of God to himself. Jesus sees beyond suffering and persecution to a future of peace with God.

In the meantime, we have to depend on the promise of Jesus: "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." No one, not even the Son, knows when all this will take place. The only sure thing we can hold to is the word of Jesus.

FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Beginning after the 12:30pm Mass next **Sunday, 25th November**
with Rosary and Benediction at 6pm.
Continuing on Monday 26th November after 10am Mass and concluding with
Benediction before the Evening Mass at 7.30pm