

Helping Christians in the Holy Land - A missionary group from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will be visiting Church of the Immaculate Conception and St Mary's Oratory this weekend **1st/2nd December** 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 **Cain Jay Monteith, Waterfoot Park; James John Patrick McHugh, Victoria Gate; Leo Terry Crawley, Gelvin Grange; Hayleigh-Grace Bambridge, Rosstown Avenue.**

+Rest in Peace+

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Deirdre Moore, Strabane Old Road; Anthony McLaughlin, Beechwood Park, Strathfoyle; Teresa Miller late Nora Frazer Court.**

We pray for the following on the Anniversary of their deaths:
Gerard McGahon, Dorothy Gillespie, Michael Donaghey, Mary McGinn, Chris Francis, Lettie Callan, Kathleen McDermott, John Coyle, Reggie McClay, Marion Horner, Mary Morrison, Catherine Pavia, Aidan McLaughlin, James Tracey, Tommy & Maureen Morrison, Mary & William Gormley, Sarah Deeney, Annie Bryson, Margaret Curran, Sadie Conaghan, Seamus Cox, Margaret & Dan Kelly, Rosemary Doherty, William Monaghan, Mary Morrison, Liam McLaughlin, Paul Gallagher, George McLucas.

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

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 Joseph's Young Priests' Society meets on **Tuesday, 4th December** after 10.00am Mass. The Society wishes to acknowledge with thanks donation of **£20 & £20.** All benefactors are prayed for at all meetings.

Society of St Vincent de Paul will be taking up their Annual Christmas Collection next weekend the **8th / 9th December** at all masses. Thank you for your continued support.

The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold their Christmas (monthly) meeting in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry, on **Tuesday 4th December** starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be a 1st class relic at the meeting, and all are welcome.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT: Derry Diocesan Trust: Part Time Financial and Administrative Secretary required for Long Tower Parish (St Columba's), Derry. Twenty-five hours per week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 2pm. For full details, please visit www.derrydiocese.org. For application pack, [email office@derrydiocese.org](mailto:office@derrydiocese.org) or [Tel 028 7126 2302](tel:02871262302). Completed applications must be returned to Bishop's House, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email, office@derrydiocese.org, no later than 5.00pm on **10th December 2018.** *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*

Thornhill Ministries, Derry - Advent Mornings for Busy People - Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th December - 10:30 am to 12:15 pm. Reflective mornings allowing a time to pray our way through Advent. Each day has prayer, meditation and reflective time, with a bowl of winter soup to finish!. Suggested Offering £10. To book, please contact 028 7135 1233 or email secretary@thornhillministries.co.uk.

Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £3,372.00

Strathfoyle: £505.00

Hospital Eucharistic Ministers: Evening of Reflection and Meeting in the Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace on Wednesday 5th December at 7pm. All those involved in Eucharistic Ministry in our Hospitals must attend. **Facilitator: Grainne Doherty.**

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.

Children in Crossfire Advent boxes are now available from the door of the church, we ask if you take one to place it in your home over Christmas and return it again in January. Your donations really make a difference, thank you.

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.

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.**

Learning about the Mass with Kath and Qumen Arriving in the Church



WHAT THE PRIEST WEARS...

The special clothes that the priest wears for Mass are called vestments. There are four different pieces which he needs to put on. Over his ordinary clothes the priest puts on a white or cream coloured tunic called an **alb**. Then he puts on a long rope around his waist called a **cinture**. Then he puts on a long piece of coloured cloth which looks like a scarf and is called a **stole**. Over the alb and the stole he puts on his **chasuble**. The colour of the stole and the chasuble is very important. It tells us what season we are in or what special occasion we are celebrating in the Church year.

There are four main colours worn during the year: green, purple, red and white. During Advent now PURPLE is worn.



Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parish Newsletter

First Sunday of Advent

Year C

2nd December 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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Parish website: www.watersideparish.net		

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

In today's Gospel, St Luke gives us the last address of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus is clearly fretful about the future as he paints a bleak picture of the end of the world. There is talk of nations in agony, of people dying of fear, of the power which menaces the world.

Given that vision of ultimate collapse, it is hardly surprising that, as Jesus anticipates, it might lead people to drink! Being sober and staying awake might not seem very attractive in the face of such catastrophe. Yet that is Jesus' advice: "Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen."

But why stay awake? The real purpose of speaking of the final day is to say something about today. Since the future is shaped by all of us – we must stay awake to what is happening now. The future starts from where we are today.

Today's Gospel encourages us to be realistic and to do two things which can be difficult to hold together. To be realistic about the way the world is going, and at the same time not to lose hope in the future.

The future holds hope only because we are convinced of God's action in the past. That is why we retell the story again and again beginning with each Advent. We all need to be reminded, again and again, of God's love. The far-reaching love of God is revealed in his Son, Jesus Christ, whose coming into the world we celebrate at Christmas.

So, let's stay awake, praying, inviting Jesus into our lives.

Mass times for Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Saturday, 8th December

St Columb's Church: 7.30pm (Vigil) and 10.00am
Church of Immaculate Conception: 6.00pm (Vigil) and 11.00am
St Oliver Plunkett: 7.00pm (Vigil).
St Marys Oratory: 10.00am (Saturday).
Normal Saturday evening Masses.