

**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 Columba'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

**First Communion 2019**

4 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Oakgrove IPS	St Columba's Church	11.00am
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	St Columba's PS	St Mary's Oratory	11.00am
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Good Shepherd PS	St Columba's Church	11.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Sacred Heart PS	C O I C	11.00am
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Chapel Road PS	St Columba's Church	11.30am
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	St Oliver Plunkett PS	St Oliver Plunkett Church	11.00am

**Baptisms** – We welcome into the family of God – **Aoife Greer Trentacoste**, Hertfordshire, England; **Joshua James Bradley**, Lisburn; **Ronan Devine**, Nantucket, USA; **Ayla Rose Borland**, Pelham Road; **Darragh Michael Dunne**, Sevenoaks; **Ayda Kate Georgia Baxendale**, Stoneypath and **Tilly Kathleen McLaughlin**, Foxhill.

**+Rest in Peace+**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Noreen Warne**, Summerhill, Prehen; **Jean Gallagher**, Clondermott Park and **Aidan Mulvey** late Deanfield.

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

**Catherine & Maurice Gallagher, Cathy & Edward Dunice, Colm Devlin, James Coyle, Eleanor McBride, Jennifer Doherty, Mary Bradley, Don McCarron, Edward Crossan, Sheila McLaughlin, Molly Cauley, Rosena Kelly, Tommy McGuigan, Mary & Art Devlin, John Weir, Gary Strawbridge, Patrick McGowan, Eugene Canning, Maud McCay, Eddie Phillips, John & Bella Callan, Celine Faulkner, Catherine Duddy, Charlie Gillen, John Green, Jeannie Curran, George Flynn, Mary McChrystal.**

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

**St Vincent de Paul Society** wish to acknowledge an anonymous donation of **£150.00**.

**St. Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Strathfoyle** - On **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**, at 7:00pm, we are holding an information session for parents to guide them through the process of applying online for a place in Nursery or Primary 1. The information session will take place in St. Oliver Plunkett Primary School.

**Parish Statistics 2018**

Number of <b>Baptisms</b>	-	204
Number of <b>Weddings</b>	-	25
Number of <b>Funerals</b>	-	83

**Marian Devotions** in Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm. Mass in Remembrance of Sister Clare Crockett on **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.00pm. All welcome.

**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**.

**Offertory Collection**

**Glendermott: £3,359.00      Strathfoyle: £410.00**

**Job Opportunity** – Marketing & Programme Manager, Celtic Prayer Garden & Iosias Centre, Derryvane, Muff. Full details on Facebook page – IOSAS Centre & Celtic Prayer Garden. Email goldenagecentre@hotmail.com or call (00353) (0)74 9384866 for application pack. Closing date for completed applications: 5pm on **18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April – October 2019**. 7 nights B & B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for **279euro** per person sharing. Book any flight, any time and we provide a guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further information and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations @med-irishcentre.com

Learning about the Mass with Kath and Qumen  
Mass Begins



The opening parts of the Mass are called the **Introductory Rites**.

When the priest arrives at the altar, he kisses it. This is a sign of respect. He then goes to the special chair which is near the altar. We call this the 'Presider's Chair'. The priest leads us in prayer from this chair. We all make the Sign of the Cross together. This is the way we begin almost all our prayers.

The priest then says, 'The Lord be with you' and we answer by saying, 'And with your spirit.' This is a special way of greeting us and reminds us that God is always with us. The priest then introduces the Penitential Act.

<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)	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	--- --- ---	--- --- ---
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>				
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			
<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>	<b>Fridays 10am-10pm</b>	<b>Thursdays 10am-8pm</b>	<b>Mondays 10am-10pm</b>	<b>Wednesdays 10- 11.30am</b>

**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](http://www.watersideparish.net)**



# Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parish Newsletter

The Epiphany of the Lord

Year C

6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## *Jesus for All*

Matthew tells the story of how some wise men arrive in Jerusalem asking where they can find the newborn king whose star they have followed from the east. The old-born king, Herod is not exactly delighted at the news – perhaps because he fears his own star may lose its place in the firmament in the light of the new competition. He calls together the wise men from Jerusalem, who consult the scriptures to find that a leader will emerge from Bethlehem in the land of Judah.

The wise men from the east continue their quest and come to journey's end in Bethlehem where the star halts over a house. They enter it see the child with his mother Mary. They pay homage to the child, leave their unusual gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and then quietly return to their own country without reporting to Herod.

And in the second reading today Paul tells us the meaning of the story when he writes: God's secret plan was revealed to me and was unknown in past generations: "it means that pagans now share the same inheritance (as the Jews), that they are part of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel".

That is the meaning of the story of the magi! Matthew describes beautifully in a story the same truth that Paul affirms in his letter: the truth that Jesus is for all peoples. The wise men are the pagans, the Gentiles, the non-Jews, like ourselves. We come from all over the world and we can find Jesus and do him homage. He is the infant king of the Jews but he is not the exclusive property of any tribe or nation: he belongs to us all, as we can all belong to him.

He is journey's end for all who seek the face of God, for all who seek for meaning and purpose in their lives. He came not only for the chosen race, but for the human race. He is for all of us.