

**Annual Waterside Walk and Prayer for Christian Unity** will take place on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**. Commencing at St Columb's Church, Chapel Road at 7.00pm, moving to All Saints Church of Ireland, Clooney Terrace and finishing in Clooney Hall Methodist Church, Clooney Terrace, this will be followed with light refreshments in Clooney Hall. A collection will be taken up for Indonesia.

**Baptisms** – We welcome into the family of God – **Karter Patrick Dunn, Hollymount Park** and **Isla Maire O'Hagan, Drummond Park**.

#### +Rest in Peace+

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Patsy Kelly**, Eskaheen View and **Barry McLaughlin**, Simpsons Brae.

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

**Fr Adrian Porter, Letty McGinn, Elizabeth Bradley, Sr Mary Immaculata ODC, John Gill, George O'Neill, John Strawbridge, Liam Simpson, Lena McLaughlin, Gabriella Porter, Margaret Carton, Harry McCarron, George Smith, Helena McDermott, Paddy O'Donnell, Hugh O'Donnell, Danny Moore, Brenda Murray, Bridie Lynch, Mannix Doran, Pat Leitch, Evelyn McDonald, Ursula McMaster, Eithne Thompson, Moya Doherty, Benny Tracey, Grace Grimes.**

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

**Trench Road Nursery School** is holding an Open Day on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019** from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. for prospective parents and pupils to visit the Nursery. All staff will be present and will be happy to assist with the new online application process. We look forward to seeing you there.

**"Look Both Ways"** A meditation and prayer morning to mark our entry into 2019 will be held at Thornhill Ministries, Culmore Road, Derry, on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - 10:30am to 12:1 pm. Cost - £10 (includes light lunch). Telephone 028 71351233 or email [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org). Website: [www.thornhillministries.co.uk](http://www.thornhillministries.co.uk).

**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. The opening hours of the Pilgrimage Office are: **Thursday** and **Saturday, 11.00am – 1.00pm**.

**Used Reading Glasses** – A charity called 'Vision Aid Overseas' are looking for used reading glasses. A box will be available at the back of the church if anyone wishes to donate their old glasses.

**St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's College, Claudy – OPEN NIGHT – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** 2019 at 7.00 pm. Principal's Address at 7.15 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Older People North West** are running a new programme called Upbeat which uses music, rhythm, voice and exercises to encourage physical flexibility and movement and build emotional well being. The 8 week programme starts on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** in Malvern House, Chapel Road at 12.30 pm. To book a place or get information ring 02871 347 478.

#### Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £3,858.00

Strathfoyle: £515.00

**Children in Crossfire** Advent boxes can be returned to the chapel this weekend **12/13<sup>th</sup>** and finally on the 20/21<sup>st</sup> January. Your donations are helping provide a key to the future for Children in Ethiopia, through quality education, health care, nutrition and clean safe water. Thank you for your support.

**Job Opportunity** – Marketing & Programme Manager, Celtic Prayer Garden & Iosas Centre, Derryvane, Muff. Full details on Facebook page – *Iosas Centre & Celtic Prayer Garden*. Email [goldenagecentre@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**"Macmillan Charity Formal"** - In memory of Mrs. Monica Tunney, a teacher and our dear friend at "Sacred Heart Primary School. All proceeds go towards "Macmillan Cancer" **Venue:** "The Everglades Hotel. Date: **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00pm. sharp! **Dress Code:** Formal/Black Tie /Smart Dress Code. **Price:** £40 per ticket (Tables of ten available).

Learning about the Mass with Kath and Qumen  
Mass Begins



#### INTRODUCTORY RITES: THE PENITENTIAL ACT

This time in the Mass offers us an opportunity to prepare to receive Eucharist by reflecting on the things that we might have done during the past week for which we need forgiveness. We are reminded that God always loves us. One of the ways in which God shows this love is by always forgiving us for those times when we haven't been as good as we might have been.

There are different kinds of prayers that the priest can use at this part of the Mass. These prayers do two things. They help us to remember the times when we haven't been as good as we might have been. More importantly they remind us of God's love for us. Sometimes the priest may replace the Penitential Act with the blessing and sprinkling of water as a reminder of our Baptism.

**GDPR PRIVACY NOTICE - copy of policy of Diocese of Derry available from the parish office**



# Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord

Year C

13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

<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)**

## NEW BEGINNINGS

We rarely think of Jesus as a beginner, just as we rarely think of Jesus needing help. But in today's feast we celebrate those two things: Jesus makes a big beginning to his ministry, and he receives help in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All the Gospels agree that John the Baptist was very important in the life of Jesus. It is the towering, fearless figure of John that stands between the hidden life of Jesus and his public ministry. Before Jesus goes to John he is known by the people as the son of a carpenter, who lives in the small town of Nazareth. After his time with John, Jesus becomes widely known as the wandering preacher with a unique prophetic mission. Clearly, something has happened to Jesus while he was with John. He underwent a change that gave his life a new direction.

While he was with John, Jesus makes his new beginning. As St Peter says in the second reading, "Jesus of Nazareth .... Began in Galilee, after John had been preaching Baptism." John was a very important turning point in the life of Jesus.

In fact John was so important that some people in the first century thought that he was the Messiah – as St Luke tells us in today's Gospel. One of the reasons they thought that was because like many people Jesus went to him to be baptised.

In today's Gospel we hear how after his baptism Jesus was at prayer. The opening of the heavens is a signal for the descent of the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate Jesus' great public beginning, we look at our own beginnings. Perhaps they look a bit shabby or indeed half-hearted, we can take consolation from the Gospel challenge and begin again.