



**Sacrament of Confirmation** – Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the Children of Glendermott Parish next week Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please remember them in our prayers these days.

**New Mission Team in Derry Diocese** - If you are interested in being part of a new Mission Team in the diocese to promote and foster mission awareness at home and overseas, please come along and join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.00pm Ardstraw House, 21A Buncrana Rd, Derry, next to St Columb's College. All are welcome. For further information please contact Fr David O'Kane on 028 71337727.

### REST IN PEACE

We offer our sympathy to the relatives and friends of **Christine Tracey**, Derryview Tce & **Colleen McAllister**, Moyglass Place, Strathfoyle.

### +Anniversaries+

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

**John McCloskey, Richard Moore, Jackie Kelly, Bernard Feeney, Joseph Heaney, John McDaid, Eileen Mellon, Edward Campbell, Sam Brown, Annie and Willie Smyth, Thomas Duddy, Ryan Bryson, Celine Houston, Johnny Gormley, Bernadette O'Neil, Michael Owens, Joe McFadden, Tony Harvey, James Doherty, Sean Ferry, Maurice and Bridget McGrath**

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

**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.

**Healing Mass**, in Columba House on Thursday, **31<sup>st</sup> January** the Columba Community will celebrate a special Mass for healing on Thursday 31st January at 7.30pm in Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry. We invite you to come along and share in this special evening of prayer for healing.

**Accord Derry** - Marriage Preparation Workshops -**April 12/13<sup>th</sup> 2019; May 17/18<sup>th</sup> 2019; June 14/15<sup>th</sup> 2019**. Venue: Thornhill Ministries, Culmore Road, Derry. Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

### Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £3,234.00

Strathfoyle: £490.00

**Lourdes Hospitalité Collection** will be taken up in the parish as a second collection next weekend of **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> February 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. For further information and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email 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

**Foster Carers Required** -The Western Trust *urgently* needs people to come forward who can offer a loving home to foster children. At present we have a greater number of children in need of homes, than we have foster carers available. We are hosting a coffee morning for those who think they could open their heart and home to a child, can come, to hear first -hand experiences of fostering: **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10am – 12noon**. Hollywell Building, Bishop Street, Derry. Alternatively contact Vanessa Nelis, WHSCT Recruitment Officer for Fostering, Tel no 028 82835264 Mob: 07554552989 or e-mail: [Vanessa.Nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Vanessa.Nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net)

**Got Questions about life? Inter Church Alpha Course** is starting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February for 11 weeks at 7pm.

A chance to kick-start your faith –  
come along and bring a friend!

Includes Dinner, presentation and discussion  
in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere- no charge.

Venue: Exodus, 2 Patrick Street  
(Opposite Cineplex on Strand Road)

For more info contact John: 07742262110



Learning about the Mass with Kath and Qumen

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



During the Mass, readings taken from the Bible by which God speaks to us. During the first part of the Liturgy of the Word we usually listen to three readings from the Bible:

- The First Reading is usually taken from the Old Testament
- The Psalm is a poem or song from the Book of Psalms
- The Second Reading is taken from the New Testament.

### THE GOSPEL

After the second reading, the Minister of the Word will invite us to stand and greet or welcome the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read, we sing or say the Gospel Acclamation. For most of the Church year we greet the Gospel with the word 'Alleluia', a joyful song of praise. The Alleluia is followed by a verse of scripture from the Bible. This verse reminds us of the theme of the Mass and readings. During the season of Lent, we do not use the word 'Alleluia'. The Gospel tell us about Jesus, and we hear what he said to his friends and those who came to listen to him. So, the reading of the Gospel is different to the other readings. It is the most important part of the Liturgy of the Word.



# Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

27<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	11.30am	--- --- ---	--- --- ---
	7.00pm	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)**

## TUNING IN TO THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

Jesus communicated his message through what he did as well as through what he said. In today's gospel passage he sets out the programme that is the key to his ministry.

He announces a year of favour, a new era in the story of God's generous forgiveness. Jesus cites the prophet Isaiah to make clear what his mission is, but what is said clearly is not received as he announced it. Those in the synagogue that day in Nazareth were on another wavelength.

The message that Jesus proclaims namely good news for sinners, those going astray and for those genuinely searching, got distorted in transmission. There are reasons why distortion happened and continues to happen in our listening. The word of God is always a call to face reality and to name that reality accurately. When we are acutely aware of our need for a saviour there is a different quality to our listening to God's word.

At Nazareth, those in the synagogue became distinctly uncomfortable when Jesus implied that they were poor, that they were captives, that they were blind and downtrodden that they needed God's year of favour. Feeling threatened and unable to face the reality Jesus depicted, they closed their minds to the message and the messenger. His vision of freedom found no echo in their experience. There is a piece of Nazareth in all of us. If we are to welcome the message of Jesus for what it is, namely good news, we need to be on his wavelength.

When Jesus spoke in Nazareth his words had an unsettling effect on his audience. They would have preferred if he had stayed at his carpentry instead of becoming a disturbing presence in their village.