

5/43 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd February 2019**

**Sacrament of Confirmation** – We send our congratulations to the boys and girls who were confirmed by Bishop McKeown **yesterday (Saturday)**. Confirmation will take place in St Oliver Plunkett Church, Strathfoyle in two weeks time **Sunday, 24th Feb**

**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 contact Fr David O'Kane on 028 71337727.

**Bethany Bereavement Group** meeting on **Wednesday, 6th February** at 8.00pm in 45 Virginia Court.

**Annual Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from **4 - 9 July 2019**. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, The opening hours of the Pilgrimage Office are: **Thursday and Saturday, 11.00am – 1.00pm**

**Baptisms** - We welcome into the family of God: **Rionach Rose Peoples, The Old Fort; Daithi Richard Dooley, Knoxhill Avenue and Oliver Robert Simmonds, Lisnagowan Court.**

**+REST IN PEACE+**

We offer our sympathy to the relatives and friends of: **Amanda Deehan, Margaret Street and Evelyn Killen, Dervock Place.**

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

**Mary Jane Doherty, Nellie & Paddy Kelly, Vera McLaughlin, John Moore, Danny McNally, Mary Burgess, Jim McChrystal, Irene Mullan, Samuel Coyle, John Simpson, Nuala McElholm, Maureen Doherty, Eamon Flanagan, Owen & Nary Ellen McDaid, Kathleen Sweeney, Bridget Miller, Teresa Wiseman, Annie Dillon.**

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

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** wishes to acknowledge donations of **£20,£20 and £10**. All benefactors and their families are prayed for at all meetings.

**Mid-Waterside Residents** meeting on **Monday, 4th February** at 8.00pm in Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace.

**Fr Canny** wishes to acknowledge with thanks a donation of **£500** from the Syro Malabar Community.

**The Holy Family Padre Pio** prayer group will hold their monthly meeting in Holy Family Church Ballymagroarty on **Tuesday 5th February**, starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic at the meeting, and all are welcome.

**Lourdes Hospitalité Collection** will be taken up in the parish as a second collection this weekend of **2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**.

**Offertory Collection**

Glendermott: £ 3,075.00

Strathfoyle: £500.00

**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)

**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](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 16th February** at 7.00pm. sharp! **Dress Code:** Formal/ Black Tie /Smart Dress Code. **Price:** £40 per ticket .

**Derry Diocesan Trust**—Parish of Ardmore. Part-time Financial & Administrative Secretary 12 hours per week—Permanent Contract—10.00—1.00pm—Four days per working week (Monday—Friday) days negotiable. Role: All financial and administrative duties that may be required in the day to day running of the office and parish activities. For further information contact 028 7126 2302.

**Got Questions about life? Inter Church Alpha Course** is starting on

**Wednesday 6th February** for 11 weeks at 7.00pm.

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)**



**SEVEN WAYS WE KNOW THE GOSPEL IS IMPORTANT**

- We stand.
- We sing or say an acclamation to welcome the Gospel.
- The reading can only be done by the priest or deacon.
- The priest or deacon greets us again with the same words used at the beginning of Mass.
- The priest or deacon makes the sign of the cross four times. First on the Book of the Gospels and then on his forehead, his lips and his breast. We do the same on our foreheads, lips and breast. We do this to remind us that God's word should always be on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.
- At the end of the Gospel the priest/deacon says: 'The Gospel of the Lord' and we answer: 'Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.'
- The priest/deacon kisses the book.



Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle	ST COLUMB'S Chapel Road	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Trench Road	ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S Strathfoyle	ST MARY'S ORATORY New Buildings
<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		10AM
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 Friday	10:30AM			
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Sat 4PM	Sun 12:45PM	Sat 5PM	By arrangement with priest.
<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>	Fri days 10AM-10PM	Thursdays 10AM-8PM	Mondays 10AM-10PM	Wednesdays 10-11:30AM

**MARRIAGES:** Minimum 3 months notice [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**

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## PROPHETS STILL NEEDED

A prophet's task is never easy. When prophetic people are serious about their task they inevitably become unpopular with other people. Jesus experienced this early in his ministry when he was rejected by the people from his home town. That was why he said: 'No prophet is ever accepted in his own country' (Luke 4:24)

Contrary to much popular opinion prophets—at least in the biblical understanding of the term—do not foretell the future or speak on their own authority. Throughout history, prophets have been first and foremost God's spokespersons, literally people who speak for God. But prophets have also interceded with God on behalf of their people, thereby exercising a dual role in divine human relationships. Thus the role of prophets has been and continues to be, tremendously important and necessary in the lives of God's people.

It is important to realise that prophets emerge from ordinary people, people like us. They do not drop from the sky and they are usually relatively normal people. Indeed, they are reluctant recruits who merely do what is necessary.

This is significant because we tend to dismiss the possibility that we ourselves, or family members, friends or colleagues could be called by God to be prophets in our Church and in the world. The call to be prophets is part of our baptismal commitment whereby we decide to bear witness to the teaching of Christ and his Church.

Prophets are holy people. They are uncompromising in their faithfulness to the word of God. They always speak the truth, regardless of the consequences, offering encouragement and hope to people who have no sense of meaning or purpose in life.

There is still a need for prophets in our society, men and women who are faithful to their baptismal commitment. We need to listen to them and learn from them.

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**INVITATION TO THOSE BAPTISED DURING THE PAST YEAR**—This weekend we remember the children who have been baptised in these parishes during the past year. We have extended an invitation to them to come and receive a blessing at Mass this weekend.