

NOT BREAD ALONE

At the heart of the Old Testament there is a great story of liberation: how God intervened to free his people from slavery. The people were immigrants in Egypt, used as cheap labour, and their numbers were kept low by the systematic killing of new-born male infants. In the story of the exodus the Jews still celebrate the momentous event of freedom from oppression. In today's first reading we hear of how the people always kept that good memory alive.

However after they were freed from slavery the people of Israel had to face a new problem: the wilderness. Their new freedom meant new pain and many of them grumbled at an escape that led them into a wilderness. During their forty years in the desert they were tested. They were hungry and divided in their hearts about God. They wanted to trust him but their divided hearts made them doubt. They were told there was a purpose for their hunger: "to make them understand that man does not live on bread alone".

It is against this background that the story of today's Gospel is told. Jesus has spent forty days in the wilderness; he is hungry and is tested. Jesus is tested to see if he is totally committed. Can he be hungry and still trust God?

During Lent we are challenged to ask ourselves how we deal with temptations. When things go wrong and we feel hungry, let down and alone do we still trust God? Are we totally committed like Jesus or are we like the people of the Old Testament who with divided hearts doubted?

Lenten Devotions on Sunday evenings during Lent (except on St Patrick's Day) at 6.00pm in St Columb's Church.

St Patrick's Day 2019— Next Sunday is St. Patrick's Day— We invite our parishioners to join with us in celebrating our Patron Saint by coming to the 10.00am Mass at St Columb's Church and afterwards to a cup of tea and an hour of Irish dancing in the Parish Hall—in church grounds.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society meets on *Tuesday, 12th March* after 10.00am Mass. The Society acknowledges donations of **£20 & £20**. All benefactors are prayed for at all meetings.

Annual Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on *Friday 5th April 2019*, for young people aged between 16 and 25. The price of the trip is £30, which includes food and transport. The Registration Form can be found on the Diocesan website, www.derrydiocese.org. Completed Registration Forms should be returned by *Friday 29th March*.

+Rest in Peace+

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Philomena McWilliams**, Stradown Drive; **Mary Lou Russell**, Osprey Drive; **John Devine**, Prehen Park; **Kathleen Gillespie**, Knockwellan Park and **Martina Pollin**, Moymore Place.

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

Laurence Conaghan, Shay Bradley, Jim McGinn, Willie Deehan Boyle, Pat McFadden, John McChrystal, George Johnson, Jim Robb, Willie Diver, Willie Dunlop, Veronica Gildea, Paddy O'Kane, Brigdet Duffy, Gerard Hegarty, Ellen McCallion, Patrick McNaught.

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

Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £3,428.00

Strathfoyle: £425.00

Clerical Education & Ongoing Formation: will be taken up next weekend as a second collection

Baptisms—We welcome into the family of God: **Eirinn Gra McLaughlin**, Sevenoaks and **Cora Mary McCauley**, Camelia Court.

Cleaners needed for St Oliver Plunkett Church, Strathfoyle: If you would like to volunteer your services please contact the Parish Office on 71342303.

Mercy Sunday takes place at Knock Shrine on **Sunday, 28th April 2019**.

Counselling Communities—Open Morning - **Tuesday, 12th March 11.00am—1.00pm** Top of the Hill Community Hub. Free screenings. Free consultations. Kids Corner. Local agencies. Lunch. Raffle and more.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

11th-18th October 2019. £750 per person sharing. £200 deposit required asap!

To book please contact Fr Sean via Parish Office 02871342303

or email sean.odonnell@derrydiocese.org

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST: WE BRING OUR GIFTS

In the early Church people brought the bread and the wine that was used during Mass. This was their gift to their Church family. They also brought other food to be blessed and sometimes this food was given to those who did not have enough to eat. When we bring the bread, wine and money to the altar we are continuing this custom. We also continue this custom of giving when we put money in our Trócaire Box during Lent or when we give money to organisations collecting outside of the church, like the St Vincent de Paul.



<i>Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle</i>	ST COLUMB'S Chapel Road	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Trench Road	ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S Strathfoyle	ST MARY'S ORATORY New Buildings
MASS TIMES				
Vigil (Saturday)	7:30PM	6:00PM	6:00PM	
Sunday	10:00AM & 12:30PM	10:30AM 12 NOON	11:15AM	9:30AM
Monday	7.30AM, 10AM & 7.30PM	9.15AM	9.15AM	10:00AM
Tuesday	7.30AM, 10AM & 7.30PM	9:15AM	9:15AM	
Wednesday	7.30AM, 10AM & 7.30PM	9:15AM		10AM
Thursday	7.30AM, 10AM & 7.30PM	9:15AM	9:15AM	
Friday	7.30AM, 10AM & 7.30PM	9:15AM	7.00pm	
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 Friday	10:30AM			
BAPTISMS	Sat 4PM	Sun 12:45PM	Sat 5PM	By arrangement with priest.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	Fri days 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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Lent 2019

10th March 2019

Join us in prayer and commitment

- 1) Mass each day during Lent**
Daily Mass times listed on back of Newsletter
Early Morning Mass: Monday—Friday 7.30pm St Columb's Church
Extra Evening Mass: Friday 7.00pm St Oliver Plunkett Church
- 2) 1 Hour for Six Monday's 7.30pm—8.30pm Retreat Talks**
Monday 11th March - Humility – Fr David O'Kane

"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." St Augustine of Hippo
- 3) Go to Confession : God's Gift of Mercy and Reconciliation**
Times on the back page of this Newsletter
- 4) A Social Media & Technology Free Day!**
Be free to really connect with God and other people
- 5) Spend an Hour with Jesus in Adoration**
Spend some quality time in prayer with Jesus
Adoration times on the back of this Newsletter
- 6) Pledge to take no Alcohol until Easter**
Ring Bert 71341647 or 0775958666; or Harry 71342973 or 07811350821 or any Priest to get your Pioneer Pin and Prayer.
Donate to Trócaire—Boxes available at the back of the Churches or Parish Office.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS—EACH SUNDAY 6pm (Except St Patrick's Day)