

St Patrick's Day



St Patrick's Day—a day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. We celebrate our Christian identity today and celebrate the Gospel message that courageous Patrick brought to us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us.

Take heart from the parable of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel today. The mustard seed plant is sometimes wild and out of control. The shrub was banned in certain areas of Palestine because of how it could completely take over gardens, smother trees, cover stone buildings and foot paths.

When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed. It grew in places where it was not wanted.

'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me. God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guide me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate)

St Patrick's Day 2019— Today 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.

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

Bethany Bereavement Group meeting on **Wednesday, 20th March** at 8.00pm in 45 Virginia Court.

Mid Waterside Residents meeting in the Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace on **Monday, 24th March** at 8.00pm.

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

+Rest in Peace+

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Leitch**, Anderson Crescent; **Anna Deehan**, Gransha Park; **Isabella Keddy**, Knockdara Park; **Vera Sproule**, Daleview Care Home and **Geraldine Loughrey** formerly Chapel Road.

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

William Dunlop, Maureen Armstrong, Sean Hegarty, Eamon McDaid, Patrick Diver, Winnie Muldoon, Clare Muldoon, Eileen Tracey, Brian Foster, William Miller, Hugh Miller, Philomena Carlin, Kathleen Donaghey, Dermot Donaghey, Mary Walsh, Maurice McGinn, Jean 7 Tommy Devine, Josie Conaghan, Jimmy Gallagher, Jim McDaid, Mary McCready, Sarah O'Kane, Philomena & Eddie McKenna, Matt Morrison, Mary McCauley, Fonsie McWilliam, Michael Monk, Phyllis & Bert Manchini

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

Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £3,538.00

Strathfoyle: £625.00

Baptisms—We welcome into the family of God: **Aran Anthony Strawbridge**, Victoria Gate; **Farris Grayson Bradley**, Good Shepherds Glen; **Cadhla-Rose Sharkey**, Strabane Old Road..

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**.

Night at the Races—Fr Chris is running the London Marathon on **28th April 2019** in aid of Foyle Hospice. A fund raising night is being held in the City Hotel on **Friday, 22nd March** at 8.00pm. Entry is free. Please come along and help support the invaluable care provided by the Foyle Hospice for our local community. All welcome.

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 ALTAR

Another word for altar is table. The altar table is in the centre of the part of God's house that we call the sanctuary. Sanctuary means 'holy' and this is indeed a holy place. The servers prepare the altar. They put the following on the altar:

The corporal: a square-shaped white cloth on which the paten and chalice are placed

The Roman Missal the book from which the priest reads the prayers.

The purificators: small white towels which are used to clean the chalice and paten later in the Mass.



<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

17th 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 7.30am 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 18th March - Grace — Fr John Farren PP Iskaheen
"Grace is nothing else but a certain beginning of glory in us' *St Thomas Aquinas*

- 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)