

## The Mystery of our Redemption

The full moon in the sky during these coming days is the age-old herald of Easter. Through the forty days of Lent the Church has set her face towards Jerusalem, the place of the Passion and during the next few days, she unfolds, prayerfully and reverently, the great mystery of our Redemption.

Christ spoke of this time, as His Hour. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father save me from this hour. But for this purpose have I come unto this hour". (Jn 12:27) These words bring us very near the heart of Jesus. If we are to accompany Christ to Calvary it is not enough to see or imagine to ourselves the external events, we must know the mind and heart of him who suffered.

Spy Wednesday is the day of betrayal, the day of Judas. Many people believed in Jesus and he had chosen a loyal band of 12 followers. They all loved him – or so it seemed. But in the midst of these Galileans there was one man who looked on with a cold eye, watching and waiting. Judas thought of money.

Yet before his betrayal, we have Holy Thursday, the eve of his Crucifixion, the day of the Last Supper and the Blessed Eucharist. Here is a man, going forth to suffer the most terrible torments, and his only thought is to comfort his "little flock". He gives us the greatest pledge of His Love that He could give – Himself. "This is my body ... This is My Blood.... Do this in memory of me". Across the years the Church reproduces in the sacrifice of the Mass the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper.

When the supper was over the eleven with Jesus went out into the moonlight, the same almost full moon that shines these evenings and leaving the city by the Golden Gate, crossed the Kedron Valley to a grove of olive trees where an olive-press stood that gave the place its name, Gethsemane. His Hour has come. His sweat became drops of blood and he prayed "Father, save me from this hour .... But not as I will but as thou will be done."

After the betrayal and arrest in the Garden of Olives events follow very quickly. This is the time of darkness, the hour of pride, two-timing, brutality and a mock trial. The whole world has turned against Jesus, or so it seemed. Only John the disciple, his mother Mary and a few women gathered around this dying man. They must have appeared as a forlorn little group.

### +Rest in Peace+

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends **Susan Arbuckle**, Bards Hill and **Sydney Courtney**, Riverdale Road.

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

**Maureen McConomy, Alfie McGinley, Anne Dillon, Patrick Bradley, Gerard Boyle, Patrick McGuigan, Patrick Collins, Roseleen Elliott, Kathleen McLaughlin, Katherine & Vera McCreedy, Mary McGinley, Charlie McGinley, Susan Maguire, Seamus Gormley, Elizabeth Mallett, James Ayling, Shane Mellarkey, Kathleen O'Donnell, Brien Dunlop.**

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

**Baptisms** – We welcome into the family of God **Eimear Kate Brown**, Strabane Old Road.

### Offertory Collection

**Glendermott:** £5,084.00

**Strathfoyle:** £500.00

**Sacred Heart Primary School:** Annual Passion Play in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.00pm. A great way to reflect on the Easter Story

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats** begin on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May and continue on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? A new event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. Booking essential. Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termombacca** – Mass in Remembrance of Sr Clare Crockett - **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.00pm. **Easter Evening Vigil** - Adoration, Confessions & Mass at 7.30pm. **Mass for Sick - Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm

### THE FOUR PARTS OF THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The **first** part of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Preface**. During the Preface we give thanks for the good things that God has done for us throughout all time. The Preface ends when we pray the Sanctus, or Holy, Holy.

The **second** part of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Epiclesis**, when the priest asks God to send the Holy Spirit to come down upon our gifts of bread and wine.

The **third** part of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Institution Narrative**, when we remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

The **fourth and final part** of the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Anamnesis** when we pray for those in need and those who have died. At the end of the **Anamnesis** the priest holds up the host and the chalice and offer them to God.

# MASS & CEREMONIES TIMES – HOLY WEEK 2019

# Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parishes



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## MONDAY TO SPY WEDNESDAY

### Usual Daily Mass Times

St Columb's Church	7.30am; 10:00am and 7.30pm	Mon- Wed
Immaculate Conception Church	9.15am	Mon - Wed
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	9.15am	Mon and Tue
St Mary's Oratory	10.00am	Mon & Wed

## HOLY THURSDAY

### 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

\*\*\* St. Columb's, Immaculate Conception & St Oliver Plunkett's Churches  
Continuing with Prayer at the Altar of Repose. Night Prayer at 10:00pm

## GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am	Morning Prayer	St Columb's Church
3.00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
***	St Columb's, Immaculate Conception & St Oliver Plunkett's Churches	
5.00pm	Public Way of the Cross	
	Starting from St Columb's Church to Immaculate Conception Church	
7.00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
	St Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings	

## HOLY SATURDAY

10.00am	Morning Prayer	St Columb's Church
9.00pm	EASTER VIGIL (can't start until after official sunset)	
***	St Columb's, Immaculate Conception & St Oliver Plunkett's Churches	

## EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

### Usual Sunday Mass Times

St Mary's Oratory	9.30.am
St Columb's Church	10:00am and 12.30pm
Immaculate Conception Church	10.30am and 12.00noon
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	11.15am

*Palm Sunday*

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*14<sup>th</sup> April 2019*

**PALM SUNDAY – Adoration from 5.00pm – 6.00pm - St Columb's Church with Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 6.00pm. A priest will be available for confessions between 5pm – 6pm.**

**MON-WED 7.30am MORNING MASS - St Columb's Church**

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HOLY WEEK 2019**

Monday	After 7.30pm Mass	Adoration from 8pm -8.30pm
Immaculate Conception Church	After 9.15am Mass (Tue and Wed)	
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	After 9.15am Mass (Tue ONLY)	
St Mary's Oratory	After 10.00am Mass (Mon and Wed)	
<b>Holy Thursday</b>		
St Columb's Church	6.30pm - 7.15pm	
<b>Good Friday</b>		
St Columb's and Immaculate Conception Churches	12noon - 1.00pm	
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	After 3.00pm Liturgy	
<b>Holy Saturday</b>		
St Columb's Church	After morning prayer until 11.00am	
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	11.00am - 12noon	
Immaculate Conception Church	12noon - 1.00pm	

## **MASS OF CHRISM**

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown at 10.00am in St Eugene's Cathedral on Holy Thursday Morning. This is the only Mass celebrated in the Diocese on Holy Thursday Morning

## **THE FOUR CHURCHES TOGETHER – GOOD FRIDAY “WALK OF THE CROSS”**

12NOON SHARP meet at St Columb's Hall proceeding through the Richmond Centre, down Shipquay Street into Guildhall Square and finishing at the steps of the Guildhall. Stops for readings, singing, prayers on the way  
Join the walk at any point