

Centenary Celebrations: Good Shepherd Sisters

A Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, Derry at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 29th September to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of a Good Shepherd Convent in the City – 29th September 1919. The chief celebrant will be the Bishop Donal Mc Keown, together with priests who have served in the Waterside Parish over the years. All parishioners are welcome to join the Sisters in this celebration. Following the Mass refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. By way of preparation a choir practice will take place on Monday evenings at 8.00pm. in St. Columb's Church Waterside. Anyone who would like to participate in this ceremonial choir practice would be more than welcome.

The Church's Annual Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October) celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment at a time of unsustainable exploitation of its resources. A climate Crisis March and Rally has been organised by The Gathering of environmental campaigners on Saturday 21st September leaving the Waterside Railway Station, Derry at 1.30pm and ending at the Guildhall at 3pm. All welcome.

THORNHILL MINISTRIES, Thornhill House 121 Culmore Road, Derry BT48 8JF *'Season of Creation' - 1 September to 4 October* Thornhill Ministries will host a Monday Prayer with focus on nature's resources as gift. Please join us in creating a positive energy of spiritual care and hope through prayer for our 'common home'. Five consecutive Mondays beginning 2 September. Time: 10:30 am for 15/20 minutes.

Coffee & Clobber Morning On *Tuesday 10 September*, Thornhill Ministries will hold a fundraising activity as part of our ongoing efforts to help clothe children and adults in the developing world. Bring us your used clothes between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon and we will provide you with a cuppa and tray bake as a thank you for your generosity. Material, bedding and towelling also welcome. Please note: We collect clobber throughout the year. Donations always welcome!

Spiritual Reading Book Club. For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, Dates this term: Tuesdays 24 September, 22 October & 19 November. Time: 10:30 am - 11:45 am. Suggested Offering £5.00. All welcome. Please phone 02871351233, thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Melodies & Memories is a music group for people living with dementia, their family members and/or friends. We also welcome older members of our community who like to sing. We meet in St. Cecilia's College, Derry, on Monday afternoons, 3.30 – 5.30. So, why not come along and join us for a cuppa, a chat and a singalong! Our first session is on Monday, 9th September. Contact 07561706815 or melandmem@icloud.com.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE will take place on Friday, 27 September, for young people aged 16 and 18 and over. The pilgrimage will start at 11:00am and will conclude after 3:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Award patron, Bishop Donal McKeown. Transport will be provided. For more information contact The Catechetical Centre ddcc@derrydiocese.org 0044 2871264087 Closing date for bookings is Monday 23rd September.

October 2019 is to be celebrated as an extraordinary Mission Month.

Saturday 14th September. In preparation for this, a local group is organising two 'Partners in Mission' days for the diocese, one in Derry (Ardmore) and one in St Joseph's Hall, Church Street, Omagh. The day will take the form of a workshop. There is so much to learn from each other. In order to book a place and cater for numbers, people can contact Fr.David O Kane at office@parishofclaudy.com or noelbradley1512@gmail.com

St Columb's College Autumn Craft Fair will be held in the school on Saturday, 19th Oct, 10am – 5pm: arts & local crafts; anyone interested in a stall please contact Alison at the school on 02871285000. Everyone welcome - Adults £1 entry.

“Rest in Peace”

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: **Gerald Edwards**, Knockdara Park.

We also pray for the following on the Anniversary of their deaths: **Isabel Moore, Michael North, Joe Dunlop, Hugh O’Kane, Jean Collins, William O’Donnell, Mark O’Donnell, Liam Gormley, Micky Mc Naught, Patsy McLaughlin, Catherine McCarter, Kathleen Green, George and Sarah Given, John Paul McConomy, David Godfrey and Danny McGeady, Stephanie Faulkner, Bernadette Boyle.**

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

Baptisms—We welcome into the family of God **Aniyah Regina McDermott**, Rose Court, **Riley Robert Bonella**, Dunhugh Manor, **Finn Eamon Jamesie Houston**, Moore Street, **Hannah Mary Healy**, Oak Country Manor, **Daithi Tony O’Doherty**, Hatmore Park and **Erin Jackson**, Woodside Heights.

Offertory Collection.

Glendermott: £3,280. 00

Strathfoyle: £440. 00

Mid- Waterside Resident Group: Next meeting on Tuesday 17th September at 8pm in the Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace.

Family Care Adoption Services (1969 – 2019) is presently seeking adoptive families for babies, young children aged 2 years and older; and brothers and sisters. To find out more information please contact us at: 02871368592 or 02890691133, anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org Website: www.familycaresociety.co.uk

Coastal Rosary for Life, Faith and Love: Join with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather on our coasts, near rivers, in our churches, at grottos etc. to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love on **Sunday October 13th at 2.30pm**. To register a location please visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text/call 087 278 6552

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden. Any students/ members of the parish considering completing The JP II Gold Award are invited to consider working with the IOSAS Centre as a way to fulfil their Parish/Social Awareness activities for this award. Please contact your JP II parish coordinator, teacher in charge or the IOSAS Centre.

Both Lives Matter Campaign: Have begun a postcard campaign to local MLA's. You can order the postcards free of charge, by contacting Both Lives Matter at tel. 028 90739079 or 07976414817, or by email at stand@bothlivesmatter.org

CAN YOU HELP US ADDRESS THE NEED FOR FOOD IN THIS CITY:

The Pantry Project is a project of The Churches Trust. The Churches Trust collect food donations and work with community hubs to distribute food parcels to those in need. People from all walks of life have accessed our project. Last year we provided food to over 2000 people (children and adults). Flyers about the project are available at the back of the church. If you would like to know more about the Pantry Project, please call The Churches Trust on 71311322.

We would appreciate it if you could bring non-perishable foods to the church next weekend 14th and 15th September.

<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	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		
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**

BINGO Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace Mondays at 8.30pm

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Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parishes

Sunday, 8th September 2019

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Rethinking our Attachments

Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar and that can often be painful.

During the month of September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of bio-diversity, largely caused by a consumerist culture. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. Insects, mammals, trees, plants and creatures are becoming extinct.

We are part of a complex, delicate and interdependent web of life, created by God. Today's Gospel invites us to let go. Let us try to live more simply, more sustainably and encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the earth.

"It is not enough to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. ... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right" (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 33).

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: Saturday 28 September, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Stations of the Cross 2pm, Mass 3pm, with Sacrament of the Sick. Contact Fr Patrick Lagan for further detail, Tel: 028 7126 2894.

LAP OF LOUGH NEAGH SPONSORED CYCLE. I, again, take this opportunity to thank the many people who sponsored me so generously on the 90+ mile cycle. The sponsorship total has reached **£7,060.00** which I shall be dividing and passing on to the charities shortly.