

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.

St Maria Goretti Prayer Movement Holy Hour – Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 8.15pm in the Immaculate Conception Church, Trench Road, Derry.

The Trench Road Folk Group sings at 10.30am Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception most Sundays from September to June. We have been in existence for over 30 years and endeavour to enhance the celebration of the Mass, through our music ministry. We practice most Wednesdays from 6.30 -7.30 in the Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace. If you are interested in joining our Folk Group, (we welcome P7 pupils, teenagers and adults), please contact us after 10.30am Mass on Sunday, at Wednesday practice or telephone Eamon 07871184402 or Catriona 07955247662.

St Columba's Primary School, Newbuildings are celebrating their start of year Mass in St Mary's Oratory on **Monday, 16th September** at 10.00am Mass. All parents and family welcome to celebrate the start of new school year with us.

Holy Hour for an Increase of Vocations and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry: Fr Declan McGeehan, CC Cappagh, will lead a Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life in the Diocese of Derry on **Thursday 19th September** at 8:00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. All welcome.

The Church's Annual Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October) celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives, 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.

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 11 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**.

Learning Your Faith—A fortnightly programme for adults begins at the Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace, Waterside on **Monday, 23rd September** at 7.00pm. Would you like to understand the Catholic Faith better? Do you have answers to tough questions when you need them? Can you explain why you believe what the Church teaches? This is an interactive way of learning the Catechism. Spiritual Director: Fr Roland Colhoun.

“Rest in Peace”

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Paula McGowan, Eskaheen View** and **Patrick Moore, Corrody Road**.

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

David Murray, Isobel O'Donnell, Phyllis O'Neill, Ria Brown, Gerard Carey, Christopher Boast, Mickey McLaughlin, Kathleen Crumley, Philomena Martin, Eamon McAllister, Annie Quigley, Joseph Hutcheson, Patsy Breen, Magdalen Morrow, Patrick Harkin.

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 **Bella June Craig, Cross Street; Kean Lucas Michalak, The Old Fort** and **Nora Grace Boyle, Oakfield Drive**.

Offertory Collection.

Glendermott: £4,768.00

Strathfoyle: £525.00

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

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

Gamblers Anonymous—Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.

Volunteers Needed for 'Twice as Nice' Charity Shop, spencer Road. Please ring 71311322.

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 this 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 |
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| 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, 15th September 2019
www.watersideparish.net

Called to 'come to our senses'

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God, and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found. In the parable of the Lost Son there is much to reflect on.

We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses'. We might pray today that God show us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to come to our senses.

In this Season of Creation, we lament the destruction of God's creation, we reflect on the loss of human life caused by climate change. We pray that as a global community we might, like the lost son, 'come to our senses' and take the actions that are necessary to change course. It all seems so huge and perhaps we feel there is nothing significant we can do. That is not the case. As parishes, we can lead by example and show our commitment to care for the earth. The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. As with all significant change, it begins with the grassroots.

'I wish to address every person living on this planet...to enter into dialogue with all people: about our common home...The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.' Pope Francis

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Saturday 28th 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.

Diary Date — Retreat for parishioners from 5th October—13th October 2019 to be conducted by priests of the Dominican Order.