

Confirmation 2020

Monsignor Andrew Dolan, PP Bellaghey, Co Derry will Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of P7 in waterside parish on **Saturday, 28th March 2020** and the children of St Oliver Plunkett parish on **Sunday, 29th March 2020**.

The children of Chapel Road PS and Good Shepherd PS will receive the Sacrament at 11.00am in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road.

The children of Sacred Heart PS and St Columba's PS will receive the Sacrament at 2.30pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Trench Road.

The children of St Oliver Plunkett PS and Oakgrove Integrated PS will receive the Sacrament at 11.15am in St Oliver Plunkett Church, Strathfoyle.

Bethany Bereavement Group meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 16th October** at 8.00pm in 45 Virginia Court.

Mid-Waterside Residents Group — Next meeting on **Tuesday, 15th October** at 8.00pm in Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace.

Mass for Deceased Members of the Parish will take place on **Tuesday, 12th Nov** at 7.30pm in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road

'She Inspires Me' Thornhill. A series of meditative mornings that allow women from the Scriptures to inspire us as we are led into reflection on texts from the Bible. Time: 10:30 am -12:00 noon Date: **Mondays 14, 21 & 28 October** Suggested Offering £7.50. For more information, please phone 028 7135 1233.

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.

Enagh Senior Group and Manager and Staff of Strathfoyle Library would like to thank everyone who called in to the Macmillan Coffee morning. Wee raised **£447.70**.

Cursillo Derry Renewal Weekends— Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca Derry: **Men 24th - 27th Oct 2019**. For further info 07708066939 or 07841100174.

Waterside Boxing Club are seeking volunteers and coaches. For more information contact Seanan on 71347515.

'Anniversaries'

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

Gregory Beirne, Sheila Quigg, Jean Shiels, Margaret Sharkey, Edward Given, William Strawbridge, Joan Kelly, Cissie Feeney, Barry McCallion, Lily McCallion, Grainne Shiels, Sarah Duddy, Noreen O'Kane, Jack Knight, Mary Ann McNulty, Robert Herron, Noel Morrison,

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 **Darcy May Connolly**, Fallowfield Park; **Freddie Martin Bradley**, Woodland Mews; **Faolan Uinseann Robson**, Victoria Gate; **Niall Martin Glennie**, Herefordshire; **Jackson Edmund McLughlin-Downey**, Hillview Avenue.

Offertory Collection

Glendermott: £3,485.00

Strathfoyle: £425.00

Mission Collection will be taken up as a second collection next weekend **20th October**.

Why Believe Course — For teenagers, their parents and all who wants to grow in their faith or pass it on to others. "Why Believe?" Responds directly to that claim by a compelling argument that faith in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God, is the only adequate answer to the human heart's desire for happiness. **Wednesdays** at 8:00pm, St Columb's Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace.

Derry Diocesan Trust—Three Patrons Parish, Derry: Part-Time Housekeeper. Permanent 10 hours per week—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11.30am—2.00pm each day. For application pack please email payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5.00pm **Wednesday, 23rd October 2019**.

Could You Foster? The Regional Adoption and Foster Care Service is recruiting foster carers to meet the growing demand of children and young people who need to be cared for in Northern Ireland. You can apply to foster whether you are married or single; you have children of your own or not; you are in employment or are claiming benefits; you own or rent your own home. All foster carers receive financial allowances, ongoing training and 24-hour social work support. If you are interested please contact on 0800 0720 137.

Older People North West are launching Sew Crafty on **Thursday 17th October 2019** at 11am – 12.30pm. Find out how to make personalised Christmas items using material and imagination. All are welcome. For further information call 028 71 347 478.

| <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. |
| EUCARISTIC ADORATION | Fri days 10AM-10PM | Thursdays 10AM-8PM | Mondays 10AM-10PM | Wednesdays 10-11:30AM |



Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parishes

Sunday, 13th October 2019

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“Only one came back”

During Jesus’ lifetime, lepers were segregated from other people and excluded from society. They were to be clearly recognisable so that they could be avoided. They were banished to the margins of society, stripped of their dignity and shunned. Lepers were dejected people.

In contrast, Jesus adopted an inclusive approach. He refused to turn away the ten lepers who approached him. He wanted to cure them and he did so. Jesus certainly treated them differently from the way other people treated them. In doing so, he focused his attention on those who were on the margins of the crowd gathered around him.

Gratitude is an essential ingredient of the Christian life. This was emphasised by Jesus when he expressed in surprise: ‘Were not all ten made clean! The other nine where are they?’ (Luke 17:17). Most of us dislike ingratitude. It was not for the same reason that most of us dislike ingratitude. If we give something away, a gift for example, our time, our money, or whatever it is we have given. Certainly, if we had the power to heal someone’s illness, we would expect that person to share gratitude.

But Jesus tells us why he is surprised that nine of the lepers cured by him did not return to give thanks. ‘It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner’ (Luke 17:18). This is significant. By being grateful, we are recognising God as the author of all gifts.

Jesus challenges us to stop treating people as lepers. However, Jesus also challenges us to be grateful. Because by our gratitude we glorify and praise God, who is the giver of life.

A WORD OF THANKS — On behalf of the priests and parishioner, especially those who took part in our Mission last week, I express a sincere word of thanks to the Dominican Fathers for leading us in the week of prayer. We wish them well as they continue to proclaim Christ’s message.

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**

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