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Third Sunday in Lent

15th March 2020

*Jesus meets a woman*

This Sunday's Gospel is full of misunderstandings! Jesus meets a woman, asks her for a drink, then offers her an unlimited supply of clear, running water—'living water.' The woman although intrigued by Jesus, has really no idea of what he is offering. At first. She imagines him to be talking about a more efficient way of obtaining water from the well. Gradually, however, she comes to see that Jesus is offering something far better than an improved irrigation system: water brings life, and Jesus' offer of water is an offer of life.

There is a lovely gradualness about the woman's growth in understanding. The stranger who is teaching her, Jesus, is himself gentle, and does not rush in to correct her initial misunderstandings. Instead, Jesus engages with the woman and her concerns; he gives her a full hearing. Gradually, the woman comes to see and understand what Jesus is offering. Through the encounter at the well, she is changed.

The conversation at the well slowly worked up to Jesus' self-revelation to the woman: 'I am He.' Like the woman in the Gospel, our understanding of the Lord and his ways deepens gradually. We have been introduced to Jesus, but our whole life is a getting-to-know-you.

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**Mass for those with Special Needs** – The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs, and their families and friends, will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry on **Saturday 25th April 2020** at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on 71264087 or email [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org)

**Host Families Wanted** for 12 to 17 year old Spanish Students for the month of July. Host families must have children in this age group. Generous rates paid to Host Families. For further information please call 0876008446. Also wanted families who would host term time international students.

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca**—Day Retreat for senior citizens **Thursday 19th March**. Silent Weekend Retreat for Ladies **3rd-5th April**. Silent Weekend Retreat for Men **24th-26th April**.

**'Rest in Peace'**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Margaret Clifford**, Corrody Road. We pray for the following on the Anniversary of their deaths:

**Isobel Keddy, Veronica Sproule, Bridget Duffy, Philomena Carlin, Phonsie McWilliams, Mary Walsh, Kathleen McConway, Eileen McConway, Dermot Donaghey, Maureen Armstrong, Jim Robb, Kathleen Stone, Michael Hegarty, Sean Hegarty, Edward Campbell, Winnie Muldoon, Claire Muldoon, Agnes Lough, Geraldine Lough, William Millar, Hugh Millar, Susan Maguire, Jimmy Gallagher, Mary McCready, Sarah O'Kane, Mary McCauley, Susan Coyle, Lily McCready, Paddy O'Kane, Jean & Tommy Devine, Frankie O'Gorman, Josie Conaghan, Eileen Tracey.**

*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 : **Oisin John Doherty**, Woodside Heights; **Lorcan Darragh Gordon**, Sharmain Road, Belfast; **Grace Louise Bowen**, Foxhill; **Freddie Michael Welch**, St Brecans Park; **Dylan Frankie Melarkey**, Waterfoot Park.

**Offertory Collection**

**Glendermott: £ 3,593.00**

**Strathfoyle: £550.00**

**Thornhill Ministries - Praying Lent** : Invitation to be part of a praying community through the weeks of Lent. Led Meditation, Exposition, Mid-Day Prayer of the Church, and the welcome Lenten soup! **Thursdays 19, 26 March & 2 April 10:30 am - 12:45 pm** Suggested Donation: £10.00 (guideline only)

**Accord Derry—Marriage Preparation Workshops: March 27th/28th 2020.** Venue: Thornhill Ministries, Culmore Road, Derry BT48 8JF.

**Foster Carers** urgently required in the WHSCT area, to meet the unfortunate demand for foster placements. If you think you can help, please call 0800 0720137 or email [www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](http://www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)

**Ceile and Set Dancing Classes** Fancy some fun and a bit of exercise thrown in for good measure? Why not come along to CCE Baile na gCailleach Ceili and set Dancing classes on Thursday nights at Studio 2 Skeoge from 8:15pm to 9:45pm. Everyone welcome. For further information please phone 028 71358570.

<i>Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle</i>	<b>ST COLUMB'S Chapel Road</b>	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Trench Road</b>	<b>ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S Strathfoyle</b>	<b>ST MARY'S ORATORY New Buildings</b>
<b>MASS TIMES</b>				
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		
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>				
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			
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	Sat 4PM	Sun 12:45PM	Sat 5PM	By arrangement with priest.
<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>	Fri days 10AM-10PM	Thursdays 10AM-8PM	Mondays 10AM-10PM	Wednesdays 10-11:30AM



**Parish Hall, Malvern Terrace Mondays at 8.30pm**

**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 (02871342303).

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# Glendermott & Strathfoyle Parishes

Sunday, 15th March 2020

## ***FEAST OF ST PATRICK***

*Traditionally, St Patrick's Day has been celebrated in many parts of the world. This year is different because of the Corona Virus. As we know celebrations have been cancelled.*

*For Christians it is still a day of celebration because it has a deeper meaning. We celebrate Ireland's patron saint and the gift of faith. It is an opportunity to pass on the gift of faith to us, grandparents, parents, teachers, friends and maybe even strangers.*

*It is also an opportunity to reflect on the Christian message for our own lives and that of our communities today. As we celebrate this great saint we pray that we, each of us in our different situations, be carriers of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.*

*"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 guard me, God's shield to protect me." (St Patrick's Breastplate)*

### ***Mass arrangements for Saint Patrick's Day—Tuesday 17th March***

***St Columb's Church;*** 7.30pm (Vigil) 10.00am & 12.30pm

***Church of Immaculate Conception:*** 6.00pm (Vigil) 10.00am & 12noon

***St Mary's Oratory:*** 10.00am

***St Oliver Plunkett Church:*** 7.00pm (Vigil) 11.15am

**Clerical Education & Ongoing Formation** collection will be taken up at all Masses for St Patrick's Day. We have 6 students at different stages of formation.