



# Parish News

## Sunday 18th APRIL

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Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.

We have gathered to celebrate the presence of the risen Lord among us. We are called to be the people who bear witness to his victory over death. We are the people who proclaim the Father's forgiveness to the ends of the earth by being people who are forgiving.



*Luke, both in his gospel and in Acts, has a picture of the world as made up of concentric rings. At the centre is Jerusalem (the holy city where the Lord has chosen to dwell), then the surrounding countryside and region (the land of the chosen people), and finally the lands beyond this again (the lands of the nations). He sees the witness that Christians must bear to the victory of Jesus over death, and so the forgiveness of humanity, as spreading out through these rings starting from the centre. It is like the ripple effects in a pond.*

*Our attempts to build a world of peace and goodness tend to fail as we give up on plans as useless: 'What's the use? It'll be all the same no matter what we do!' This forgets the incarnational dynamic of action: we may think global, but we act local. The Lord came to save humanity as one human in one place at one time. His impact ripples outwards in time and space – from one man in Palestine it has now touched each of us. The place to seek for peace is at the centre of our own lives, then in our immediate personal world, then in the world that touches our lives, and then beyond. We make our impact where we can and then let the ripples spread outwards. Do not despair at the dark clouds and the seeming impossibility of peace and justice, but act with justice in a single case in one's own life and avoid surrendering to the darkness.*



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### **Derry Diocesan Vocations Week 17th - 25th April 2021**

The annual celebration of Derry Diocesan Vocations Week begins Saturday, 17th April through to Good Shepherd Sunday, 25th April. The theme for this year's Vocations Week is based on "*Patris Corde*" ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis' recent publication for the year of Saint Joseph.

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the schedule of daily prayer and Mass, as well as devotional reflections based on the Angelus, Daily Examen and the Mysteries of the Rosary. These resources will be available online at [derrydiocese.org](http://derrydiocese.org) and [derryvocations.org](http://derryvocations.org)

On the evenings of Monday, 19th April - Friday, 23rd April, Bishop Donal will host a series of interviews with guests from throughout the diocese discussing how they have answered God's call to vocation. These twenty-minute interviews will be broadcast live online at 7pm, followed by a broadcast of the celebration of the Daily Examen. At 8pm, after evening Mass, Bishop Donal will lead the Rosary before concluding with night prayer. The live broadcasts can be viewed at [derrydiocese.org](http://derrydiocese.org) and [derryvocations.org](http://derryvocations.org)

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The Initial submission phase of Synodal Pathway begins for the Catholic Church in Ireland and many more items are now available in the April edition of the newsletter of the Irish catholic Bishop's Conference - [Sharing the Good News](#)

**Trócaire** Please return your Trocaire box as soon as possible. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**Parish Envelopes.** The Parish envelopes for those who are in the Gift Aid Scheme have been distributed. If you have not yet received your envelopes please contact the parish office on 02871342303. The pink boxes are available at the Church doors. If you are working and paying taxes and not already on the Gift Aid scheme we would ask you to consider completing a Gift Aid form . We would also like to thank people for their continued generosity and support especially over the last few weeks

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### Our Parish Mass Schedule

#### Weekday schedule

09.15am Immaculate Conception  
10:00am St Columb's,  
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett  
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)  
07:30pm St Columb's

#### Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's  
11:00am Immaculate Conception

#### Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception  
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett  
07:00pm St Columb's  
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

#### Morning (Sunday)

09:30am Immaculate Conception  
10:00am St Columb's  
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett  
12 noon Immaculate Conception

#### Evening (Sunday)

06:00pm St Columb's

**NB!** Mass in St Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings on Wednesday at 11:00am

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website  
*All Liturgies are streamed on [www.youtube.com/watersideparish](http://www.youtube.com/watersideparish)*

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### **Rest in Peace**

#### **Deaths:**

Danny Brown, Beechwood Park, Strathfoyle

#### **Anniversaries:**

Terry Neely, Willie Deane, May Malett, Michael Sherrard, Gerard Boyle, Arnold Doherty, Seamus Gormley, John Douglas, Hannah Rollo, Geraldine McCarron, Ellen McLoone, Isobella Kerr, Brian Coyle, Patrick Gillespie

### **A Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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