



Parish News

Sunday 6th JUNE

The kingdom of GOD

Very often we notice the ordinariness of Jesus. No big discourse on the kingdom of God. He just looks around him and says it's like seeds growing and you can't see them growing.

People knew what he was talking about – seeds growing down in the ground and you can do little about it! You just wait. They had little of the modern quick ways even of sowing. All life was slow and that's often the way.



Like tiny beginnings of a baby. All through life some of the best things are under our eyes and we do not see them. Coming to death there is a slow journey often and it's like growth is happening under the ground. We are being grown by God always if only we would let him do it.

And how we help others grow. You may not know the faith that grows in your children. Faith is different for all of us in practice and specifics. Or the way children are taught to love and it comes out in the next generation: seeing love in a marriage and learning from example to forgive, to live in peace with each other. Seeds are sown and grow – how to love and forgive, how to share with our neighbour, how to face death. . When we remember our dead, what comes to mind is what they taught us about life.

Reflection

The unique message of Jesus is summed up by his use of the phrase 'kingdom of God' and his unique way of speaking about it was the parable. No doubt Jesus could have written a book or given a series of dogmas and rules, but he chose rather to tell short stories by way of illustration. The kingdom he speaks of is not the afterlife but an expression of how God wants the world to be. So the parables of the kingdom deal with God's will for the world and how his grace is at work around us. As such, they offer both comfort and challenge. Today's parables stress that we must not fret or worry but rather trust that the kingdom will come because God wants it to. They are an invitation to take time to consider how the plan of God unfolds around us in ways that are both surprising and sure.



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Fr Michael Canny **40 years ordained to priesthood** .

We as a parish community would like to congratulate Father Michael on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood on 14th June. We also wish him every blessing on his appointment by Bishop Donal as Vicar General of the Diocese. The 7:30 pm Mass in Chapel Road will be offered for him this Monday 14th June 2021.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On the 11th of June we celebrated this great feast which is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. The Prayer for Priests is available [here](#)

In the week past we celebrated the Feast of **St Columba (or Columcille)**.

9th June – a date that is all the more special given this historic year as the 1500th anniversary of the Saint's birth.

Bishop Donal McKeown blessing the water in St Columb's Well following the celebration of Mass in St Columb's Church, Long Tower.



Volunteers Needed for the **Foyle Hospice Charity Shop**, Waterloo Place: Do you have a few hours to spare a week? Would you like to join a fantastic team of volunteers? Meet new friends? Learn new skills?

And most importantly have fun while helping and supporting your local hospice. If this is something that would interest you, please get in touch with Rachael Osbourne, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, 028 71351010 or email rachael@foylehospice.com.



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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



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Marjorie McGarry, Deanfield

Anniversaries:

Phyllis Concannon, Etta Smith, Tommy Conaghan, Rita McPhillips, William Smyth, Peggy Rohan, Gerard Callan, Jimmy O'Brien, William McLaughlin, Robert Gorman, Eileen Murray, Ann Flanagan, Frances Kerr, Gretta McLaughlin

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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