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ACCORD DERRY MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

September 26th & 27th October 17th and 18th November 7th and 8th 2025

All of the above courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com
Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual

HOPE - FOR OUR PILGRIM JOURNEY The Priory Institute two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 11 August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register prioryinstitute.com Tel: +353 (01) 404 8129

SEAN DAVIS "4 DAY OUTDOOR SUMMER FUN SOCCER ACADEMY" takes place at Templemore Sports Complex on Monday 7th to Thursday 10th July. Boys and girls aged 5 to 18 years are welcome. Times: 10:00 am to 3.00 pm. For further details Tel. Sean Davis 07787791880.

Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School, with Online Delivery: ATU St Angelas is inviting applications for this programme, which begins Autumn 2025. The programme is open to Qualified primary school teachers and Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday 15 August 2025. For further information, contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, ATU St Angelas, Lough Gill, Sligo. Email: mary.kearns@atu.ie or visit website: www.atu.ie

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Liaison person 07956500793 or at the Safeguarding Office Pastoral Centre 164 Bishop Street or PSNI or Social Services: Gateway Services WHSC Trust 71314090 for Duty Social Worker

PRIVACY NOTICE The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A privacy notice is available on the Parish Website. Live stream and recordings of Mass and Services in Holy Family Church are available on line. Parishioners should note that the first 2 rows of seats are visible on line.

Sun 6th July 2025

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 10.00am Tues and Thurs 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 10.30am-11.30am & 5.15pm-5.50pm

Tues, Thurs 6.45pm – 7.10pm

BAPTISMS

Saturday at 4.30pm

MARRIAGES

Three months notice and marriage preparation necessary

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Parish Priest:
Fr Joseph Gormley

Curate
Fr Kevin Mulhern

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Today's Gospel says that Jesus sent out his seventy-two disciples:...
to every town and place he intended to visit.

That is an interesting remark. Who comes first to any place? Is it Jesus or me? As a person baptised in Jesus' name, I am a part of his Body. Where the body is, there, too, is the person. Where I go then, Jesus also comes to visit. Jesus does not go before us. Nor does he come after us. We come together!

But if I do not go or if I do not reach out, then to some extent Jesus does not go and Jesus does not reach out. I am part of his Body; I am the visible indication of his presence. My voice is his voice. He told his disciples: *Whoever listens to you listens to me...*

But where do I start? I cannot single-handedly convert the whole of my society! We can, however, follow the example of someone like St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). She realised that there were thousands and thousands of the poor, destitute and dying who needed her immediate help. But she started with just one at a time.

It reminds us of the story about the man who was seen picking up beached starfish from the strand and throwing them back into the sea. Someone who was watching said:

"You're wasting your time. There are thousands of them; throwing back a handful will make no difference."

And the man replied: "It will make a difference to each one thrown back."

Today, I too can start with just one person.

It is to experience inner peace and to be a bringer of peace to others. How life would be changed if we all tried to do that! What a difference it would make!

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the families of Jim Doherty, Marianus Park, Teresa Bradley, Templegrove, Mary Margaret Cullen, Templegrove, Patricia Durnin Templegrove, Margaret O'Neill, Coshquin who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM Our parish family welcomes: Sonny Liam Hargan, Balmoral Ave.

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for whose anniversaries occur at this time Daniel Ryan, Billy Lindsay, Seamus Carlin, Essie Carlin,

SUNDAY COLLECTION 29th June £2126.06 and €102.37 Standing Orders £375 We thank you for your continuing generosity to the collection

ROSARY ON THE COAST. Rosary on the Coast will be at 3pm today Sunday at Lisfannon We will pray for unborn children. Tel 077303 30028

VOCATIONS In the gospel Jesus invites us to "...ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest..." because "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few." As we thank God for our seminarians and the men currently discerning a vocation we pray that many more will hear, and respond positively, to the Lord's call to serve the Church as priests of the diocese.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NOTICE: The SVP Office will close for summer holidays on Friday 11 July @ 1pm, reopening on Monday 28 July. Please note all volunteers will be on holidays during this time.

DERRY SEARCH YOUTH GROUP - 40 Years of Faith, Friendship & Fellowship! Join us as we celebrate Derry Search Youth Group's 40th Anniversary with a night of praise and worship today Sunday 6 July at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Creggan.

DIOCESE OF DERRY THREE-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG led by Bishop Donal McKeown starts on Friday, 26 July, and concludes on Sunday, the 28 July. Bus will leave St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Friday 26 July at 11.00am. Cost £95 including transport. Cost for those making their own way to Lough Derg, £70. Pre-booking is required for those travelling by bus. Please email tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org or tel the Diocese Office on 028 71262302 for booking form.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE AT LOUGH DERG & KNOCK this July: Pioneers and friends of the PTAA are invited to mark the Jubilee of Hope on pilgrimage at Lough Derg from Friday 11 July - Sunday 13 July. The three days of prayer, keeping Vigil and fasting, will allow us to connect in prayer with all who live under the shadow of addiction. Details from www.pioneers.ie.

THE ANNUAL PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Shrine will take place on Sunday 20 July. Prayers will be offered at Our Lady's Shrine for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres around Ireland. Contact Fr Robert McCabe via prayer@pioneers.ie for further details

Mary's Meals Walk: 'Two Bridges Walk' on Sunday 3 August, over the Foyle Bridge and Peace Bridge. We will meet in Sainsbury's car park at 11.45am to begin the walk at noon.—distance is approx 5 miles. The walk is part of a series of walks taking place across Ireland to raise awareness of Mary's Meals and the work they do. You can register for the walk at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/step> or telephone Helen Quinn, 07814441701.

GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIVES Blood Donation Sessions in Methodist Church Carlisle Rd on Mon 7th July 1pm-8.00p and Tuesday 8th 12.30pm—7.30pm. Want to know if you can give blood? Check out our eligibility quiz here: <https://nibts.hscni.net/donating-blood/can-i-donate/>