

## A short reflection on today's Gospel Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

Today's Gospel witnesses Jesus' supreme act of love for humanity with the breaking of bread for his disciples:

"He broke the bread and gave it to them. "Take it," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks, he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many,"

Great love and great suffering.

If we are to follow the way of Jesus truly, then only great love and great suffering are strong enough for the journey.

Thomas Merton tells us about a transcendent experience he once had which took him to the heart of great love. He experienced everyone around him 'shining like the sun.' He was no longer separate from others: he was theirs; they were his. He saw the secret beauty of their hearts, 'the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes.'

Merton concludes with the wish that we could see ourselves and others as God sees us: as we really are. Then we will have become one with the heart of Christ.

Great love and great suffering. The only way. The way of Jesus.

**Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** - As we rejoice on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we pray for those being called to serve our parishes and diocese as priests who, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will make Jesus present to His people in the celebration of the Eucharist.

**The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 pm.** The Matt Talbot Prayer Society was created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email [vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com) or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

**Bishop McKeown will join ministers of our Christian denominations at what is believed to be the city's first inter-faith celebration of St Columba's Day.** The service starts at 4.00pm on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, gathering outside St Augustine's Church of Ireland on the Walls. Incorporating a sung version of the prayer attributed to St Columba, Alone With None But Thee My God, and excerpts from the Amrah Cholm Cille, the celebratory event will take no more than one hour. Everyone is welcome.

**St Eugene's Cathedral proudly presents Afternoon Tea with Daniel O'Donnell** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm in St Mary's College. Tickets cost £35 and are available to buy at the Parish Office.

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Harry Jones**  
**Joan Harkin**  
**Martin Doherty**  
**Charlie Green**

May they rest in peace

### Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Kerry Crocker**  
**Majella Canning**  
**Sophia Friel**  
**Jimmy McGlinchey**  
**Robert Molloy**  
**Ann Campbell**  
**Edward Patrick Doherty**  
**May Nugent**  
**Deirdre McGinley**  
**Patrick McCaul**

May they rest in peace

### Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Darragh Don Findlay**  
**Cian Lochlann Doherty**

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

### Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate **Aisling McDonald** and **Daniel McLaughlin** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

### Collection

Last week's collection: £5,337  
Parish Development: £997

### Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Save the Children:** £20  
**Mary's Meals:** £100  
**Gaza:** £40, £20  
**St Thérèse:** £40  
**Admin's Choice:** £5  
**Trócaire:** £100

### Readers 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> June

6.15 pm Karen O'Brien  
7.30 pm Stephen Orr  
09.30 am Kay McGinn  
11.00 am McGinley Readers  
12.30 pm Megan Dallat  
07.00 pm Marian Boyle

### Sick Visitation

**Fr Paul Farren** will attend the sick and housebound in his care during the coming week:

**Monday (pm):** Lisfannon Park, Glenfada Park, William Street, Creggan Street, Fahan Street, Chamberlain Street, Cable Street, Lower Road, Abbey House.

**Tuesday (pm):** Mulvey Park, Elmwood Terrace, Gartan Square, Clarendon Manor.

**Cemetery Sunday** - The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 3.00pm.

**St Eugene's Cathedral Pilgrimage to Fatima – 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.** Cost £770 per person sharing with a single room supplement of £150 (subject to availability). For more information, please contact Anne Marie Hickey on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

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**The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry.** Starting with the Holy Rosary at 6.45pm, Mass at 7.15pm, and novena to St. Pio directly afterwards. After Mass there will be an opportunity to be blessed with a first-class relic of St. Pio. All welcome.

**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty**

**To help you learn more about YouCat and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, you are invited to the Catechism/YouCat Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June.** The Catechism/YouCat Pilgrimage Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Papal Nuncio to Ireland, Most Reverend Luis Mariano Montemayor with homilist, Bishop of Ossory, Niall Coll. Choir music by the Mullingar Cathedral Choristers. No need to book. Details of the pilgrimage can be found at: [derrydiocese.org/news/youcat-pilgrimage](http://derrydiocese.org/news/youcat-pilgrimage) or contact Máirín Ní Shúilleabháin, National Co-Ordinator for Adult Catechism Studies in Ireland on 00353 (0)87 795 0325.

**Dromantine Sunday: Family Fun Day** - Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Attractions: Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Flower Demonstration by renowned florist Susan Turley, Vintage Tractors, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more! Admission £5 Donation per car. Everyone Welcome.

**Foyle Hospice Female Walk/Run 2024:** This year's event will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am. Starting point: Catalyst Building finishing at St Columb's Park. If you are interested in taking part, you can register at: [www.register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Femalewalkrun2024](http://www.register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Femalewalkrun2024) or you can call into our Fundraising Department, located at Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, Derry. There is also the option to register on the day of the walk/run. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy** - 8 Days, including San Giovanni, Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel, Lanciano, Assisi (inc. Tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis), Loreto, St.Rita of Cascia, Our Lady of Revelations etc. Depart 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Ex Dublin. Cost £1,090. Limited places. For further details contact: Anita 07769744836

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