

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A Short reflection on today's Gospel

We continue today the theme of last Sunday's Mass. There we heard the parable of the man who had made a great deal of money and was happy with his circumstances. Today's Gospel passage is a further reminder that we need to be truly ready. Jesus is warning us about something much more important than the property we own, namely, the quality of our lives. Jesus makes it clear that his friends are those who share themselves and what they have with the hungry, the sick, and those in prison. They are ready. They are no strangers to Jesus because they realise that "as often as you do it to the least of my brothers, you do it to me".

Our life is like that of Abraham who, as we hear in the second reading, was called to set out for a country which was to be an inheritance for himself and his family. He set out without knowing where he was going. Like Abraham we do not know where our life journey will lead us. We do know the final destination, but we do not know how or when we will reach it. Our journey is about the quality and direction of our lives. It includes every experience we have, the people we come face to face with and how we respond to them. They can be stepping stones to our own self-advancement, or we can see them as opportunities to respond in truth and love and service to God entering our daily lives.

Full commentary can be found in Living Space section of Sacred Space: www.sacredspace.ie

Bishop Daly. A Man for All Seasons (Monday 8th August—Sunday 14th August) This exhibition has been compiled to celebrate the life, influence, work and legacy of Bishop Edward Daly. The title of the exhibition, A Man For All Seasons, was chosen to pay tribute to the wide and varied contribution he made to peace and reconciliation in Ireland, to Derry and its Diocese, to the search for justice and to healing the differences that divide Northern Ireland. He lived out the words of Christ in his work. The project has been kindly supported by Derry and Strabane District Council. Location is St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry. Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 4pm, Sunday 14th 10.30am-2.00pm.

Save the date – Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Saturday 24th September 2022, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Stations of the Cross at 2:00pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm, with Sacrament of the Sick. Buses will travel from a variety of pick-up points. For further information please contact Fr Patrick Lagan at St Eugene's Cathedral on 028 7126 2894 or email the parish office at cathedral@derrydiocese.org



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Martin Barr Joan Quigley Mary McCallion May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Seamus Mullan Jeanette McCaul

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family.

Clodagh Mairead Page Lochlan Ross David Forsyth Ollie George McDonald Kai Thomas McDonald

To book a Baptism phone 02871262894. Please remember: Godparents: (1 male and 1 female over the age of 16).



Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate the couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral.

Clare Sweeney and Eoghan Anderson Edel Holmes and Michael McMenamin Christina Quigley and Mark O'Neill

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for: St Vincent De Paul £25, Mary's Meals £25, Trocaire £50 and £60, Sightsavers £50, Matt Talbot £20.



Collection

Last Week: £4,796

Parish Development: £901

Thank you very much

Readers for next weekend 13th /14th August

06.15 pm Claire O'Kane

07.30 pm Majella Coyle

09.30 am Rosemary Finan

11.00 am Saorlaith Breslin-Deane

12.30 pm Oran Gartland

07.00 pm Annette Comey

Anyone interested in studying for the diocesan priesthood is invited to attend a weekend "Come & See" retreat from 26-28 August. For information and reservation, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director Fr Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

The next **Holy Hour for Vocations** will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, from 8-9pm on Friday, 12 August. Everyone is welcome to attend or to join in the devotions via the webcam which can be accessed at www.steugenescathedral.com

Job Opportunities

Pastoral Youth Ministry Coordinator (35 hours per week) Steelstown Parish, Derry Grounds and Maintenance Person (25 hours per month – Seasonal contract (April to October) St Patrick's Church, Claudy Parish, Co Derry

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, telephone 028 71262302 or email payroll@derrydiocese.org

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 23rd August 2022 4.30pm

World Youth Day Pilgrimage – Lisbon 2023 The Diocese of Derry is inviting any young person who is over 18 or will be 18 by July 2023 to join us on Pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. This pilgrimage will take place in August 2023. For now, we are taking expression of interest until we have more information on dates, times, and prices. We have limited space so signing up is essential. You can register your interest on the derrydiocese.org website or on the @derryyouth Facebook page

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