

A short reflection on today's Gospel

In today's Gospel, what Jesus preaches to his disciples on the Mount makes it clear that he is proclaiming a new way of being for humankind, a new era. His words demand a higher standard of human behaviour than that laid down by Moses. He makes it clear that it is not outward shows of righteousness, nor ostentatious displays of knowledge of God's law which will open the gates of heaven to us. It is the hearts filled with generosity and courage which God loves; the hearts which are at one with the lives being lived by those who possess them.

Jesus' heart was courageous, generous, discerning and pure, and it is hearts like his that he wants for us. All through his public life he saw into the truth of people's hearts. He saw the meanness of spirit, the arrant pride, the greed and the malevolence often hidden behind a show of righteousness; and he saw the humility, the profound love, the courage and generosity in those whose hearts were at one with truth.

*Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. Psalm 25: 4-5
The help and grace of God is close. May we never fail to ask for that help and grace to carry out what Jesus asks from us.*

We congratulate and pray for the children from Model Primary School, Rosemount Primary School, St Anne's Primary School and St Eugene's Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week at St Eugene's Cathedral. **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9**

Cathedral Voices - A singing group for people living with dementia and older members of the community. The singing club takes place every Thursday in the Cathedral Hall from 1.30pm-3.00pm. A great chance to socialise, listen to music, have a cup of tea and a chat and a bit of craic. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office on 028 71262894. *This project is supported by the Public Health Agency and CLEAR.*

Concern Derry - Turkey & Syria Emergency Appeal – a Pop-up Donations Office will be open at the Millennium Forum and the Concern Bookshop, Ferryquay Street, Derry on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th February from 10.00 am to 5.00pm.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

John Hegarty Carlin
George Ryan
Stephen Radcliffe
Bebe Doherty

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Margaret Boyce
John Gill
Sean McMahon
George Kilkie
Andrew Allen

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Cillian Bonner

To book a Baptism telephone 028 71262894

Readers for 18th/19th February

06.15 pm	Roisin Rice-Cutter
07.30 pm	Helen Sweeney
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	St Eugene's PS
12.30 pm	Eilish Friel
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Trocaire: £100, £50

Flowers for Altar: £50

Concern: £40

Sight Savers: £20

Smile Train: £20, £100

Thank You

Collection

Last week's collection: £4,921

Parish Development: £932

Thank you for your generosity

Sick Visitation

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

Monday: Lisfannon Park, Glenfada Park, William Street, Fahan Street, Westland Street, Cable Street, Lower Road

Tuesday: Mulvey Park, Eglinton Terrace, Beechwood Street, Elmwood Road, Limewood Street, Elmwood Terrace, Little Diamond, Clarendon Manor

RTÉ will broadcast Mass on Sunday 19th February 2023 at 11.00am to mark Temperance Sunday 2023. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery. The Offertory Hymn composed by Ephrem Feeley is a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer.

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Rally for Life - Please join us and be a voice for the voiceless unborn child as we march for life on Saturday, 11th March 2023 gathering in Custom House Square, Belfast, at 2pm. Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. For further information please contact Precious Life on 07592280522 / 02890278484 / email info@preciouslife.com.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 3rd to 7th July 2023. The Pilgrimage office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ will be open to the public on Saturdays only from 11.00am until 1.00pm commencing on Saturday 11 February. Contact the office by telephone at 028 7126 0293 and leave a message with full postal address and the number of booking forms required or email this information to derrypilgrim@outlook.com or write to us at the above address. We very much regret that once more we are not able to provide medical, nursing and personal care as was customary in the past. It is our earnest hope and prayer that we will be able to restore these services in 2024.

Foyle Hospice are asking for your help. Volunteers are an important part of enabling Foyle Hospice to keep delivering a range of services and specialist palliative care to the community. Applications for volunteering opened on the 30th of January and will close on 28th February. You can access the application form via the Foyle Hospice website at www.foylehospice.com. Alternatively, you can email rachaeldobbins@foylehospice.com or telephone and ask for Rachael at 02871 351010.

St Eugene's Cathedral is monitored by CCTV cameras and by two live streaming cameras. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, www.watchmcnmedia or the parish website. The Diocese of Derry Privacy Notice is displayed on the parish website and Cathedral notice board, or you may obtain a copy from the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns with regard to the Safeguarding of children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596500793 or at mariegormley@derrydiocese.org or contact the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.