

**The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken -  
Mark 13:24-32**

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the impermanence of all things in this world: everything passes away; nothing remains the same. Only perhaps as children are we protected from painful awareness of our own mortality. As we live our lives the different worlds we inhabit through time change, dissolve and die. Our youth dies, and always long before we are ready to relinquish it; our loved ones die; our circumstances change and die. Worlds we thought were permanently fixed, embedded in rock, melt and disappear before our eyes. Our eyes are too often fixed on the ground, but it is towards the heavens they should be directed if we are to see the truth, the truth that God alone is permanent, that God alone is eternal, and that God alone, Love itself, is forever offering to share eternity with us if we but reach out to Him in corresponding love. It is said that if this life were to last forever we would take it for granted. We would undervalue it and become blind to its wonders and miracles, It is because of its impermanence that we glory in its beauty, in its generosity, in its purity of heart, its kindness. It is because of life's impermanence that we realise that all life is a gift, and that with every breath we take God is choosing us to live fully; He is choosing us to fully embrace our mortality so that we can fully embrace His gift of eternity. Thanks be to God.

**Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** – That our seminarians and those discerning a vocation as priests of this diocese will “shine as brightly as the stars of heaven” and be zealous in the instruction and example they give to Christian living to God's people.

**The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated here at St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them.

**Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena continues after 7.30pm Mass on Thursdays** finishing on 28th November. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady; that Christ gave His Mother to be our Mother, the Untier of Knots. We pray and entrust our specific “knots” to Her loving hands, learning how to let go of that which binds us.

**The Month's Mind Mass for Father Liam Donnelly** will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Lavey on Friday 22 November at 7.30pm. Priests are asked to bring an alb and a purple stole.

**Calling all Men to St Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry:** Saturday 23 November from 2.30 - 5.30pm. Three hours of Adoration, talk on Christ the King and the father's role in the family. Ending with vigil Mass of Christ the King at 7.15pm. Confessions during adoration and St Padre Pio Relic will be available.

**Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*Jim Beattie*  
*Maureen Gallagher*  
*Tom Canning*  
*Sarah McCauley*  
May they rest in peace

**Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God's family:

*Fiadh Aoife Greenwood*  
*Jacob James Logue*  
*Khai Brian Nash*

To book a Baptism contact the  
Parish Office 02871 262894

Please remember: Godparents (1 male  
and 1 female over the age of 16)

**Sacrament of Marriage**

We congratulate the couple who  
celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage  
recently in the Cathedral

*Ceara Ferguson &*  
*Joshua Quigley*

May God bless you abundantly in love,  
joy and happiness

**Readers 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November**

06.15 pm Claire O'Kane  
07.30pm Cara Elliott/John McNamee  
09.30 am Eva Maria Mallon/Rua Sweeney  
11.00 am McGinley Readers  
12.30 pm Eilish Friel  
07.00 pm Marian Boyle

**Collection**

Last week's collection: £5,521  
Parish Development: £1,092

**Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks  
the following donations for:

**SVdP: €20**  
**Hungry Children: £20**  
**Sight Savers: £30, £100**  
**Mary's Meals: £1,000**  
**Smile Train: £30, £100**  
**Save the Children: £30, £10**  
**Flowers for Altar: £30, £100**

**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, Creggan Street,  
Fahan Street, Chamberlain Street,  
Cable Street, Lower Road, Abbey  
House.

**Tuesday:** Mulvey Park, Elmwood  
Terrace, Gartan Square, Clarendon  
Manor, Grangemore, Northland Road.

**The Dominicans Advent Retreat for parishioners: Speaker is Fr Stephen Cummins OP.** The title is: 'Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God'. The link for parishioners to sign up for the Retreat is [www.prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat](http://www.prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat)

**SPARK:** 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24th November, Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry - A weekend of fun, faith and friendship for 12-16 year olds. Do you know a young person who would like to build their faith and make new friends? SPARK is a weekend experience which follows core themes from YouCat as well as stories of role models such as Blessed Carlo Acutis and Sr Clare Crockett, to help young people learn about their faith, while making friends and hopefully having a bit of craic in the process! - To book a place or find out more information - text or WhatsApp Brendan on +353 86 8043065 - Cost £70/€80 per person (to cover food and board).

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

**St Mary's College Christmas Craft Fair, Northland Road, Derry** - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 11.00am - 4.00pm. £1 Entry - Over 70 stalls - Café - Santa - Great Family day out!

**Thornhill Ministries' Crib Festival:** The Festival is being held this year in 'The Den' 37 Melmount Road, Strabane on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December from 11.00am - 5.30pm. A unique event inviting us into the Story of Christmas through a truly inspirational display. Children will love it! And so will the adults!!

**Christmas Afternoon Tea - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm in the Cathedral Hall** - Join Anne Marie Hickey and friends for a Festive Afternoon Tea with music and verse. Cost £25. Pre booking required. Call into the Parish Office or phone 028 71262894 or email [cathedral@derrydiocese.org](mailto:cathedral@derrydiocese.org)

**Parish Advent Pilgrimage on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.** Bus leaves the Cathedral at 9.30am and returns approximately 4.45pm. Morning Prayer in the IOSAS Centre followed by refreshments, Mass in the Chapel of Ease in Fahan and lunch in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel. Price £40 includes - Transport, Morning Tea & Lunch. For more information or to book a place call into the Parish Office or call 71262894 or email [cathedral@derrydiocese.org](mailto:cathedral@derrydiocese.org)

**Christmas Mass Bouquets** are now available to buy at the Parish Office. Cost £2.

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