

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Short reflection on today's Gospel Luke 13: 22-30

Today's Gospel witnesses Jesus as he journeys through the towns and villages teaching; and his teaching is both provocative and challenging. His words are calculated to jog people out of any complacent notion that salvation is an open door to all who hear the Good News and nod acquiescence to its message of love, while failing utterly to live out of it. The door to salvation is 'a narrow one'. It is the door that demands an end to the unexamined life, the unexamined life which confuses appearance with reality and imagines that paying lip-service to the Good News is enough, thus missing the point that if we fail to live our lives out of love, if we choose hatred and disharmony instead, we are effectively blocking our own journey to salvation. No-one is going to hell unless they themselves choose hell and they choose hell by choosing hatred instead of love, and disharmony instead of unity.

Jesus, open our eyes to the dangers of the unexamined life which chooses the broad easy way instead of the narrow challenging way.

Jesus, teach us to accept responsibility for our salvation by taking our faith seriously and striving daily to be as loving, compassionate, and forgiving as possible; to be, in effect, everything you taught us to be.

This weekend we say farewell to Fr Patrick and Fr Ignacy.

Fr Patrick has been in the parish for nine years. He has brought much joy to the parish and his great care and commitment have been a real gift to so many people. His prayerful presence has been a constant here and more than ever through Covid. We thank Fr Patrick for sharing the gift of his priesthood with us and pray God's blessing on him as he takes up his new appointment in the Waterside.

Fr Ignacy has been in the parish for just one year. While his time here was short, we have benefited much from his priesthood. His Rorate Masses in Advent were a beautiful addition to our preparation for Christmas. We have been blessed to have him with us. We thank Fr Ignacy for sharing the gift of his priesthood with us and pray God's blessing on him as he takes up his new appointment in Creggan.

Anniversaries

Johnny Harkin
Margaret Lewis
Sheila Lewis
John Lewis
Nellie Kerlin
May they rest in peace.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Catherine Duffy and Ryan Curran
Rhiannon Hartwell and Garvin Coyle

Baptisms



We welcome as a member of God's family:

Isla Grace Méabh Howcroft

To book a Baptism phone
02871262894.

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

**Readers for next weekend
27th /28th August**

06.15 pm Roisin Rice-Cutter
07.30 pm Carmel Devenney
09.30 am Barry McDaid
11.00 am Saorlaith Breslin-Deane
12.30 pm Liz McMonagle
07.00 pm Marian Boyle

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Mary's Meals £100
Trocaire £140, £20, £5
Cathedral Funds £80, £80, £55, £50
Flowers £20

Collection

Last Week: £4,147
Parish Development: £771

Thank you very much

The Cathedral recently took first place in the City Centre Initiative floral competition. We extend a huge congratulations and appreciation to Joe and Gareth for their hard work all year round looking after the gardens – well done!

The Irish Bishops' Conference has published the National Synthesis of the Synodal Process conducted across the Church in Ireland from Autumn 2021. The National Synthesis is the fruit of a wide-ranging process of listening and consultation and is based on the syntheses produced by the 26 dioceses in Ireland, as well as those submitted by religious congregations and other interested groups. The report is available at www.synod.ie

Buncrana Parish is holding a Summer Garden Fête in the grounds of Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana on Sunday 28th August from 3pm-6pm. Children's races, bouncy castles, rickety wheel, dog show and much more. Come along for an afternoon of family fun! Admission €5 per adult / €15 per family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. See Facebook Page 'Buncrana Parish' for details.

Supporting Catholic Parents – Tuesday 6th September via zoom hosted by 'The Hook of Faith'. The topic of the conference will be: 'Supporting Catholic Parents: Sharing the Catholic Vision of Love and Human Sexuality with Our Children'. The speaker will be Fr Chris Hayden. The conference will begin at 8pm and conclude at 9pm. All are welcome. To take part send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to help with cleaning the Cathedral and Cathedral Hall. If you are interested, please leave your name, and contact details at the Parish Office.

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

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren | Fr Patrick Lagan | Fr Ignacy Saniuta