

## A short reflection on today's Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Today's Gospel challenges our faith at its core. It asks, "Do I really know who Jesus is? Do I really know his power? Do I believe that he is always with me, calm and peaceful in the midst of life's storms, ready to save me?"

Jesus suggests to his disciples that they should take a boat and cross to the other side of the lake. He is tired and falls into a calm and deep sleep, his head resting on a cushion. Without warning, a storm erupts fiercely, so fiercely that his disciples, some of them seasoned fishermen, are terrified, and shout at him to wake up and save them. Jesus stands up in the boat calmly, subdues the storm, and then rebukes his disciples for the lack of faith which their terror has clearly manifested. They have witnessed his miracles; they acknowledge him as their Master, their Teacher, and yet they fail to realise that there is no need for fear when they are in the presence of the Son of God. They still do not know Jesus.

Jesus, may we always remember, in the midst of life's storms and terrors, that you are never absent from our lives: you are walking with us, day and night, in storm and in calm. May our sleep be calm and peaceful because our trust in you is absolute.

Jesus, may we always remember that the greater our faith in you is, the greater will be our peace and serenity of soul and spirit.

Jesus, you crossed over to the other side many times in your ministry of healing. You crossed over to the other side when you reached out to the poor and the marginalised, the outcasts and the despised. May we too cross over to the other side in our need to separate from the materialism, consumerism and power-hunger of the world, to walk with you, Jesus, in peace, in love and in humility. Amen.

**Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood – We pray** that those called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry will hear the Lord's encouragement not to be afraid but only to have faith.

There will be a Vocations Day (for those considering diocesan priesthood) in Buncrana on Sunday 8 September, from 12 - 6pm. Anyone interested should please contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan by email: [pgoh2111@gmail.com](mailto:pgoh2111@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:amhickey@derrydiocese.org) or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

**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.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> July 2024:** All pilgrims are invited to a meeting in the Everglades Hotel, Victoria Road, Derry, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Important information will be shared at this meeting, and it is intended that we will have pilgrims' packs and tickets for distribution. If anyone cannot attend in person, they should designate someone to represent them, if possible.

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Eamon (Edward) Duffy  
Eddie Cooley  
Patrick Deery***

May they rest in peace

### Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***George Webb  
Jimmy McFadden  
Elizabeth (Lily) McCaul  
Seamus McCaul  
Myra (Bonner) Canning  
Bridget Bonner  
Noeleen Hegarty  
Eugene O'Donnell***

May they rest in peace

### Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

***Scarlette Danielle Beattie-McCloskey  
Imogen Susan McMichael***

### Collection

Last week's collection: £4,721  
Parish Development: £956

### Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Trócaire:** £100  
**Flowers:** £20  
**Water Aid:** £10  
**Smile Train:** £20, £10, £45  
**Gaza:** £40

### Readers 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> June

6.15 pm Claire Feeney  
7.30 pm Amulya George  
09.30 am Kay McGinn  
11.00 am Sophia Mason  
12.30 pm Marie Canning  
07.00 pm Anna Begley

## Diocese of Derry Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2024

Lough Derg is a sacred place apart to bring burdens and leave them behind, to seek healing for wounds and to offering of prayer. The Lough Derg Pilgrimage provides a breathing space in which people can calmly explore and reflect on where they find themselves in their lives at this moment in time. The Diocese of Derry Three Day Pilgrimage led by Bishop Donal McKeown starts on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> July. Bus will depart after 10:00am Mass from St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, going via Strabane, Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost £80 including transport. Cost without transport £70. Prebooking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan, Pastoral Coordinator on [tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org) or phone the Diocesan Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for booking form. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 30th June at 3.00 pm.** Please be in position at 2.30 pm.

Families are asked to bring their own holy water to the Cemetery for the blessing of the graves. At the appropriate time Bishop McKeown will ask a representative of each family to sprinkle their family grave (and neighbouring grave if there is no-one present). There will be no holy water in the Cemetery.

130 car parking spaces will be made available for Blue Badge holders within the Cemetery. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis to current Blue Badge holders and can be booked at [www.derrystrabane.com/cemeterysunday](http://www.derrystrabane.com/cemeterysunday).

There will be no vehicle access to the cemetery from 12pm to facilitate preparations for the service. Access will only be given to those who have registered with gates remaining open until 2pm. Those who have secured a space must be in place by 2pm, as there will be no access for vehicles after this time.

Other car parking will be available for blue badge holders at St Mary's Church, Creggan, St Cecilia's College and Celtic Park. Booking is not required, and access will only be given to vehicles that display a current Disability Blue Badge Permit on arrival. For visitors parking outside the cemetery, we ask that you please park in appropriate areas and be considerate of people living in the area. Do not block roadways, footpaths, or gateways when parking. This is an important time of prayer for families who are remembering loved ones, and we ask that everyone is respectful and mindful of other visitors during the service. We encourage those attending to arrive in good time, and to adhere to the advice of the stewards. We would greatly appreciate cooperation with staff to ensure everyone can have safe and easy access to this time of prayer.

The Service will also be live streamed and available to view at <https://youtube.com/live/9ZS-utqxlQ?feature=share>

**All-Ireland Rally for Life** takes place in Dublin on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Coaches will be travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. To book your seat contact 028 90278484/ 07592280522 or email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

**Pilgrimages to Fatima ex Dublin:** Easter 2025, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

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**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](http://www.churchservices.tv), [www.watchmcnmedia](http://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 regarding 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](mailto:mariegormley@derrydiocese.org) or contact the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.

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