

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**A Short reflection on today's Gospel**  
**Luke 18:9-14**

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:9-14

Today's Gospel is clear and succinct in its message: those who trumpet their virtuousness and righteousness to God and who see themselves as vastly superior to others, do not incur the favour of the Almighty, while those who humbly acknowledge their sinfulness 'go home justified'.

In the parable Jesus relates the Pharisee proudly recites what he regards as proof of his Godly superiority: a rigid adherence to the law. In doing so, he also makes it clear that he despises others for their failure to be as law-abiding as he is.

The tax collector, on the other hand, exhibits only humility as he confesses his sinfulness. He 'would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' The tax collector unwittingly, perhaps, prays a most beautiful prayer, a prayer pregnant with truth, humility, and repentance.

The Pharisee does not see himself as a soul in need of salvation. In his conviction that he is perfect, one can only imagine the outrage he would exhibit at the teachings of Jesus which would condemn his pride and arrogance. The tax collector, on the other hand, we can imagine falling at the feet of Jesus and taking into himself Jesus' ministry of faith, love and repentance.

Jesus, may we never forget the prayer uttered by the humble tax collector, and may it become our prayer too. May we never allow ourselves to become consumed by false notions of our own virtuousness leading to contempt for others; rather let us be conscious always of our need for repentance and forgiveness.

**The Matt Talbot Prayer Society** prays daily and specifically for those enrolled to be freed from addictions including alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling, eating, and smoking through Matt Talbot's intercession. Mass is celebrated on the first Monday of each month for those enrolled. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please contact 02871262894.

**Vocations**-Anyone interested in serving the diocese of Derry as a priest should contact their local priest(s) and/or the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP, Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com

**Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Jim Bradley***  
***Kathleen Bradley***

*May they rest in peace.*

**Baptisms**

We welcome as members  
God's family:



***Aodha-Kate McCauley***  
***Sebastian Luke Lagnada***  
***Zakk Eoin McGuire***

To book a Baptism phone  
02871262894.

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

**Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Michael Doherty***  
***Kevin McGuinness***

May they rest in peace

**Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Trocaire: £50  
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**Collection**

Last Week: £4,068  
Parish Development: £980

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Readers for 29th/30th October**

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| 06.15 pm | Claire O'Kane     |
| 07.30 pm | Liz McMonagle     |
| 09.30 am | Kay McGinn        |
| 11.00 am | Piaras O Meallain |
| 12.30 pm | Marie Canning     |
| 07.00 pm | Anna Begley       |

**Sick Visitation**

Fr Roni Zacharias will attend the sick and housebound in his care during this coming week.

**Monday afternoon:** Forest Park, Rosemount Gardens, Rosemount Avenue, Osborne Street, Montrose Gardens

**Friday afternoon:** Fairman Place, Tudor Court

**Mission Sunday-** The theme for World Mission Sunday this year, which the Church will celebrate around the world today, is ‘You Shall Be My Witnesses’ (Acts 1:8). World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father’s annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. The Mission Sunday collection promotes the work of missionaries in poor and remote communities. The funds raised will help build vital infrastructure, including churches, medical clinics, nurseries and schools.

**ST JOSEPH’S YOUNG PRIESTS’ SOCIETY** - A meeting of St Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society will be held in St Eugene’s Cathedral Choir Room following 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 26th October. We need people to join us for one hour per month (not January, July or August) to pray for and help students in formation. The Society assists Irish and Overseas students.

**‘BECOMING’** 1-Day Retreat by Thornhill Ministries. Monday 24 October 10am to 3pm An Grianan Hotel, Burt. Day includes reflection, input, contemplation, Mass. Lunch provided. A donation welcome. To register: Text 077 368 32458/ email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

**THE IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST**-Are now accepting applications for our Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2023 from young people of all religious denominations with •A medical condition, physical disability or illness (aged 9-18); •A learning disability (aged 11-21); •Very seriously ill children under the age of 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative or •Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness. For further information please contact contact Mary Dunnion on 0877962047 or Aileen Henry on 0872063183. Please note closing date for applications is 31st October.

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**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias, Deacon: Rev Michael McCaul**