

As a parish community we look forward to the ordination of Deacon Shaun Doherty to the Priesthood here at Saint Eugene's Cathedral on Sunday 2nd July at 3.00pm. He will be celebrating his first Mass at Saint Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, on Monday 3rd July at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. *We ask you Lord Jesus, to fill Shaun with the fire of your love, that his ministry may reveal your presence in the Church.*

A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Today's Gospel witnesses Jesus making it clear to his followers that their mission to spread the Good News will not be easy: Like him they will meet with opposition. Like him they will be reviled and persecuted. But Jesus, knowing the stultifying, paralysing effects of fear, urges them not to be afraid. They are precious in the eyes of God who cares lovingly for all of His creation: not a sparrow falls to the ground unnoticed by God; not a hair on a human head remains uncounted by Him. In the face of trials and tribulations God will stand with those who uphold truth.

It is clear that Jesus is encouraging his followers to see the big picture rather than imprison themselves within the little picture. The death of the body isn't a calamity to be dreaded. It is not an ending. It is a transformation which opens the gates of eternal life to the faithful, to those who know that life is not about them; life is about God. It is always about God.

Help us, Jesus, to withstand the cynicism and arrogance of our modern world and to hold fast to our belief in a loving God, our God, who knows every hair on our heads, and in whose eyes we are infinitely precious. Help us to see the big picture always and to see the death of the body, not as an ending, but as a beautiful transformational experience which welcomes us into eternal life. Help us to know that Jesus will stand with us in our struggles in this life if we stand by Jesus and live out his truth, his ministry of love.

The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery this afternoon 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.

The cemetery will be closed from 12 noon to facilitate preparations for the service. Only vehicles which have already been allocated a designated parking space on site can access the cemetery after this time, and these vehicles must be in place before 2.00pm. Vehicle access to the cemetery will be via the Lone Moor Road Gate only. Accessible parking spaces will be available for Blue Badge Holders at St Mary's Church, St Cecilia's College and Celtic Park. Access to these sites will only be given to vehicles that display a Disability Blue Badge Permit.

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 www.youtube.com/@CemeterySundayDerry

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Paddy Roddy
Mary Gallagher**

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Noleen Hegarty
Johnny Moran
Martha & James Sherrard
Tony Carlin
Frank & Margaret Nugent
Eugene O'Donnell**

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Joseph Christopher Christy
Zara Ella Murphy**

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

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

Collection

Last week's collection: £4,897
Parish Development: £918

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Hungry Children: £5, £5, £5, £5
Smile Train: £20, £5, £5
SVdP: £10
Sight Savers: £5, £5
Trócaire: £100
Carlo Acutis Statue: £25, £10
Matt Talbot: £10
Cathedral Funds: £20**

Readers for 1st /2nd July

06.15 pm	Karen Harkin
07.30 pm	Oran Gartland
09.30 am	Kate Doherty
11.00 am	Kay McGinn
12.30 pm	Eilish Friel
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 3rd July at 7.30 pm. The Matt Talbot Prayer Society was created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Mass will also be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Information Meeting and ticket distribution in the Everglades Hotel, Derry this Tuesday 27th June at 7.30 pm. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please notify the Pilgrimage Office at 028 7126 0293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com

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Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Sunday 23rd July. Schedule of Ceremonies - Rosary at 2.00pm, Anointing of the Sick at Knock Basilica at 2.30pm and Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica followed by Benediction & Rosary Procession at 3.00pm. For further information see www.knockshrine.ie or telephone 00353 (0)94 9388100.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias

Annual Novena Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland 14th August 2023. Cost £599 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Northern Ireland, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Avail of Novena Ceremonies. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Last remaining places for Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at Christmas 2023: flying from Dublin, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Contact James Treacy, 061921470 or email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

All-Ireland Rally for Life takes place in Dublin on Saturday 1st July. Make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. Coaches travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. To book your seat contact 02890278484/ 07592280522 or email info@preciouslife.com

Search's summer scheme will take place from Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July in Unit 5 Iona Business Park, Southway and this will include a trip on Wednesday 5th July. The summer scheme will run from 10am - 2pm and is open to children aged 5-11 and the price is £25pp. If you or anyone you know is interested, we can be contacted via Facebook at Derry Search Youth Group or contact Clare on 07712571086.

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**.