

A short reflection on today's Gospel

Today's Gospel finds the fearful disciples huddled together behind locked doors in dread of the Jews finding them and killing them. The resurrected Jesus appeared and stood among them. He offered them no censorious or accusatory words for their abandonment of him when he needed them most; instead, twice, he wishes them peace. Peace is a beautiful word; its meaning goes way beyond the absence of war. True peace is experienced when our relationship with God is harmonious; when we see God in the faces of those we are told are our enemies. Peace has forgiveness, reconciliation, and unalloyed generosity of spirit at its heart. Peace is the beauty of dawn light and the quiet contentment of dusk, and it is this beautiful peace with which Jesus blesses his fearful disciples before instructing them in what they must do now. He breathes on them, opens their hearts and minds to the reception of the Holy Spirit and grants them the power to forgive or retain sin.

Jesus, open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit so that, like the disciples, we may be filled with knowledge of God, with joy in His love and forgiveness and with the courage to proclaim the Truth to others.

Jesus, empty our hearts of bitterness and a reluctance to forgive, and let us, like you, offer only peace to all others and thereby harbouring safely in our hearts that same peace, the peace which heals, restores, and offers us rest in the loving embrace of our Father. Amen

First Holy Communion - Congratulations to the boys and girls from Rosemount Primary School and St Eugene's Primary School who celebrated their First Holy Communion here in St Eugene's Cathedral during the week. May this special day be the first step in a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Cemetery Sunday - The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 25th June 2023 at 3.00 pm.

The Net – Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese, the May edition of 'The Net' is now available in parishes as well as on the Diocesan website. For coverage of faith related stories please email editorthenet15@gmail.com.

Job Opportunity - Housekeeper St Eugene's Cathedral. 25 hours per week (Monday - Friday) permanent contract. For job description and application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to: Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on 9th June 2023. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

*Terence Doherty
Donna Ferguson
Celine Cassidy
Mario Nicell*

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*Tommy Strawbridge
Jenny Mullan
Kerry Crocker
Frank Hegarty
Monica McDaid
Jean Hamill
Gareth Gallagher*

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

*Ayda Ann Curran-Porter
Robert Joseph McCool*

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

Rachel Morrison & David McCourt

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Mary's Meals: £20
Smile Train: £20
Sight Savers: £20
Justice Defenders: £200

Collection

Last week's collection: £5,082
Parish Development: £921

Thank you for your generosity

Readers for 3rd/4th June

06.15 pm	Thérèse Ferry
07.30 pm	Helen Sweeney
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Marie Canning
07.00 pm	Philip Wilson

Sick Visitation

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

Tuesday: Fairman Place, Academy Terrace, Tutor Court, Tutor Close, Northland Parade, Northland Drive, Edenmore Street, Glenbank Road, Glenbank Gardens, Creggan Road, Helen Street, Oakfield Crescent

Friday: Glenowen Park, Cashelmore Park, Hatmore Park, Ardglen, Rosemount Gardens, Rosemount Avenue, Osborne Street, Montrose Gardens

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias

We are seeking expressions of interest for provision of a Tourism Engagement Service at St. Eugene's Cathedral. The provision of this service will be offered as contract from 12 June - 22 September 2023. It is anticipated that this service will require approximately 30 hours per week. The contractor will support the St Eugene's Management team in the following areas: 1. Further developing St Eugene's Cathedral as an historic & tourism venue 2. Development and delivery of a visitor guide & welcome service to ensure a quality experience for all our visitors. 3. Establishing links with Derry & Strabane District Council, Donegal County Council, local and regional tourist boards, independent tour operators, hotels and accommodation providers, local schools, and colleges. 4. Assist with the training of tourism volunteers Applicants should meet the criteria as listed below: 1. Experience of working or volunteering in the Tourism, Heritage, or Church sector. 2. Experience of working as part of a team either in a work or volunteer environment. 3. Good record keeping and administration skills. 4. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Expressions of interest to be sent to amhickey@derrydiocese.org by 5.00pm on 31 May 2023

Music for A Summer's Evening Concert: Join International Chart-topping singers Fr Eugene O'Hagan from the multi-platinum selling classical group "The Priests" and International award winning singer Margaret Keys at Christ Church, Derry on the 17th June at 7.30pm, together with the stunning Scala Strings Orchestra and guest choir for what promises to be a night of uplifting and much loved music. Performing a wide range of music from much loved classical favourites, songs from the shows, Irish favourites and popular ballads this is an evening not to be missed! Tickets are £20. You can book via Eventbrite.ie or call 07812588010.

Two Rosaries on the Coasts - The next Rosaries on the Coasts will be on 4th June at 3.00pm on Lisfannon Strand, Buncrana and on 18th June at 3.00pm on Benone Strand, Limavady. All Rosary Coasters welcome and remember to invite your families and friends along too.

Give Blood, Save Lives. A blood donation session will be held at the Guildhall, Derry on Monday 29th May from 10.30am – 3.30pm. To book an appointment please call 08085 534 653.

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**.