

**Bishop McKeown, Fr Paul and Fr Shaun  
wish you all a holy and a happy Easter**

**A Word of Thanks**

We would like to thank sincerely all those who helped in the Easter Ceremonies. The Sacristans, Maghnus Monaghan, and the Choir, Cantors and Musicians, Margaret McNamee and the Rejoice Folk Group, Joe Horner, Gráinne Nugent and the Readers, Noreen McElhinney and the Eucharistic Ministers, those who took part in the Washing of the Feet, and those who prepared the Church.

**A short reflection on today's Gospel John 20: 1-9**

Today's Gospel calls us to accompany Mary of Magdala as she makes her heartbroken way to the tomb in order to minister to the precious lifeless body of her beloved Jesus. We share her shocked horror when she discovers the empty tomb. There are very few of us, having experienced the pain of the loss of a loved one, who have not faltered under the crushing weight of the absence of that loved one: the empty tomb experience is a deeply human one.

But the darkest part of the night is just before the dawn. We have travelled with Jesus on his excruciating journey to Calvary. We have witnessed his agony as he is reviled, abused, humiliated, mocked, tortured. But soon the empty tomb will liberate the disciples understanding of the teaching of scripture, 'that he must rise from the dead'. Soon the heartbroken Mary of Magdala's tears will be wiped away as Jesus tenderly calls her name.

The cross which seemed to be the end of all hope becomes the source of all life; Jesus is alive in our midst today as the beautiful, pure spring of all love, kindness, generosity, justice and peace.

Jesus, you are the true, beautiful, place of peace within us, the place of rest which helps us to bear the darkness. May we never forget that we are Easter people, people of the resurrection, loving each other as you have so loved us through your cross and passion.

**Saint Eugene's Cathedral Programme**

**Monday to Friday (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April)**

Mass at 8.00am, 10.00am and 7.30pm

**Saturday (6<sup>th</sup> April)**

Mass at 10.00am, Vigil Masses at 6.15pm and 7.30pm

**Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> April)**

Mass at 7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

**The monthly Matt Talbot, Freedom from addiction Mass** takes place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7:30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral. 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. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email [vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com) or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

**Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Margaret Cunningham***

May she rest in peace

**Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Lila & Ken Crocker***

***Bridie Ferguson***

***James Hancock***

***Cissie Rooney***

***Myra Canning (Bonner)***

***William McCarron***

***Isabell Gallagher (McCaul)***

***Thomas Bonner***

***Eddie Doherty***

***Sean Carr***

***Michael McCourt***

***Nellie Strawbridge***

***Mary Frew***

May they rest in peace

**Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God's family:

***Lochlann Keaton Patrick Coffey-Hamill***

***Roman Lamberton***

***Clodagh Grace Nash***

**Readers for 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> April**

06.15 pm Claire Feeny

07.30 pm Karen O'Brien/  
Caitlin Horner McLaughlin

09.30 am Megan Dallat

11.00 am Michael McCaul

12.30 pm Ursula Doherty

07.00 pm Anna Begley

**Collection**

Last week's collection: £5,212

Parish Development: £1,085

***Thank you for your generosity***

**Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Medical Missionaries of Mary: £20**

**St Therese: £40**

**Cathedral Funds: £100**

**Trócaire: £100, £50, £20, £100, £10**

**Altar Flowers: £10, £20, £100**

**The Annual Mass for the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen and Women** will be held here in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Easter Monday at 11.30am. All are welcome.

**National Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** – May the Spirit of the Risen Christ bless and guide our seminarians and those discerning a call to serve the people and parishes of this diocese as priests and move the hearts of many more men to consider a priestly vocation.

**LIFE Camp 2024** – Calling all pupils currently in Primary 3 – 7. Week 1– Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Week 2– Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Cost for each week is £40. To register go to [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp)

**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 or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

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**Masters in Catholic School Leadership** - The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If you are interested in registering for the Masters in September 2024 or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

**Healing our Wounds** Weekend Workshop at Ards Friary, 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> April. This workshop offers a way to transform our wounds. It will include input, time for personal reflection, opportunities for sharing and some social time. Cost €220 includes retreat, accommodation, and all meals. Limited to 12 people. To make a booking contact Ards on 00353 74 9138909 or by email info@ardsfriary.ie

**Divine Mercy Conference**, Saturday 6th April, Knock Shrine, 11.00am – 4.00pm, with Fr Pat Collins CM and Fr Isaac John MSFS: St John's Centre, Knock Shrine.

**First Saturday Rosary** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm in Market Square, Letterkenny. Everyone welcome.

**The National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. To enquire or book a seat, call: 07738873492 (from Donegal, dial 00447738873492). For details of buses, nationwide, visit [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

**Factory Girls and Rock 'n' Roll** - the production team of this play, written by local playwright William Deery, are looking for old photographs of years gone by of the Derry factories, the dance halls, The Corinthian, The Crit, Borderland, The Plaza, and any others. The show will run at the Millennium Forum on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April, and there will be a photo display. Please send your photographs to [thegrovetheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:thegrovetheatregroup@gmail.com) and include in the Subject Line Ref: Factory Girls Photos. For ticket information visit [www.millenniumforum.co.uk/shows/factory-girls-and-rock-n-roll](http://www.millenniumforum.co.uk/shows/factory-girls-and-rock-n-roll).

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