A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 5: 1-12

On the Solemnity of All Saints, we hear Jesus proclaim the Beatitudes, showing us the path to true happiness and holiness. In a world that often values success, wealth and recognition, Jesus reminds us that God blesses the humble, the merciful, the peacemakers and those who hunger for justice.

Today, we celebrate not only the great saints whose names we know, but also the countless ordinary people whose quiet lives of faith, love and service reflect the goodness of God. They remind us that holiness is not reserved for a few; it is a calling for every one of us.

The Beatitudes invite us to live our faith in everyday life: to forgive, to care for those in need, to bring peace where there is division, and to remain faithful through difficult times.

As we celebrate All Saints, may their example inspire us to follow Christ more closely, trusting that even our smallest acts of love can lead us along the path to holiness.

Lord Jesus, through the prayers of all the saints, help us to live the Beatitudes each day and become signs of your love in our families, our parish and our community. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: For the future priests of our diocese, the men who will preach the Good News of the Beatitudes (today's Gospel) - the happiness that comes from persevering in faith, and trusting in the goodness and mercy of Almighty God through the ups and downs of life.

There will be a meeting for anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, in Derry, on Sunday 8th November, beginning at 4pm. For further details, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or by calling (028) 79386259.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 2nd November at 7.30 pm. Spiritual packs for the protection of family homes from drugs will be distributed after Mass. 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. Mass will also be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30pm. 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.

Remembering Our Dead

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed: The deceased members of our families and friends will be remembered at all Masses throughout November at St Eugene's Cathedral. Remembrance Cards are available at the back of the Cathedral. Please take a card, write the names of your loved ones, and place it in the basket on the Sanctuary.

The Annual Mass for the Deceased of the Parish: A Concelebrated Mass will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral on Saturday, 7th November at 7.30 pm for the deceased members of every home in the parish. Those who have lost a relative who was buried from another church during the past year are invited to leave the name of their loved one in the Sacristy or at the Parochial House, so that they may be remembered at the Mass and a candle lit in their memory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Bridie McAteer

May she rest in peace

Collection

Weekly Collection: £4,540
Parish Development: £ 947

Thank you for your generosity

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Michael O'Hagan
Sally Hegarty
George Gallagher
Mark Kelly
Caragh Lyttle
John (Johnny) Doherty

May they rest in peace

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Mary's Meals: £100 £60
Smile Train: £60 £50 £50
Sightsavers: £50 £40 £40
Somalia Appeal: £10
Gaza Appeal: £500

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Rudí Che McDowell
Blake Liam O'Donnell
Rossa Gerard Sexton
Leo Maurice O'Hare

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Readers for 8th / 9th November

6.15pm Roisin Rice Cutter
7.30pm Garth Tucker
9.30am Kay McGinn
11.00am McGinley Readers
12.30pm Megan Dallat
7.00pm Marian Boyle

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena - The Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots continues after the 7.30pm Mass on Thursdays, in St Eugene's Cathedral, concluding on Thursday 26th November. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady, and that Christ gave us His Mother as Our Lady, Untier of Knots. Through this devotion, we entrust our personal "knots" to her loving care - learning to let go and allowing her to gently untie what binds us. All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection during this special time of grace.

Would you like to become an Altar Server in St Eugene's Cathedral? We are recruiting for anyone who is in Primary 5 and upwards, to come and serve at our weekend Masses. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please email Lauren at lauren.doherty@derrydiocese.org or phone the parish office on 02871 262894 for more information.'

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Loreto, Cascia & Assisi, Italy – 24-31 May 2027 – Fr Paul Farren will lead a Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Loreto, Cascia & Assisi, Italy from 24-31 May 2027. Price is £1,550 per person sharing with a single room supplement of £245 (subject to availability). For more information, please contact Anne Marie Hickey, Pastoral Co-ordinator on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

Parish Advent Pilgrimage on Thursday 3rd December. Bus leaves Cathedral at 9.15am and returns at approx. 5.30pm. Morning Prayer in the IOSAS Centre followed by refreshments. Mass in St. Michael's Church, Urris, Clonmany and lunch in the Ballyliffin Hotel. Price £40 Includes Transport, Morning Tea & Lunch. For more information or to book a place call into the Parish Office or call 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org This is a pre booking only event.

Job Opportunity - Choir Director: St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, 10 hours per week. St Eugene's Cathedral is recruiting for an experienced choir director to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir. They will ensure that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the church's liturgical themes. For a job description and application pack, tel (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Submit completed applications to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or email them to recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Applications must be received by noon on Thursday 12th November 2026. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group at Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, will take place on Tuesday, 3rd November. The evening will begin with the Rosary at 6.45 pm, followed by Holy Mass and the Novena. It will conclude with a blessing using a first-class relic of St Pio.

Annual Mass of Remembrance at St Joseph's Boys' School, Westway will take place in the school Assembly Hall on Wednesday 11th November at 7pm. If you would like any member of our school community remembered at the Mass, please contact the office on 02871262923. All welcome to attend.

Volunteers Needed: St Columba's Museum/Aras Cholmcille, behind the Long Tower Church, has reopened following Phase 1 of its refurbishment and is seeking volunteers who could give a few hours of their time each week to help out with various duties including: tour guides (training provided), museum/shop attendants, assisting with event planning/management arrangements, gardening, grant-funding applications, maintenance. All are welcome! If interested please contact 07775928928 for further information.

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 within the Church please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on +447596500793 or email: dlp@derrydiocese.org
Northern Ireland emergency services: PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland): 101 Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust: 028 7131 4090 (and ask for the Duty Social Worker), Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust: 028 9442 4459, Regional Emergency Social Work Services: 0800 1979 995. Republic of Ireland emergency services: Garda Síochána Buncrana: 00353 749 320 540 Letterkenny: 00353 749 167 100, TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency: 00353 749 102 23

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