

A short reflection on today's Gospel John 3:16-18

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

At the heart of today's Gospel lies perfect love, the perfect love God has for humanity. It was this perfect love out of which God always acts which caused Him to send his beloved Son into our world to teach us how to live, and thereby save us from ourselves. Jesus' life is our clear example of how life should be lived. He came, not to change God's mind about humanity, but rather to change humanity's mind about God.

This perfect love at the heart of today's Gospel offers us the beautiful consoling truth that God loves us not because we are good: God loves us because God is good. Jesus, may we look anew at your life in the full knowledge that you are truly the Way, the Truth and the Life. You shared in all our humanity: our joys and our griefs, our suffering, our humiliations and even our deaths. Your response to the wrongs committed against you was always one of compassion and forgiveness. May we follow your Way always.

Jesus, may we remind ourselves every day of the two great commandments you taught us: love of God, and love of mankind. May we live our lives in the light of those commandments and in the light of your beautiful Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus, may our faith be steadfast and true, so that we are never lost, but may have the eternal life God wishes for us.

First Holy Communion - Congratulations to the boys and girls from St Anne's Primary School and Model 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 Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 5th June 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.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Bosco Moore

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

May O'Donnell

Robert Carlin

Edward Patsy Doherty

Ann McMahan

Sadie & Norman Wells

Norman Junior Wells

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

Luka Kevin Kodejs

Cillian John McKinney

John Dermot Thomas McClelland

Hayley Rose Fullerton Fisher

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

Karen Coyle and Keaven Brown

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

SVdP: £250, £10

Cathedral Funds: £10

Smile Train: £70

Trocaire: £50

Blessed Carlos Acutis Statue: £20

St Therese of Lisieux: £50

Missions: £200

Flowers for Altar: £20

Collection

Last week's collection: £6,043

Parish Development: £1,022

Thank you for your generosity

Readers for 10th /11th June

06.15 pm	Amulya George
07.30 pm	Marian Boyle
09.30 am	Kate Doherty
11.00 am	St Eugene's PS
12.30 pm	Niamh Kehoe
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Job Opportunity - Housekeeper St Eugene's Cathedral. 25 hours per week (Monday to 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.*

Celebrate St Columba's Day on 9 June at Long Tower with Mass at 7.30pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Afterwards the St Colmcille Pipe Band will lead the traditional procession to St Columb's Well, followed by refreshments and traditional music session in the Long Tower Primary School Assembly Hall (church grounds). Everyone is welcome.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg Friday 23rd- Sunday 25th of June. We are inviting anyone age 16+ to join us for our annual pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Friday 23rd June to Sunday 25th June. Bishop McKeown will be leading the pilgrimage this year and invites those who wish to join him to book by calling the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre Tel: + 44 28 71264087 or email: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org. The cost is £80 for three nights, including transport from Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. You may wish to make your own way there, if more convenient. Please contact the email or telephone number above if you require any additional information.

The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 6th June at Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty. Starting with the holy Rosary at 6.45pm, Mass at 7.15pm, and Novena to St. Pio directly afterwards. There will be a first-class relic available for veneration. All are welcome.

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.

The Centre Social Supermarket is a wrap around project which helps residents in need through weekly check-ins and referrals. We can assist with food poverty, money management, education and training, mental health support, volunteering opportunities, social interaction and much more. Meet the team, call in for a chat to Pilots Row Centre, Rossville Street or give us a call on 02871 261916.

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias