

A short reflection on today's Gospel

Today's Gospel is an awe-inspiring account of Jesus on the mountain when he is revealed in light before three of his disciples as the Son of God.

At this point, Jesus is turning more and more to Jerusalem and the shame, humiliation, suffering and death awaiting him there. Soon he will begin the inexorable journey downhill but now on the mountain-top, he is brighter than light, brighter than the sun, fully revealed to the three disciples, and to us, in all his true glory.

Let us join the transfigured Jesus on the mountain-top and breathe in our Oneness with God. Let our hearts and souls be filled with the knowledge of God gifted to us by His beloved transfigured Son, who is standing before us radiating light; and the light is brighter than the sun; and it is pouring from his hands, from his feet, from his head, from his body. Let the full awareness that we are in the presence of the Son of God enter our hearts and flood them with the light of his presence. Let us listen with awe to the voice of his Father: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

Listen to him.

St Eugene's Cathedral Lenten Programme

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am Monday to Friday.

1.00pm Lunch time Mass (Monday – Friday).

Late openings on Mondays, beginning Monday, 27th February – To celebrate the Sacrament of Confession and spend some quiet time in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament from 8.00 to 10.00 pm.

Tuesdays: Why is my presence at Mass important? Fr Paul Farren will lead a series of talks in St Eugene's Cathedral from 7.00 pm to 7.20 pm.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal – Trócaire boxes are available for collection at the back of the Cathedral.

Trócaire Earthquake Appeal: Tea dance in An Grianan Hotel on Sunday, 19th March 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm. Admission £10.

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: This Prayer Society has been 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 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. **The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 6 March at 7.30 pm.**

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*Sadie Feeney
Gerard Doherty
Mary Doran
Sally Villa
Jeannie Hickey
Kathleen Ferry
Declan Brennan*

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

*Cían Andrew Taylor
Ruairí Óg Lynch
Joshua William Cunningham*

To book a Baptism telephone 028 71262894

Readers for 11th/12th March

06.15 pm	Helen Sweeney
07.30 pm	Liz McMonagle
09.30 am	Kate Doherty
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Oran Gartland
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

Collection

Last week's collection: £5,078
Parish Development: £988

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal: £500, £100, £100, £70, £160, £100, £50, £20, £200, £100
Ukraine: £70, £100
Cathedral Funds: £40
Smile Train: £40, £60, £40
Flowers for Altar: £20, £5, £10, £20, £20, £60
Missions: £210
Sight Savers: £40
Water Aid: £20
SVDP: £20

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, 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

St Patrick's Day family get together Join us this St Patrick's Day at the Cathedral Hall after the 11.00am Mass for kid's crafts, traditional music from the Cutliffes and face painting.

The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 8.00pm on Friday 10 March. It will be led by the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy and Greenlough. Everyone is welcome to attend or to follow the Devotions via the Cathedral webcam.

The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 7th March at Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty. Starting with the rosary at 6.45pm followed by Mass at 7.15pm and novena to St. Pio directly afterwards. There will be a first-class relic available for veneration.

Dates of the Accord Marriage Preparation Courses for April and May 2023 (Virtual) are April 17th/18th and 22nd/23rd May 2023. Courses can be booked online at www.accordni.com

Archbishop Eamon Martin is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 20th – 27th July 2023. Cost for 7 days is £799/€899 per person sharing. Flights depart Dublin at 6.05am Thursday 20th July arriving in Fatima 11.00am. Single room supplement and insurance is additional. For further information contact Joe or Maureen McLaughlin on 02890701606 or 07711808207.

CONCERN charity bookshop in Ferryquay Street is receiving donations for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal. You may leave them in the Cathedral, and we can arrange to collect them. You can also call up to the shop with cash or use our debit card machine. Concern, a member of the DEC, is currently providing food, shelter, clean water and emergency toilets in both Turkey and Syria. Local press has reported how overwhelmed we've been in Concern at the generosity of the Derry people so far.

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. An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 8th May 2023 at 3.30pm. If you require any further information, or wish to register for the information session, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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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**.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias