

A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 23: 1-12

Today's Gospel according to Matthew witnesses Jesus' warning to his disciples not to discard the truth because it comes from the mouths of venal people: the Scribes and the Pharisees. The truth is the truth even when vainglorious people, purporting to be closer to God than anyone else, use it as a cloak of righteousness which entitles them to worldly honour, attention and privilege. In Jesus' eyes these are noisy, attention-seeking people who may be speaking the truth while their actions are a flat denial of the truth. While Jesus calls us to love, these people are false leaders who burden 'little people' with a heavy weight of guilt but 'will not lift a finger to move them'.

Today's Gospel invites us to ask ourselves a number of questions:

Am I the Pharisee, the Scribe? Am I guilty of their offences?

Am I lacking in modesty and humility?

Do I make a big display of my religion? Are my actions failing to match my words?

Do I stay with the humbling realisation that I am totally dependent on God for life and love?

Do I stay with the words of Jesus, the inversion which governs the kingdom of God: 'Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Jesus, may we be searingly honest when we examine our conscience so that we leave ourselves open to your mercy, love, forgiveness, and compassion.

National Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood – we pray for those discerning their vocation at this time, and particularly for those who hope to begin seminary training in the next few months, that they will take to heart the Lord's words in this weekend's gospel and hear Him calling them to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in a spirit of humility.

Remembering Our Dead

There will be a Concelebrated Mass here at Saint Eugene's Cathedral on Saturday, 11th November at 7.30pm for the deceased members of each home in the parish.

Anyone who has lost a close relative who was buried from another church during the past year, please leave the deceased's name in the Sacristy or the Parochial House so that they can be remembered in the Mass and a candle can be lit in their memory.

Deceased Children & Young People's Mass. The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will take place in Saint Eugene's Cathedral on Sunday 12th November at 7:00pm. There will be an opportunity to write the name of your deceased loved one before Mass. All are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the Mass but would like your loved one's name included in our prayers, please email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena continues after 7.30pm Mass each Thursday until 30th November. Do you have some "knots" in your life? We pray and entrust our specific "knots" to Her loving hands, learning how to let go of that which binds us.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Lorcan Doherty
Michael (Mickey) Harkin

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Gillian Keaveney
George Gallagher
Siobhan McEleney (Nee Quinn)

Sally Hegarty
Annie McCauley
Pat McCaul

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Ada Quinn Downey
Orlaith Rose Sparkes
Rossa Éamonn McDowell

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Readers 11th / 12th November

06.15 pm	Mary Murphy
07.30 pm	Karen Harkin
09.30 am	Kate Doherty
11.00 am	St Anne's PS
12.30 pm	Sophie Mason
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

Collection

Last week's collection: £5,212

Parish Development: £1,042

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Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Smile Train: £5, £25

Cathedral Funds: £10

Trócaire: £25

Hungry Children: £25

Altar Flowers: £25

Sick Visitation

Fr Shaun Doherty will attend the sick and housebound in his care during the coming week:

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

Friday: Glenowen Park, Cashelmore Park, Hatmore Park, Ardglan, Nassau Crescent, Rosemount Gardens, Rosemount Avenue, Osborne Street, Joseph's Place

Parish Advent Pilgrimage on Tuesday 12th December. Bus leaves Cathedral at 9.30am and returning at approx 4.00pm. Price £40 - includes Transport, Morning Tea & Lunch. For more information or to book call into the Parish Office or call 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 6th November 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.

Christmas Afternoon Tea - Saturday 2nd December at 1.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. Join Anne Marie Hickey and friends for an Afternoon Tea with music and verse. Entry £25 - Pre booking only. Call into Parish Office or Tel: 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org.

St Joseph's Boys School Annual Mass of Remembrance for all deceased pupils, staff and governors will take place on Thursday 9th November at 7.00pm in the school's assembly hall. If you would like to add a name to the list of those to be remembered, please contact the school office on 71262923.

The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 7th November at Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry. Starting with the Rosary at 6.45pm, Mass at 7.15pm and novena to St. Pio directly afterwards. There will be an opportunity to be blessed with a first-class relic of St Pio after the Mass.

A Day Retreat of Prayer for the relief of the Souls in Purgatory will take place in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca on Friday 17th November, beginning at 10.00am and ending 3.00pm. Cost for the day, including light lunch is £15. To book a place telephone 71 262512.

Training for new Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Sunday 12th November, from 3.30 pm to 4.45 pm in Termonbacca Retreat Centre. For details contact Erin at thornhillministries@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) **101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.**