

**A short reflection on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
by the Columba Community**

The readings speak to us today about MISSION as Jesus sends out the 72 disciples. He sends them out with clear instructions about what they are to do. They are to bring the greeting of peace, cure those who are sick and tell the people that the Kingdom of God is very near.

There is an urgency in the mission he gives them because he sees that the harvest is plentiful. There are so many people who need to hear this good news of peace and healing.

When the disciples return rejoicing Jesus focuses not on what they have done but how they have grown in their relationship with God "your names are written in heaven."

We are all called to this mission of bringing peace and healing in the situations of our lives, proclaiming the good news of God's love. Sometimes we put obstacles in our way instead of accepting the invitation to be missionaries. Have you ever said...I couldn't do that/I could not be used by God/I'm not good enough? At these times we are putting the focus on us rather than on God who takes the initiative and who will always give us what we need to carry out the task that he gives us.

The desire in the heart of God is that we have a deep and loving relationship with Him. This relationship is nurtured in private prayer, in the sacraments and in the works of service He leads us into.

Our life situations may not be ideal, but God will always use the willing, open heart as a channel of His love for others.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: In the gospel Jesus invites us to "...ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into His harvest..." because "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few." As we thank God for our seminarians and the men currently discerning a vocation, we pray that many more will hear, and respond positively, to the Lord's call to serve the Church as priests of the diocese.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 7th July 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.

Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025: starts on Friday 25th July and concludes on Sunday 27th July. For those wishing to avail of transport, a bus will depart after 10:00am Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on the Friday; it will travel via Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost: £95/€110 (including transport). Pre-booking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org or phone the Diocesan Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for a booking form.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Ethna Glackin
Marcus Doherty
Darren Coyle***

May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate ***Shannon McDermott*** and ***Owen Moore*** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

Collection

Peter's Pence Collection: £ 6,296
Parish Development: £1,166

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Altar Flowers: £40, £100
Mary's Meals: £50, £1,000
Pancreatic Cancer UK: £50
Smile Train: £50, £200
Sightsavers: £50, £200
Cathedral Funds: £50
Trócaire: £20
Gaza Appeal: £20

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

***Eabha Charlene Feeney
Cadhla Marie Cassidy
Meabh Adrianna Sharpe
Cillian Charlie Sharpe***

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Readers for 12th /13th July

06.15 pm	Michael McCaul
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr/ Karl Orr
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	Megan Dallet
12.30 pm	Michael Wilson
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

Lunchtime Concert - Grúpa Ceoil Beag, a group of young traditional Irish music students and performers will be performing in The Cathedral Hall on Friday 25th July at 1.00pm. Entry is free and everyone is welcome. With thanks to Derry City & Strabane District Council for supporting this event.

St Vincent de Paul notice: The SVP Office will close for summer holidays on Friday 11th July 1.00pm, reopening on Monday 28th July. Please note all volunteers will be on holidays during this time.

St Eugene's Cathedral – Monthly Draw Winners

1st Prize	£1,000	Ticket no 55	John O’Kane
2nd Prize	£500	Ticket no 67	Fr Daniel McFaul
3rd Prize	£100	Ticket no 125	Hugh McBride
	£100	Ticket no 131	Pauline Friel
	£100	Ticket no 77	Celine Carlin
	£100	Ticket no 16	Jennifer Traynor
	£100	Ticket no 58	Pat Anderson

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

Congratulations to the winners of the second draw held on Saturday 28th June! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to support our parish — your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The next draw will be held on Saturday 26th July after 7.30pm Mass, best of luck to everyone!

Pilgrims of Hope at Lough Derg & Knock this July: Pioneers and friends of the PTAA are invited to mark the Jubilee of Hope on pilgrimage at Lough Derg from Friday 11th July - Sunday 13th July. The three days of prayer, keeping vigil and fasting, will allow us to connect in prayer with all who live under the shadow of addiction. For details visit www.pioneers.ie.

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 20th July. Prayers will be offered at Our Lady's Shrine for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres around Ireland. Contact Fr Robert McCabe via prayer@pioneers.ie for further details.

Mary's Meals Walk: 'Two Bridges Walk' on Sunday 3rd August, over the Foyle Bridge and Peace Bridge. We will meet in Sainsbury's car park at 11.45am to begin the walk at noon. The distance is approximately 5 miles. The walk is part of a series of walks taking place across Ireland in early August to raise awareness of Mary's Meals and the work they do. You can register for the walk at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/step> . If you have any questions please contact Helen Quinn, telephone 07814441701.

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops – the following dates are now available: September 26th/27th, October 17th/18th, November 7th/8th. Book online at www.accordni.com. Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual.

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