

A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain-top

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

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, light which 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 Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him."

Jesus, may we determine today to listen to you with our hearts. May we live our lives in the light of your compassionate love, your gentleness, and your tenderness towards those who are suffering.

Jesus may our faith in you have the purity and simplicity, the wonder and awe of a child.

Jesus, you told us many times not to be afraid. May we be fearless pilgrims on our journey towards you.

During this Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood we pray for those called to proclaim the Transfigured Christ, the Beloved Son of God, that they will "Listen to Him" as He speaks to their hearts, calling them to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry.

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

The death has taken place in Zambia of fellow parishioner Brother Gabriel McKinney S.J. (89) formally of Helen Street. The family would like to thank the many friends of the parish who fundraised over the years for Br Gabriel so that they had clean water in the mission. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Gavan Harkin
Margaret O'Hara***

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

***Helen McCloskey
Kathleen Doherty
Laurence Nash
Richard Gillespie
Noreen Killen
Cissie McLaughlin
Mary McCallion
Peggy Carlin***

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

***Fionn David Bonner
Zaia Darren Djédjé Zagbayou
Finn Gabriel Francis***

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate the couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

***Danielle Curtis and Seán McCallion
Gabriella Logue and Derek Kentish
Ava McGeehan and Sanjay Shaan***

Collection

Last week's collection: £4,262
Parish Development: £880

Thank you for your generosity

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Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Matt Talbot: £5
Hungry Children: £5, £5
Smile Train: £20, £30
Sight Savers: £20, £30
SVdP: £20, £25
Mary's Meals: £25, £40**

Readers for 12th/13th August

06.15 pm	Karen Harkin
07.30 pm	Anna Begley
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	Piaras O Meallain
12.30 pm	Niamh Kehoe
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

ACCORD NI Marriage Preparation Courses (6.30pm – 9.30pm Monday and Tuesday) - the following dates are available 25th/26th September, 16th/17th October, 6th/7th November, 27th/28th November, and 11th/12th December. Courses can be booked online at www.accordni.com. All courses are virtual.

Job opportunities – School Liaison Coordinator Parish of Templemore: St Eugene’s & St Columba’s. 35 hours per week 1-year Fixed Term contract with possibility of extension. The Parish of Templemore: St Eugene’s and St Columba’s are seeking to recruit an individual to fulfil the role of School Liaison Coordinator. Under the guidance of the Pastoral Coordinator this person will work in the two city parishes that presently have five primary schools and three post primary schools. This is a full-time role for one year with the possibility of extension.

School Liaison Coordinator Parishes of Steelstown and Culmore. 35 hours per week 1-year Fixed Term contract with possibility of extension. The Parishes of Steelstown and Culmore are seeking to recruit an individual to fulfil the role of School Liaison Coordinator. Under the guidance of the Parish Priest/Administrator this person will work in the two parishes that presently have three primary schools and one post primary school. This is a full-time role for one year with the possibility of extension.

For application packs please contact: Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 02871262302 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 14th August 2023.

Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

‘Building Parish Life’ – a talk by Mr David Wells in St Columb’s College, Buncrana Road, Derry on Tuesday 29th August 7.00pm – 8.30pm. An international speaker and author, David Wells has worked with parishes and dioceses internationally, encouraging and inspiring people to share the Joy of the Gospel, through the lens of building parish life. This is a free event. Booking not required. You are invited to attend this talk, to be inspired and equipped for the work of building parish and discerning the way forward in changing times in our parishes. For more information on the event, contact Tony Brennan, Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator, on 028 7126 2302 or email tony.brennan@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