

A short reflection on today's Gospel

The Harvest is rich but the labourers are few Matthew 9:36-10-8

Today's Gospel witnesses the compassionate eyes with which Jesus gazes on the crowd as they mill about in confusion, ignorance and disarray. He knows the richness of the harvest he wishes for his beloved people: redemption, salvation, and eternal life in the bliss of God's kingdom. He also knows the people's need for guidance in the way of truth and so he appoints his chosen twelve to go out among them as good shepherds go out with their flocks: healing, guiding, protecting, purifying.

Jesus is still calling today. He is calling us to be good shepherds, guiding those wandering about in disarray, healing, protecting, leading those who are lost back to the safety and truth of God's love. Jesus is calling us today to proclaim that 'the kingdom of heaven is close at hand', that God is closer to us than our breath itself.

Jesus, today's world needs labourers more than ever. We live in a world which promotes dishonesty, envy, cynicism and gross materialism. May we counteract with courage and love the world's attempts to deaden the soul's yearning for the pure perfection of God.

Jesus, may we listen today to your voice calling us to labour in the vineyards of your heavenly Father. May we respond to your call and labour in those vineyards; care, compassion and prayer being our guiding truth. Amen

The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 25th June at **3.00 pm**. Please be in position at 2.30 pm. Families are asked to bring their own holy water to the Cemetery for the blessing of the graves. At the appropriate time Bishop McKeown will ask a representative of each family to sprinkle their family grave (and neighbouring grave if there is no-one present). There will be no holy water in the Cemetery.

In accordance with Derry City & Strabane District Council health and safety procedures **there will be no access to vehicles to the cemetery from 12 noon to 4pm. Pedestrians only will be given access to the cemetery during this time to keep risk to a minimum.** A number of accessible parking spaces will be available for Blue Badge Holders at St Mary's Church, St Cecilia's College and Celtic Park. Access to these sites will only be given to vehicles that display a Disability Blue Badge Permit.

We encourage those attending to arrive in good time, and to adhere to the advice of the stewards. We would greatly appreciate cooperation with staff to ensure everyone can have safe and easy access to this time of prayer.

The Service will also be live streamed and available to view at www.youtube.com/@CemeterySundayDerry

The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th June. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Daniel Hutcheson
Kay Carey**

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**George Webb
Denis Doherty
Elizabeth (Lily) McCaul
Seamus McCaul
Bridget Bonner
Tommy McCourt
Elizabeth (Betty) Doherty
Damien Cullen
Franco Hickey**

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Coá Conor Dunnion
Dylan Ryan Moore-McDermott**

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 couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

**Natalie McCauley & Johnathan Fulton
Hannah Kelly & Joshua Daniels**

Collection

Last week's collection: £4,297
Parish Development: £1,012

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Smile Train: £5, £20, £90
Hungry Children: £5
Concern: £20
Trócaire: £100
Cathedral Funds: £50
Water Aid: £50
Ukraine: £20
SVdP: £10**

Readers for 24th/25th June

06.15 pm	Helen Breslin
07.30 pm	Oran Gartland
09.30 am	Kate Doherty
11.00 am	Piaras O Meallain
12.30 pm	Michael Wilson
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Auditions are now open for the St Eugene's Cathedral Choral Scholars Scheme for the term beginning in September 2023. People aged over 16 in full-time education are invited to apply. Scholars are paid a stipend for their participation in choral music at the Cathedral. For further information and application forms please contact Maghnus Monaghan, Director of Music at maghnusmonaghan@hotmail.com. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 21st June at 6pm.

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.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Sunday 23rd July. Schedule of Ceremonies - Rosary at 2.00pm, Anointing of the Sick at Knock Basilica at 2.30pm and Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica followed by Benediction & Rosary Procession at 3.00pm. For further information see www.knockshrine.ie or telephone 00353 (0)94 9388100.

All-Ireland Rally for Life takes place in Dublin on Saturday 1st July. Make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. Coaches travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. To book your seat contact 02890278484/ 07592280522 or email info@preciouslife.com

Annual Novena Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland 14th August 2023. Cost £599 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Northern Ireland, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Avail of Novena Ceremonies. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Search's summer scheme will take place from Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July in Unit 5 Iona Business Park, Southway and this will include a trip on Wednesday 5th July. The summer scheme will run from 10am - 2pm and is open to children aged 5-11 and the price is £25pp. If you or anyone you know is interested, we can be contacted via Facebook at Derry Search Youth Group or contact Clare on 07712571086.

St Eugene's Cathedral is monitored by CCTV cameras and by two live streaming cameras. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, www.watchmcnmedia or the parish website. The Diocese of Derry Privacy Notice is displayed on the parish website and Cathedral notice board, or you may obtain a copy from the Parish Office.

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