

A Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral on Sunday, 26th April at 3.00pm to mark the Silver Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop McKeown. We give thanks to God for Bishop McKeown's faithful service and dedicated ministry over the past twenty-five years since his Episcopal Ordination. May the Lord continue to bless him with wisdom, strength, and good health as he shepherds his people with care and compassion. Everyone is welcome.

A short Gospel reflection Luke 24:13-35

Today's Gospel is a quiet but powerful reminder of how easily we can miss God's presence in our lives. The two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem, weighed down by disappointment and confusion. They had hoped, but now they feel lost. And yet, Jesus is right there beside them - unrecognised.

How often is that our experience? We carry our worries, our unanswered questions, even our grief, assuming God is distant or silent. But this Gospel gently challenges that assumption. Christ walks with us, listens to us, and speaks into our lives, even when we fail to notice Him.

It is only in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened. This moment points us directly to the Eucharist, where Jesus continues to reveal Himself to us. In every Mass, the same pattern unfolds: the Scriptures are opened, our hearts are stirred, and Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread.

The transformation in the disciples is immediate. From discouragement to joy, from retreat to mission - they return to Jerusalem without delay to share the Good News. An encounter with the risen Christ cannot be kept to oneself.

This Gospel invites us to reflect: where is Christ walking with me today? And do I recognise Him - in Scripture, in the Eucharist, and in the ordinary moments of my life?

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: We pray that the hearts of our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will burn with the fire of the Gospel and with a desire to preach and spread the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm. 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.

St Eugene's Cathedral Choir will present "Exploring Mystery" a concert on Friday 24th April at 8.30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral. This concert is a celebration in thanksgiving for the work of Bishop McKeown on the occasion of the Silver Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. There will be a retiring collection in support of the Choral Scholar's Scheme.

St Eugene's Cathedral Parish Draw – only 200 tickets available! 10 monthly draws at £20 per draw beginning May 2026. Monthly fee for all draws can be paid in full or monthly. Entries paid in full will be entered into a draw for £500. Prizes per month £1,000, £500 and 5 x £100. The draw will raise funds for necessary repair, maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful Cathedral. Registration for the draw will close on 30th April 2026. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 02871 262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Eugene Gibbons
Annie Shiels***

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Bill McGill
Patrick Crawley
Isabell (McCaul) Gallagher
Myra (Bonner) Canning
Daniel Cullen
Jim Callan
Bernard Callan
Paddy Cullen
Patrick Horner
Lily O'Hagan***

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

***James Brian Bloomer
Eva Jean Bloomer
Dior-Rose Aisling Hayley Mulhern
Darragh John Thompson
Emmanuel Areola Kareem***

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Collection

Weekly Collection: £5,991
Parish Development Collection: £1,107

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Trócaire: £20, £70, £100, £40, £500, €50

Gaza: £40

Sight Savers: £40, £10, £50, £200

Smile Train: £10, £50, £200

Mary's Meals: £40, £50, £1,000

Hungry Children: £50, £5

Admin's Choice: £60

Flowers for the Altar: £100

Cathedral Funds: £100

Readers 25th/26th April

06.15pm Roisin Rice Cutter
07.30pm Niamh Kehoe
09.30am Barry McDaid
11.00am St Mary's College
12.30pm Marie Canning
07.00pm Anna Begley

The Cathedral Club meets on Thursdays after the 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to this parish social group who meet once a week in the Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road. Refreshments will be served.

St Eugene's Cathedral Scholars: Applications will open on 27th April for the 2026-2027 Choral Scholars Scheme. The scheme is open to all full-time students over the age of 16. The choral scholars sing with the cathedral choir weekly as well as other special events as instructed by the director of music. They will receive instruction in a wide range of choral music, and they receive a stipend for their participation. Entrance is by application only. For an application form contact the director of music at maghnusmonaghan@hotmail.com. Deadline for applications is 11th May 2026.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima - We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 5 nights from 3rd to 8th August. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £820 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org 00 44 2871264087.

Child Safeguarding – Full Introductory Training will be held on Saturday 30th May in the Cathedral Hall from 10am to 2pm. Child Safeguarding Training is relevant to those involved in Church activity that involves children e.g. clergy, leaders/co-ordinators/volunteers and any personnel with a key responsibility for child safeguarding. Bookings can be made by contacting the Safeguarding Office either by telephone on 028 7136 2475 or email safeguarding@derrydiocese.org.

Marriage Preparation Workshops: April 24th/25th, May 15th/16th, June 19th/20th 2026. These courses are available online for booking at www.accordni.com. Please note that Accord Derry will NOT be facilitating courses during July or August.

A Concert will be held in St Columb's Cathedral, Derry on Saturday 9th May at 7.30pm, featuring the visiting High Point University Chamber Singers. Performances will include modern and traditional sacred, spiritual and gospel music. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Prostrate ourselves before the Lord - hosted by Patrick McCrystal, Executive Director of Human Life International (Ireland), **Saturday 25th April at 7.00pm** at the Drummond Hotel, Limavady, Co Derry BT49 9HP. An evening of Encouragement, Proclamation, Repentance, Seeking God's mercy for our Nation and Prayer for Healing. All are welcome.

An Evening of Peace, Encouragement & Faith for Women and Mothers - Join Catherine DiNuzzio for a gentle, faith-filled evening offering hope and practical guidance for navigating anxiety with the peace of Christ. **Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm** in St Peter's Church, Lurgan. Co. Armagh

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 within the Church please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on +447596500793 or email: dlp@derrydiocese.org.

Northern Ireland emergency services: PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland): 101 Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust: 028 7131 4090 (and ask for the Duty Social Worker), Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust: 028 9442 4459, Regional Emergency Social Work Services: 0800 1979 995.

Republic of Ireland emergency services: Garda Síochána Buncrana: 00353 749 320 540 Letterkenny: 00353 749 167 100, TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency: 00353 749 102 233

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty