

A short Gospel reflection Luke 10:38-42

“You are so distracted, dear friend,” Jesus says gently to Martha. “Why are you so distracted? You worry and fret about so many things, but only one thing is needed. Your sister has chosen the better part.”

“The better part”, the “one thing that is needed” is Jesus as he shows us the way to his Father, the God of Love. Mary knew this and sat quietly at Jesus’ feet, drinking in his words. Martha welcomed Jesus into her home and she prepared food for him, and that was good. But she also needed to rest in Jesus, to listen to his words as he shone a light on her journey to his Father.

Let us rest in Jesus and feel equilibrium and balance being restored to ourselves, steadying us, making us whole. Yes, there are things which demand our attention, but they should never consume all our time. We must always make time to rest in the presence of Jesus, to rest in his words, to listen in quiet and silence as he tells us about his Father, the God of Love, the God who presence fills the universe, yet who knows each of us by name.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: That those considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will always, like Mary in the gospel, "...choose the better part..." and, like St Paul "... become a servant of the Church... responsible for delivering God's message... the mystery of Christ among you, your hope of glory."

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.

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.

Cathedral Parking Notice - Please be advised that parking at the Cathedral is restricted for Cathedral use only. Due to limited space, and to ensure safety, accessibility, and availability for those attending Mass, events, and pastoral appointments, we kindly ask that parking be reserved for Cathedral-related activities only.

This change also supports our efforts to accommodate:

- Elderly and disabled visitors who require closer access
- Clergy and staff during working hours
- Funerals, weddings, and other scheduled services
- Deliveries and essential maintenance access

We understand this may cause inconvenience, and we are grateful for your understanding and cooperation as we aim to serve our Parish as best we can.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Jimmy McDonald
Anne Rooney
John Joseph A Tracey
May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Patrick (PK) Kelly
Martha (Cissie) McLaughlin
Constantine McCaul
Anne Hickey
Ella Webb
Patrick Hegarty
Bernard Ward
Mary Cullen

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Sullivan-Mae Birdie McGlinchey-Stewart
Jax Armstrong

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate
Bronagh Kearney and
Rory O'Donnell
&

Ashlene Roddy and Conor Longan
who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

May God bless you abundantly in love, joy and happiness

Collection

Weekly Collection: £ 5,048
Parish Development: £847

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Smile Train: £15, £40
Sight Savers: £15, £40
Water Aid: £15
Mary's Meals: £40
Hungry Children: £5
SVdP: £20

Readers for 26th /27th July

06.15 pm Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm Liz McMonagle
09.30 am Karen O'Brien
11.00 am Angela McCallion
12.30 pm Sophia Mason
07.00 pm Marian Boyle

Sick Visitation

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

Tuesday: Tutor Close, Northland Parade, Northland Crescent, Edenmore Street, Glenbank Road, Glenbank Gardens, Glenside Gardens, Marlborough Road, Marlborough Avenue, Marlborough Street, Creggan Road, Helen Street, Oakfield Crescent

Friday: Glenowen Park, Cashelmore Park, Hatmore Park, Turasmore Park, Ardglen, Nassau Crescent, Rosemount Gardens, Baldrick Crescent, Osborne Street, Epworth Street, Lawrence Hill, Lavery Fold, Beechwood Avenue

Celebrate the National Grandparents Pilgrimage and World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine on Sunday 27th July. A day of grace, blessing and prayer for families, our Church and our future. Starting at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica, celebration of Mass at 3.00pm followed by the outside Rosary Procession (weather permitting). All are welcome – bring your family, bring hope and joy.

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20th July 2025*

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

Come and celebrate our Catholic faith on Slane on Sunday 3rd August - the hill where St Patrick lit the first Paschal fire in 433AD. This is a divine invitation to witness the Archbishop of Armagh symbolically light the fire of faith, hope and love, first kindled by our patron saint. Eurovision's Dana will sing her song for St Patrick, Light the Fire. Gathering begins at noon and includes Mass, Eucharistic healing, praise and worship and Rosary. For more information visit lightthefire.ie or email info@lightthefire.ie

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.

St Vincent de Paul notice: The SVdP office is closed for a summer break and will reopen on Monday 28th July. Please note that all volunteers will be on holidays during this time.

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.

RNID in Partnership with Dept. of Health are holding a free walk-in Support Service where we can help with: • Hearing aids, including basic repairs and maintenance of NHS hearing aids • Information on hearing loss and tinnitus • How to do a hearing check • How to access support and services in your area: Great James Street Health Centre -2nd Wednesday each month: 13th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December from 11.00am – 12:30pm.

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.