

A short reflection on today's Gospel Mark 10:35-45

As human beings most of us would define the ultimate in success as a jubilant climb to the top of our chosen ladder. The desire of many is to negotiate an intimate friendship with the world of power, the world of prestige and possessions. But the opposite is the essence of Jesus' teaching. According to Jesus, for us to achieve eternal life we must turn our backs on the world's definition of power and might and adopt instead a way of life which is modelled on his: a life dedicated to serving the needs of others. Jesus presents us with an entirely new model of power and leadership, which, if we are faithful to it, has every chance of creating a world of lasting peace and justice.

Today's Gospel witnesses James and John, sons of Zebedee, seeking primacy of place with Jesus as they excitedly envisage his establishment of a powerful kingdom on earth. They have failed completely to understand Jesus' words, and we can only imagine his sadness as they apply worldly standards of power and might to the things of heaven. Later, he presents to his disciples a clear image of true leadership: the way up to eternal life is the way down in humble dedication to serving the needs of others.

Jesus, may we find the courage and humility to withstand the seductiveness of worldly power and prestige and walk instead in the footsteps of Jesus who sacrificed his life so that we might live. May we use whatever God-given talents and gifts we possess in serving the needs of others.

Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood – As we celebrate Mission Sunday we pray for those who hope to play their part in the Church's mission of spreading the Good News of God's love as future priests of the diocese of Derry.

As the pilgrims of St Eugene's Parish begin their pilgrimage to Fatima this weekend, we ask that they keep us in their prayers. We pray that God remains with them on this holy pilgrimage, and may He guide their way in accord with His will. We ask that He shelters them with His protection by day, give them the light of His grace by night, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety.

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Parish Advent Pilgrimage on Thursday 12th December. Bus leaves the Cathedral at 9.30am and returns at approx. 4.45pm. Morning Prayer in the IOSAS Centre followed by refreshments, Mass in the Chapel of Ease in Fahan and lunch in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel. Price £40 Includes Transport, Morning Tea & Lunch. For more information or to book a place call into the Parish Office or call 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Bridget O'Neill

Lily Kelly

Edward Kennedy

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Luke Caleb Barr

Bobby Wheeler

Lily Rose Wheeler

Freya Kate Doherty

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Readers 26th / 27th October

06.15 pm	Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Kate Doherty
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Michael Wilson
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Collection

Last week's collection: £6,751
Parish Development: £1,237

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

St Bernadette's Relics:

£100, £100, £200, £20, £20, £20

Mary's Meals: £200, £20

Smile Train: £200, £25

Hungry Children: £25

Famine Relief: £20

Cathedral Funds: £100, £5

Admin's Choice: £5

Sight Savers: £25

Sick Visitation

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

Tuesday: Academy Terrace, 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, Osborne Street, Lawrence Hill, Joseph Place, Beechwood Avenue

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena continues after 7.30pm Mass on Thursdays finishing on 28th November. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady; that Christ gave His Mother to be our Mother, the Untier of Knots. We pray and entrust our specific "knots" to Her loving hands, learning how to let go of that which binds us.

As part of the City of Derry International Choir Festival there will be a Sea-Shanty Concert in the Cathedral Hall, Wednesday 23rd October at 1pm. This will include performances by the Causeway Shanty Men and the Tuned in Collective. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome. **There will also be a collaboration between St Eugene's Folk Group and Ardmore Folk Group at the 7.30pm Mass on Saturday 26th October.** All are welcome.

Long Tower's 40 Hours - A continuous 40 Hours of Adoration will begin with 8.00am Mass on Sunday 27th October 2024, continuing right through Sunday night and all day Monday 28th October, concluding at midnight.

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The Annual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St Columba's Church, Long Tower on the nine Sundays before Christmas, beginning on Sunday 27th October at 6.00pm, with guest speaker, Bishop Donal McKeown. Other guest speakers during the Novena are: Charlene McDaid, singer with Cana Music; Sr Sarah Branigan, Vocations & Novice Director at St Mary's Cistercian Abbey, Glencairn, Co Waterford; Fr James Devine CC Badoney Lower, Greencastle & Gortin; Sr Perpetua McNulty, Thornhill Ministries; Fr Pat McHugh, retired PP of Gartan & Termon, Co Donegal; Fr Brendan McManus SJ, author of Ignation Spirituality; and Fr John Harris OP, Prior Provincial of the Irish Province of Dominicans.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

As this year has been dedicated as Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, the theme for the Novena is "The Power of Prayer, reflecting on the Our Father. Each Sunday, from 27th October to 15th December, the programme includes the Rosary, a guest speaker, petitions, Eucharistic Healing, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Novena will end on Sunday 22nd December, with Carols by Candlelight.

'Whisper of God' Silent Retreats at Knock Shrine – Saturday 2nd November 2024 and Saturday 8th February 2025 at the Knock Prayer Centre from 10.00am to 4.30pm. Take sacred time to step away from the noise of daily life and reconnect with God in the peaceful, prayerful atmosphere that is unique to Knock Shrine. The one-day retreat offers a serene space for quiet prayer, reflection, and spiritual direction. Participants will be guided through moments of scripture-based prayer, group sharing, and personal spiritual guidance. Price: €70, including refreshments and lunch. For more information, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine, telephone 086 0108623 or email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie

The annual All Night Vigil for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will take place on 7th December 2024. Confessions will be available in the Chapel of Reconciliation from 10pm until midnight. The vigil will commence in Knock Basilica at midnight. The programme for the evening will include Rosary, Holy Hour, Reflections and Prayer and will conclude with the celebration of the Mass at 4.00 am. All are welcome.

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