

### A short reflection on today's Gospel

Today's Gospel gives us a vivid account of the resurrected Jesus' encounter with two of his disciples, Cleopas and another unnamed disciple. Having left Jerusalem in the aftermath of the death of their beloved Jesus, they are on their way to Emmaus and their excited conversation expresses their sense of confusion and incomprehension in the face of the events they have recently experienced. When they are joined by Jesus, they do not recognise him, but include him in their distracted talk. They are enthralled as he enlightens their understanding of Scripture in relation to the Messiah's Passion, death, and resurrection. Still not recognising Jesus, on reaching Emmaus they invite him to stay the night. Only when he sits at table with them, breaks bread and hands it to them, do they fall at his feet in joyful recognition.

Jesus walks with us throughout our lives, even if we do not always recognise him; even if we do not always feel the gentle strength of his hand holding ours. He never leaves us, never abandons us to walk alone in the dark. He walks beside us steadfastly, his shining truth lighting the way through the darkness to the glory of eternal life. If we feel abandoned, it is because we have withdrawn our hand from his and turned away from him. He never turns from us.

Jesus, the disciples recognised you from the breaking of bread. When we consume the Eucharist, may our hearts sing with the joy of our glorious union with you.

*Jesus, may we never fail to recognise you in the faces of the poor, the dispossessed, the lonely, the betrayed, and may we never turn away from you in blind indifference.*

### ST EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

A **Diocesan Mass** will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm. All are very welcome.

The  **blessing of a new statue of Blessed Carlo Acutis** will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The blessing will take place during the 10.00am Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

**Bishop Mc Keown will celebrate Mass on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm** to mark the day the Cathedral was opened in 1873. All are welcome.

The **Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux** will be take place at St Eugene's Cathedral from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Novena begins with a Mass with the Anointing of the sick at 7.30pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This will be an opportunity to pray for a special intention and to ask St Thérèse to intercede for us. It is a time when many people find great joy and healing. All are very welcome.

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

*Billy O'Kane  
Charlie Conaghan  
Gerry Nixon*

May they rest in peace

### Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*Sarah Page  
Mary Carlin  
Margaret Doherty  
Anne Burke  
Michael Murphy  
Elizabeth Murphy  
Carmel & David Calwell  
Fr Liam Nugent  
Mary O'Hagan*

May they rest in peace

### Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

*Noah Frederick Moran  
Niamh Eileen Kennedy  
Bobby Kelvin Dunlop*

### Sacrament of Marriage

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

*Danielle Kearney & Jamie McIvor*

### Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Trocaire:** £10, £100, £45, £20, £40, £10, £10, £100, £250, £200

**Carlo Acutis Statue:** £50, £20, £100

**Ukraine:** £100

**Turkey & Syria Earthquake:** £100

**150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations:** £249

**Flowers for Altar:** £100

**Sight Savers:** £10

**Smile Train:** £10

**Cathedral Funds:** £150

**SVDP:** £10

### Collection

Last week's collection: £4,396

Parish Development: £1,012

*Thank you for your generosity*

### Readers for 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April

06.15 pm	Roisin Rice-Cutter
07.30 pm	Liz McMonagle
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	St Anne's PS
12.30 pm	Roisin McGarrigle
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Knitting Jesus for Children** - Are you a knitter? Have you any spare odds and ends of wool? We would like your help with a special project! We would like children coming to Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral to receive the gift of a little Jesus to take home with them, to bring to Mass, to help them come to know Jesus better, to pray each day to him and to stay close to him. We don't mind what colour of wool used. You may have your own patterns, but we can also provide one. If you think you can help with this project, please contact [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)/02871264087.

**Sincere thanks from Sister Ann, Gerry Deeney, Margaret Hamilton (Holy Family Parish) and to all who contributed in any way to the Easter Raffle/Fundraiser in aid of vulnerable children and their families in Kenya, India, Nigeria, Zambia, and Haiti.** Thanks also to the many people who contribute generously throughout the year to the Hunger Box in the Church. This Easter we raised £12,980 and €320. May God reward and bless you all.

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**ACCORD NI Marriage Preparation Courses** – following dates available June 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> 2023 & July 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> 2023. Courses can be booked online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com). Both courses are virtual.

**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias**

**Day Retreat in Termonbacca in Honour of St Peregrine on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 10.00am to 3.00pm.** Cost including light lunch is £15. A first-class relic of St. Peregrine will be available for veneration at the retreat. Please bring a bottle of olive oil to have it blessed in honour of St. Peregrine. For bookings contact the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca on 028 71262512.

**Holy Souls Retreat in Termonbacca on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May,** led by Fr. Paul Denizot and Fr. Axel de Perthuis from the Fraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon France. Begins at 10.00am and ends at 4.30p.m. on Saturday. Begins at 10.00a.m. and ends at 1.00pm on Sunday. This is a free (donation only) event. Those who wish to attend should bring their own lunch. For bookings contact the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca on 028 71262512.

**The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership.** This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. An information session via ZOOM will now be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 3.30pm. If you require any further information, or wish to register for the information session, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)

**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](http://www.churchservices.tv), [www.watchmcnmedia](http://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.

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