

A short Gospel reflection Luke 23:35-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals His kingship from the cross—a place far from earthly glory. While leaders and soldiers mock Him, the Good Thief sees what others cannot: a King whose power is mercy and whose throne is the wood of the cross.

By turning to Jesus with a simple, humble plea—“Jesus, remember me”—the Good Thief opens his heart to the true Kingdom. And Jesus responds with astonishing generosity: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” This is the kind of King we celebrate today: one who meets us in our weakness, forgives without limit, and invites us into eternal life.

On this solemnity, the Church invites us to acknowledge Jesus not only as King of the Universe but as King of our lives. He does not impose Himself; He invites. He rules not by coercion but by compassion. The question becomes: do we recognise His kingship in the crosses we bear, in the people we are called to love, in the quiet places where mercy is needed?

As we honour Christ the King, we are reminded that His reign begins wherever love, mercy, and humility take root. He does not impose His rule; He patiently waits for our trust. May we recognise His presence in our struggles and daily crosses, and allow His gentle kingship to shape our hearts.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: We pray that our seminarians and all the future priests of the diocese will be faithful servants of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations: On Tuesday 25th November, the 7.30pm Mass in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, Derry, will be offered for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Derry. This will be followed by a Holy Hour from 8.00pm to 9.00pm, concluding with Night Prayer and Benediction. All are welcome to come and pray.

Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots concludes after the 7.30pm Mass on Thursday 27th November. All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection during this special time of grace.

The season of Advent begins next weekend. Take some time out from the pressures of getting ready for Christmas to pray and meditate on the true meaning of Advent.

Morning Prayer of the Church will be prayed in the Cathedral each morning at 7.45am, Monday to Friday beginning Monday 1st December.

On the Way Home - In preparation for Christmas, there will be an opportunity for Confession and Adoration each Monday during Advent (1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd) from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: every Sunday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and every Tuesday from 10.30am until 7.20pm

Christmas Table Centre Floral Workshop - Saturday 13th December at 12.00 noon in the Cathedral Hall. Limited spaces available. Cost £20 which includes all flowers, sundries & refreshments. Pre booking required. Call into the Parish Office or phone, 028 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Maureen Gallagher

Neil McDaid

Frank Nugent

Martin McGonagle

Jim Beattie

Anne Joyce

Agnes Ward

Desmond Gallagher

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

Angelina Nicole Ryan

Millie Olivia Nash

Mason Valentine Beattie-McCloskey

Readers for 29th /30th November

06.15 pm	Helen Sweeney
07.30 pm	Yju A/Claire O'Kane
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	Rosemount PS
12.30 pm	Sophia Mason
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Sick Visitation

Fr Shaun Doherty will attend the sick and housebound in his care on Tuesday and Friday.

Collection

Weekly Collection: £4,883

Parish Development: £1,061

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Smile Train: £50, £50, £15, £15, £50

Sight Savers: £50, £50, £15, £15, £50

SVdP: £100, £25, £100

Medical Missions of Mary: £20

Gaza Appeal: £10, £20

Mary's Meals: £10, £200, £25

Trócaire: £100, £15

Water Aid: £20

Hungry Children: £10

Sick Visitation

Fr Paul Farren will attend the sick and housebound in his care during the coming week:

Tuesday: Lisfannon Park,
William Street, Creggan Street,
Fahan Street, Cable Street, Lower Road,
Abbey House, Little Diamond

Wednesday: Mulvey Park,
Laburnum Terrace, Elmwood Terrace,
Gartan Square, Clarendon Manor,
Grangemore, Northland Road

St Eugene's Cathedral Christmas Mass Bouquets are available to buy after the weekend Masses and during the week at the Parish Office. Cost £2.

If you have family away from home this Christmas and would like them to receive a Christmas card from the parish, please write their names and full postal address on a card available at the back of the Cathedral and return to the Parish Office before 3rd December.

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi, Cascia & Orvieto, Italy – 18th – 23rd May 2026.

Fr Paul Farren will lead a Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi, Cascia & Orvieto, Italy from 18th – 23rd May 2026. Price is £1,135 per person sharing with a single room supplement of £225 (*subject to availability*). For more information, please contact Anne Marie Hickey, Pastoral Coordinator on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

First Saturday Rosary will be held on Saturday the 6th December at 1.00pm in Market Square, Letterkenny. All are welcome.

On Sunday 30th November at 7.00pm Termonbacca, Derry will have an evening of praise and worship featuring many talented artists from Carnhill and Ballymagroarty folk groups and many others. The evening is a fundraiser which will generate funds for the Anam Og youth ministry group and also Rachel's Vineyard post abortion healing ministry. Tickets are priced at £10 each and can be purchased from Termonbacca. On the night there will also be a raffle with many prizes up for grabs. Your support for these important ministries is greatly appreciated.

Advent Retreat: Step away from the rush of the season and enter a day of quiet, prayerful reflection. Join with the Columba Community for their Advent Retreat in the beautiful surroundings of St Anthony's Retreat Centre as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. What to expect: gentle times of guided prayer and Scripture reflection, opportunity for silent Adoration and celebration of the Eucharist. Inspiring talks and activities on living Advent with HOPE. Date: 30th November; Time: 11.00am - 4.00pm. Venue: St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, F93NF76. To register telephone: 0035374 9384866. Suggested Donation: €25.

The Magic of Christmas Concert – 14th December St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, 7.30pm. Join international Chart-topping and Classical Brit winners, soprano Margaret Keys, Fr Eugene and Martin O'Hagan for a night of festive celebrations. A night not to be missed! Tickets available (eventbrite.ie or call parish office on 02871262360).

Caring for people with Dementia, One day retreat. Wednesday 10th December from 10.30am – 3.30pm at Ards Friary. Cost €50 which includes tea/coffee and a light lunch. For bookings contact Ards telephone: 00353 (0) 74 9138909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie. For more information contact Caroline at carolinebrown268@gmail.com

St Mary's College Christmas Craft Fair (Northland Road, Derry) - Saturday 29th November 2025 from 11.00am – 4.00pm. £1 Entry – Café - Santa – Suits all budgets.

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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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty