

### **A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 28:16-20**

Today's Gospel has been acknowledged as a Gospel of revelation and consolation. It reveals Jesus definitively as the true Messiah, the culmination of the promises contained in the Old Testament, invested with 'all authority in heaven and on earth' by his heavenly Father. It reveals, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the only meaning to our existence that makes sense: we come from God; we live our lives according to the teachings of Jesus; we return to God. It reveals clearly the fact and power of the Trinity, in the name of which the disciples of Jesus are authorised to baptise all nations: God, the father and creator of all; God, the Son, the pain-bearer for all; God, the Holy Spirit, the giver of knowledge and wisdom for life to all.

Today's Gospel is also a Gospel of consolation, the consolation of the revelation of its truth, and the consolation contained in its final words, the words of Jesus: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Jesus, may we always keep your words of consolation and reassurance in our hearts. May we draw comfort from them in times of stress, in times of grief, in times of doubt, knowing that you are closer to us than our own heartbeat.

Jesus, may we always be grateful for your guidance in the way of truth, and may we hold fast to that truth in a world which often, for its own ends, encourages cynicism and doubt.

**Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** - For those discerning their call to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will grow in their personal vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation that will lead them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel as they lead God's people to know the love of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Adapted from Pope Francis' intentions for the month of May).

**St Eugene's Cathedral proudly presents Afternoon Tea with Daniel O'Donnell** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm in St Mary's College. Tickets cost £35 and are available to buy at the Parish Office.

**St. Eugene's Cathedral Pilgrimage to Fatima – 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.** Cost £770 per person sharing with a single room supplement of £150 (subject to availability). For more information, please contact Anne Marie Hickey on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

**St. Eugene's Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage to Knock – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024.** We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Price is £45 which includes transport and meals. As pre booking is required, please contact Anne Marie Hickey on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894 for a Booking Form.

**LIFE Camp 2024** – Calling all pupils currently in Primary 3 – 7. Week 1– Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Week 2– Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Cost for each week is £40. To register go to [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp)

#### **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Walter Casson  
Peter (Kinker) Donnell***

May they rest in peace

#### **Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Tommy Strawbridge  
James Caldwell  
Alan Roberts  
Frank Hegarty  
Jenny Mullan***

May they rest in peace

#### **Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God's family:

***Jayla Louise McConnell  
Rory Daniel Moss  
Corey Jonah Anderson-Higgins***

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Please remember: Godparents (1 male and 1 female over the age of 16)

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

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

***Michaela Gillen & Caomhán Friel  
Stephanie Quinn & Christopher Wade***

#### **Collection**

Last week's collection: £5,725

Parish Development: £907

#### **Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**St Thérèse: £20, £40, £40, £20, £50**

**Admin's Choice: £60**

**Trócaire: £200, £100, £20**

**Missions: £300**

#### **Readers 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

6.15 pm	Mary Morrison
7.30 pm	Caitlin Horner McLaughlin/ Cadi Hugh
09.30 am	Kate Doherty
11.00 am	St Eugeenes PS
12.30 pm	Niamh Kehoe
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

**Cemetery Sunday** - The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 3.00pm.

**Scalp Walk - Supporting Concern Worldwide.** The Annual Scalp Walk will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2.00pm. Concern Worldwide's work tackling extreme poverty among some of the world's poorest communities would be impossible without the compassion and generosity of the public & supporters. They are calling on everyone to support them to help highlight and support the work of Concern Worldwide. Route will be signposted from Burnfoot in Donegal. This is a moderately challenging walk of 6.8 km and 309m ascent.

**Dromantine Sunday: Family Fun Day** - Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Attractions: Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Flower Demonstration by renowned florist Susan Turley, Vintage Tractors, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more! Admission £5 Donation per car. Everyone Welcome.

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**The Shirt Factories Choir – Sing for fun with old friends and new!** This is a pop-up choir as part of the Every Voice Festival. Rehearsals take place at the Everglades Hotel from 11.00am to 1.00pm on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June . There will be a short performance with other local community choirs at St Columb's Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty**

**Foyle Hospice Female Walk/Run 2024:** This year's event will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am. Starting point: Catalyst Building finishing at St Columb's Park. If you are interested in taking part, you can register at: [www.register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Femalewalkrun2024](http://www.register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Femalewalkrun2024) or you can call into our Fundraising Department, located at Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, Derry. There is also the option to register on the day of the walk/run. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Adoption – Could you be part of a child's journey?** The Western Trust is holding a Virtual Information event about Adoption on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 3.00 – 5.00pm. This will be held online via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join the online event, please contact Colette McCann Social Worker on 07879803297 or 028 82835114.

**Noye's Fludde – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6.00pm in Christ Church, Infirmary Road.** Allegri Junior and Youth Choirs and Oakgrove Integrated Primary School form the chorus with professional opera soloists Laura Sheerin and Ryan Garnham taking the lead roles of Mr. and Mrs Noah. Accompanied by Orchestra North West & St Mary's College String Orchestra they present the community opera for amateur youth performers alongside adult musicians. To book tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/noyes-fludde-tickets-884130216277?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

**Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy** - 8 Days, including San Giovanni, Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel, Lanciano, Assisi (inc. Tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis), Loreto, St.Rita of Cascia, Our Lady of Revelations etc. Depart 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Ex Dublin. Cost £1,090. Limited places. For further details contact: Anita 07769744836

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