

A short Gospel reflection Luke 11:1-13

In today's beautiful Gospel we witness Jesus, as he teaches his disciples to pray, also inviting us to join our faith with action. If the Kingdom of God is to come to earth, if God's will is to be done on earth as it is in heaven, then we must marry our faith to our lives. We must question our Christianity if it is only capable of stating its beliefs on paper, but doesn't have anything to show with our lives.

People like Francis and Clare of Assisi, as well as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, are examples of Christians whose lives bore witness to their faith. Mother Teresa was not a champion of unborn children because she wore a T-shirt that said "Abortion is Murder," but rather because she welcomed needy, suffering mothers and children into her life, and stated in essence, "If you cannot raise your child alone, we'll do it together."

Yes, we have a loving Father who will respond to our needs, day or night, if we ask and believe; but that loving Father also waits for us to respond, day or night, to the needs of our fellow suffering human beings as we humbly marry our faith to our actions.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: In this weekend's gospel Jesus teaches His disciples - and us - to pray, and encourages us to ask persistently for the things we need, especially the gift of the Holy Spirit which we ask the Lord to pour down abundantly on our seminarians and those considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

This year has been designated a Jubilee Year of Hope — and it is also a Jubilee Year (25th Anniversary) for the Catholic Grandparents Association. In an increasingly secularised world where individualism threatens the very fabric of family life, Grandparents have never been more essential. This special day exists because of faithful Irish Grandparents. Today's Grandparents face challenges unimaginable to previous generations: complex family structures, strained relationships, threats to life at its beginning and end, and a culture that dismisses faith as something of the past. Grandparents know better: faith is a treasure for today and tomorrow, and it is their sacred duty to pass it on. In this spiritual battle, Grandparents remain God's secret weapon — the quiet, persistent force keeping families anchored in truth, the glue that holds them together when all else falls apart. While others may stand by, Grandparents never do. They love deeply, pray fervently, and hold fast to what others have forgotten: that faith, wisdom, and life's experience are gifts that cannot be replaced by social media or artificial intelligence. This is their day, when they gather together in love, faith, and hope — a living legacy that now reaches parishes and dioceses worldwide. Grandparents never give up hope, and they never will. Families are encouraged to mark this day not only in the Church but also at home, uniting in prayer and gratitude for all that Grandparents do. "*Grandparents never give up hope.*"

May Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus, bless Grandparents everywhere.

Warmest congratulations to Bill and Myra McGinley on their 60th Wedding Anniversary! Your enduring love and commitment are an inspiration to all. Wishing you continued joy, health, and happiness as you celebrate this incredible milestone together

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Paddy Deery
Sadie Matthewson
Alec Coyle
Ian Campbell Tennant
May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

James Devine
Patsy Harkin
Patrick Boyle
Thomas (Dusty) Breslin
May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate **Shauna Nash & Donall Breslin** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

Readers for 2nd /3rd August

06.15 pm Roisin Rice
07.30 pm Amulya George
09.30 am Rosemary Finan
11.00 am Yju A/Helen Sweeney
12.30 pm Marie Canning
07.00 pm Anna Begley

Collection

Weekly Collection: £4,727
Parish Development: £1,021

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

SVdP: £20
Sight Savers: £30, £80, £65
Smile Train: £50, £30, £20, £65, £200
Mary's Meals: £50, £90, £200
Water Aid: £50
Pancreatic Cancer Research: £80
Flowers for the Altar: £20
Gaza Appeal: £100
Admin's choice: £80

Sick Visitation

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

Monday: Lisfannon Park,
William Street, Creggan Street,
Fahan Street, Cable Street, Lower Road,
Abbey House, Little Diamond
Tuesday: Mulvey Park,
Laburnum Terrace, Elmwood Terrace,
Gartan Square, Clarendon Manor,
Grangemore, Northland Road

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.

First Saturday Rosary will be held on Saturday 2nd August at 1.00 pm, in Market Square, Letterkenny. All are welcome.

Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Telephone 028 7135 1329.

4 Week free Dementia Education Programme for Informal Carers, starting Wednesday 3rd September at 7.00pm in the Old Library Trust, Creggan. This course is for those looking after someone at home who has received a dementia diagnosis. It teaches what is dementia and helps carers to gain an understanding about different types of dementia, their signs and symptoms, about communication, different behaviours and coping strategies etc. *Please note, this course is not suitable for individuals who either have dementia or are currently going through a process of diagnosis.* Booking is essential via eilish@olt.ie or contact 02871 373870.

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

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.

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.

Parish Summer Day Pilgrimage on Thursday 21 August 2025 – Bus leaves the Cathedral at 9.30am and returns approximately 5.30pm. Morning Tea in the Clanree Hotel followed by morning prayer at Doon Well. Mass in Ards Friary and lunch in the Carrigart 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 Please note that this must be pre-booked.

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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.

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty