

A short Gospel reflection Luke 16: 19-31

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us once again to be true disciples in his ministry of love. Through the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, he outlines the criteria by which discipleship is measured.

The parable tells of a rich man, clothed in royal purple and fine linen, who lives in isolated luxury. At his very gate lies Lazarus, a poor man, covered in sores and longing for the scraps from the rich man's table. The rich man remains indifferent to Lazarus' suffering.

In time, both men die. Lazarus is carried by angels to the eternal comfort of heaven, while the rich man finds himself in torment. The warning is unmistakable: to live a life solely for oneself, ignoring the needs of others, is to separate oneself from God. But to live with compassion—to share generously with those in need—is to open oneself to the joy of God's eternal presence.

Jesus' teaching here is clear and urgent. Let us not delay in responding. May we embrace his call to love with generosity, humility, and action—before it is too late.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: Praying this weekend for our seminarians and the men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood we echo the advice of St Paul to Timothy in the second reading: that they'll fight the good fight of the faith and speak up for the truth as witnesses to the presence of Jesus Christ in the Church and in the world today.

Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations: The 7:30pm Mass on Tuesday 30th September, 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.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena - The Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots will begin after the 7:30pm Mass on Thursday, 2nd October in Saint Eugene's Cathedral. It will continue for the following eight Thursdays, concluding on 27th November.

Do you have “knots” in your life? Knots of discord in your family, unresolved pain in relationships, or a lack of peace and joy in your home? Sometimes life can feel like one overwhelming knot, especially when we face health challenges or burdens beyond our control. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady, and that Christ gave us His Mother as Our Lady, Untier of Knots. Through this devotion, we entrust our personal “knots” to her loving care—learning to let go and allowing her to gently untie what binds us. All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection during this special time of grace.

Mass Bouquets for the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis. To mark the canonisation of St Carlo Acutis, Mass bouquets are available in thanksgiving. A Triduum of Masses will be offered on his feast day, 12th October. Mass bouquets can be purchased for £2 each, and are available to buy after weekend Masses and from the parish office during the week.

St Carlo, known for his deep love of the Eucharist and his inspiring witness of faith in the digital age, will be a powerful intercessor for young people, families, and all those seeking to grow in holiness. This is a beautiful way to celebrate this joyful occasion and share a spiritual gift with others.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Celine Gibson
Tony Doherty
Rosaleen Knights
Edward James (Eddie) Kennedy
Donna Crumlish

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Tommy Molloy
John Carlin
Noreen McCafferty
Vincent McCafferty
Hugh Murray
Charlie O'Donnell
Mary O'Kane

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Tiernán Martin Mullen
Aoife Therese Doherty

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Collection

Priests Collection: £6,514
Parish Development: £1,183

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Readers for 4th / 5th October

06.15 pm Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm Stephen Orr/Karl Orr
09.30 am Cara Elliot
11.00 am Rosemount PS
12.30 pm Paul Gormley
07.00 pm Anna Begley

Pope John Paul II Award – Information Session. Are you taking part in the Pope John Paul II Award at St Eugene's this year? If so, you are warmly invited to an Information Session on Wednesday 8th October at 4.30pm in the Upper Sacristy. There will be a short presentation and discussion on how we can support you in finding meaningful and enjoyable activities to complete your award. If you have any questions, please email lauren.doherty@derrydiocese.org

St Eugene's Cathedral Choir – New Members Welcome. Do you enjoy singing and want to serve the Church through music ministry? St Eugene's Cathedral Choir is welcoming new members. All voice parts are invited, but we are especially looking for new male singers. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and sings at the 12:30pm Mass on Sundays, as well as at special liturgies throughout the year. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the director, Maghnus Monaghan, at maghnusmonaghan@hotmail.com, or speak with him after the 12.30pm Mass.

Women Without Fear – A cross community walking and wellbeing programme for women in the Derry area. Starts in October and runs for 10 weeks. Come together with goals to build confidence, connect across communities, improve physical and mental wellbeing, develop practical skills to feel safer in everyday life. Free of Charge. To register to attend call 02871262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

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. 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 - Please note that there will be no First Saturday Rosary in Letterkenny on 4th October, in support of the gathering in Knock on that date. The First Saturday Rosary will resume in Letterkenny on 2nd November.

Ulster Project Derry/Londonderry 2026. Applications are now open for the Ulster Project 2026. Teens must be 15 on or before 1st July 2026, and be regular Church attenders. A written reference from a priest confirming attendance, along with a reference from the form teacher, must be submitted with the application. Provisional USA dates are 25th June to 18th /19th July 2026. The full cost is the responsibility of each family and will depend on airline prices. As a guide, last year's cost included a £750 deposit at orientation (£50 non-refundable) and at least £800 to be raised over five months. Group fundraising events will also be held. Due to high demand, interviews will take place, and priority will be given to teens living in the Derry area. To request an application form, email: ulsterprojectderrylondonderry@outlook.com. Closing date is Sunday 14th October 2025.

Mary's Meals -Good News. The charity Mary's Meals is now reaching over 3 million children with daily school meals across 16 countries. We are so grateful for your compassion, prayers and support over the years that have made it possible to reach this milestone. Each little act of love is giving hope to new generations. Mary's Meals invites you to continue to pray for this work that we can reach the next child waiting and to consider volunteering your time locally to help us raise awareness and funds individually or as part of a group so we can keep the promise of a daily meal to the children we currently feed. Visit our website www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Caoimhe on 07394564065 to find out more.

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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