

## A short reflection on today's Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Today's Gospel illuminates important truths about Jesus. One such truth offers us the beautiful consolation that he cares deeply about suffering in the world, so deeply that, far from subscribing to the prejudicial law which would have rendered the woman with the issue of blood unclean, he reaches out to her in kindness, generosity and admiration. He sees into the truth of the woman: her suffering, her courage which is greater than her natural timidity, her humility and, above all, her powerful faith. And her powerful faith brings us to another truth of Jesus illuminated by today's Gospel: if our faith is real, then that faith in itself is sufficient to bring about our own healing. The woman's undiluted faith meant that, in effect, she brought about her own healing. Jesus states this truth clearly:

'My daughter,' he said, 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free of your complaint.'

One cannot help but effect a contrast between the woman's faith and the lack of faith exhibited by Jesus terrified' disciples when the storm raged around their boat while Jesus slept serenely in the stern.

The healing of the woman happens between Jairus' plea to Jesus to come and save his young daughter who is dangerously ill, and the actual raising of the child from the dead by Jesus. Before they set off for the house of Jairus, word comes to them that the little girl has died. One can only imagine the grief, the heartbreak, of the child's father. Once again Jesus reaches out with pity and love in his response to human suffering. He tells the stricken father to have faith, to trust, and all shall be well. Faith and trust in Jesus prevail and the little girl is restored to life.

Jesus, teach us to surrender ourselves completely to you, trusting in your love for suffering humanity to see us through our trials and to heal our wounds.

Jesus, may our faith in you be as strong as that of the woman in today's Gospel; may it be as trusting as that of the grief-stricken Jairus. May we know that only in total faith and trust in you shall we find the healing we weep for.

**Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** – We pray that the men called to serve the diocese of Derry as priests will hear the Lord say in this weekend's gospel, "Do not be afraid. Only have faith."

There will be a Vocations Day (for those considering diocesan priesthood) in Buncrana on Sunday 8 September, from 12 - 6pm. Anyone interested should please contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan by email: pgoh2111@gmail.com

**The monthly Matt Talbot, Freedom from addiction Mass** takes place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral. To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email [vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com) or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Mary Abel  
Joan Brennan**

May they rest in peace

### Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Robert McBride  
Billy Chambers  
Johnny Moran  
Carol Traynor  
Frank O'Neill  
Martha Sherrard  
Jimmy Carlin  
Pearse McCaul  
Hugh Gallagher**

May they rest in peace

### Sacrament of Marriage

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

**Jemma Duffy & Sean Brown  
Cora Deery & Cahán Brolly**

### Collection

Last week's collection: £4,807  
Parish Development: £936

### Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Mary's Meals:** £1,000, £100  
**Sight Savers:** £100, £30  
**Smile Train:** £50, £100, £30  
**Cathedral Funds:** £30, £20, £100

### Readers 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> July

6.15 pm	Helen Sweeney
7.30 pm	Mary Morrison
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Kate Doherty
12.30 pm	Michael Wilson
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

**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.

### **Diocese of Derry Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2024**

Lough Derg is a sacred place apart to bring burdens and leave them behind, to seek healing for wounds and to offering of prayer. The Lough Derg Pilgrimage provides a breathing space in which people can calmly explore and reflect on where they find themselves in their lives at this moment in time. The Diocese of Derry Three Day Pilgrimage led by Bishop Donal McKeown starts on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> July. Bus will depart after 10:00am Mass from St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, going via Strabane, Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost £80 including transport. Cost without transport £70. Prebooking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan, Pastoral Coordinator on [tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org) or phone the Diocesan Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for booking form. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery this afternoon at 3.00pm. Please be in position at 2.30 pm.** Families are asked to bring their own holy water to the Cemetery for the blessing of the graves. At the appropriate time Bishop McKeown will ask a representative of each family to sprinkle their family grave (and neighbouring grave if there is no-one present). There will be no holy water in the Cemetery. There will be no vehicle access to the cemetery from 12pm to facilitate preparations for the service. Access will only be given to those who have registered with gates remaining open until 2.30pm. Those who have secured a space must be in place by 2.30pm, as there will be no access for vehicles after this time.

Other car parking will be available for blue badge holders at St Mary's Church, Creggan, St Cecilia's College and Celtic Park. Access will only be given to vehicles that display a current Disability Blue Badge Permit on arrival.

For visitors parking outside the cemetery, we ask that you please park in appropriate areas and be considerate of people living in the area. Do not block roadways, footpaths, or gateways when parking. This is an important time of prayer for families who are remembering loved ones, and we ask that everyone is respectful and mindful of other visitors during the service. We encourage those attending to arrive in good time, and to adhere to the advice of the stewards. We would greatly appreciate cooperation with staff to ensure everyone can have safe and easy access to this time of prayer.

The Service will also be live streamed and available to view at <https://youtube.com/live/9ZS-utqxlFQ?feature=share>

**The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty.** Starting with the Rosary at 6.45pm, Mass at 7.15pm, and Novena to St Pio directly afterwards. After Mass there will be an opportunity to be blessed with a first-class relic of St Pio. All are welcome.

**All-Ireland Rally for Life** takes place in Dublin on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Coaches will be travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. To book your seat contact 028 90278484/ 07592280522 or email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

**Pilgrimages to Fatima ex Dublin:** Easter 2025, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Contact James Treacy 00353 61921470, email: [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com)

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**Safeguarding Notice:** If you have any concerns regarding 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](mailto:mariegormley@derrydiocese.org) or contact the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern) 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**