

As a parish community we look forward to the ordination of Deacon Shaun Doherty to the Priesthood here at Saint Eugene's Cathedral this afternoon at 3.00pm. He will be celebrating his first Mass at Saint Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, on Monday 3rd July at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. ***We ask you Lord Jesus, to fill Shaun with the fire of your love, that his ministry may reveal your presence in the Church.***

A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 10: 37- 42

'Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.' These words spoken by Jesus in today's Gospel, spoken with such force, can initially seem enigmatic, paradoxical, even. How can we find ourselves by losing ourselves? And then it dawns on us. If the life we find ourselves living and cherishing has the ego at its centre, if it is a life wedded exclusively to the material world, a life which embraces the power-hunger, greed and corrupt practices of that world, then that life, when it ends, is lost. But anyone who lives life with Jesus at its centre, a life which embraces Jesus fully - his teaching, his guidance, the cross he carried out of a love so profound it made the cold world reel in shocked incredulity, that person has found eternal life.

To be a true and faithful disciple of Jesus is not easy, and Jesus knows this. He knows it is not easy for us to carry the cross of our suffering with the same courage, fortitude and humility with which he carried his own heavy cross to Calvary. He knows our predilection to attach ourselves to the wrong things, the wrong people, the shiny and superficial as opposed to the deep and worthwhile. He assures us over and over that he will never desert us: he will never abandon us to our fears. He assures us that true faith overcomes all fears: if we put his spirit before all else, our reward will be great indeed, in this life as well as in eternal life. We can experience in the here and now the peace and joy which is the reward of casting aside the ego-centred life and embracing a life which is gloriously Jesus-centred.

Jesus, may we never forget that faith can overcome all fear.

Jesus, may we always remember to put you before all else if we are to gain a life of peace and joy for all eternity.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 3rd July at 7.30 pm. The Matt Talbot Prayer Society was created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. 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. Mass will also be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email 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:

***Kay McGeady
Kathleen McNamara
William Hegarty***

May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

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

***Claudia Doherty & Mark Kelly
Sorcha Brady & Peter Canavan
Leann Dahlstein & John Coyle***

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Charles Callan
James Carlin
Sammy & Frances Kearney
Pearse McCaul
Carol Traynor***

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

***Georgia-Louise Lily Walker
Raylon John Kelly-Duddy
Rúben James Sean Doherty***

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

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

Collection

Last week's collection: £5,717
Parish Development: £967

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Hungry Children: £10
Trócaire: £100, £80
Concern: £40
Cathedral Funds: £30**

Readers for 8th /9th July

06.15 pm	Oran Gartland
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Helen Sweeney
12.30 pm	Niamh Kehoe
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

Parish Baptismal Programme: Expectant parents are invited to come to the Sacristy after Sunday Mass for a blessing for themselves and their unborn baby. After this blessing the parents will receive a prayer that they can say during the pregnancy. When the baby is born, parents who wish to have their child baptised here in St Eugene's Cathedral must contact the Parochial House to book their attendance at an Evening of Celebration. The date of Baptism for the child will be confirmed at the Evening of Celebration. **One Godparent, male or female is sufficient, but there may be two, a Godfather and a Godmother (Canon 873). Godparents must be baptised, practising Catholics who have received the Eucharist and have been confirmed.**

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine for Grandparents will take place on *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, Sunday 23rd July. Rosary, 2.00pm, Anointing of the Sick, 2.30pm, Mass, 3.00pm, followed by Benediction and Rosary Procession. Dana will sing the pilgrimage favourite, *Lady of Knock*, as well as her new hymn, *Light the Flame*. Children's Prayer Appeal: Inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents and send it to Knock Shrine Museum. If you are unable to join the pilgrimage in person you can participate online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 4th July at Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty, Derry. Starting with the holy Rosary at 6.45pm, mass at 7.15pm, and novena to St. Pio directly afterwards. The priest will bless each person with a first-class relic of St. Pio.

Legion of Mary Young Adult Catholic Conference - Saturday August 19th & Sunday 20th 2023: 'Under Mary's Mantle' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35) with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in the historic All Hallows campus, DCU, Dublin. A chance to build your faith in friendship with young men and women from across the country. Keynote speakers include poet and convert Sally Read, a one-time radical feminist who embraced the Faith, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Cistercian Fr Aelred McGee, Marian theologian Professor William A Thomas and many more. The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical Year. Mass and Confessions take place both days. Two-day ticket (Saturday & Sunday) – €60. Day rates – Saturday €40; Sunday €30. Students get a 10% discount – contact deusetpatria@gmail.com for discount code. There is a limited amount of accommodation available in DCU, contact deusetpatria@gmail.com or call 085 144 2423 for rates and more information.

Urgently required: volunteers for St Vincent de Paul shop William Street, Derry. We will do our best to facilitate you with a job you might like, at a day and time that suits you. If you can help, call 028 7126 8325. Everybody welcome, we can't do what we do without your help and support, so why not a least do a trial day (no commitment) to see if you like it !

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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**.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias