

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Short reflection on today's Gospel
Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

Jesus makes it clear in today's Gospel that it isn't the size of our faith which is the problem, rather it is our failure of tolerance for uncertainty. We remember Jesus admonishing Thomas for needing the visible, incontrovertible proof of his own eyes before he was willing to accept his master's resurrection, and we remember Jesus' blessing for those of us who have faith without need of that same visible proof. If our faith is lived faith, it can accommodate uncertainty; it can be the size of a tiny mustard seed and still 'move mountains'. It is living by faith through the joys and sorrows of life, the gains and the losses, the torments and the consolations, which Jesus asks of us. His life, his passion and his death show us the way; his resurrection is our promise of eternal bliss if we are faithful to his teachings.

Today's Gospel also advises humility. Jesus reminds us that even if we live virtuous, faith-filled lives, we should not claim credit, because, after all, we are merely doing what we are obliged to do. All in all today's Gospel is stern and uncompromising, but it needs to be. Jesus has limited time at his disposal and his desire for our salvation is acute. He is unwilling to waste a moment, and he doesn't. He wants us to listen to his words and take heed of them.

Jesus, may we listen to your words and live by them. May we live out our faith through all of life's doubts and uncertainties, through its joys and its sorrows; and as our lives come to their end, may we be steadfast in our faith that we will soon be in the presence of God and hear with joy His loving words, "Welcome, good and faithful servant."

Children's Liturgy-Every Sunday at the 11am Mass, St Eugene's Cathedral offers a special Children's Liturgy group. Children's Liturgy is a great opportunity for a child to experience the word of God in a way that tends to be more accessible to them.

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 2 October on the theme 'Caring for the Older Person'.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Thomas (Tommy) Molloy
Patrick Kennedy

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

James Doherty
John Burke
Jean Villa

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Fiadh Martina White
Niamh Lily Green
Raya-Marie Peoples Wylie

To book a Baptism phone 02871262894.

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



Matt Talbot Mass

The next Mass takes place in St Eugene's Cathedral, at **7:30pm on Monday 3rd October**. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction, we also pray specifically for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Medical Missionaries of Mary £5
Sight Savers £20 £10
Trocaire £20
Smile Train £10
Pakistan Floods £40

Collection

Last Week: £4222
Parish Development: £881

Thank you for your generosity

Readers for next weekend
8th/9th October

06.15 pm	Therese Ferry
07.30 pm	Helen Sweeney
09.30 am	Kate Doherty
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Kevin Finan
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena continues after 7.30 pm Mass on Thursday, 6th October. Do you have some “knots” in your life? Knots of discord in your family, the knots of deep hurts in relationships, the absence of peace and joy in the home. Sometimes our lives may seem one big knot due to circumstances beyond our control when we face health problems. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady; that Christ gave His Mother to be our Mother, the Untier of Knots. We pray and entrust our specific “knots” to Her loving hands, learning how to let go of that which binds us.

Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning: The Foyle Hospice invites you to the Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning to celebrate World Hospice Day. Come along on Saturday 8th October, 2022, to the Day Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, Derry, between 10am and 2pm.

COASTAL ROSARY FOR FAITH & LIFE IN IRELAND On Sunday October 9th the annual Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Sign up at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 13th – 21st, 2023. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and other important sites, this is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Price is €1,895 / £1,655pps including taxes and tips. For more details, email info@marian.ie or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren | Fr Roni Zacharias Deacon: Rev Michael McCaul