

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**A Short reflection on today's Gospel**  
**Luke 20:27-38**

Today's Gospel witnesses yet another attempt by the enemies of Jesus to trap him into incriminating himself out of his own mouth. This time it was the Sadducees who set the trap. The Sadducees, immersed in legalism and ritualism, did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. They denied the gradual development of biblical revelation and clung to the legal prescriptions of Moses to support their disbelief.

The enemies of Jesus were often blinded to the truth by an unhealthy attachment to the things of this world. Their values were worldly values: power, status, wealth, position, and a need to be seen as separate and superior to the poor and the powerless. The only kingdom they could envisage was an earthly kingdom with earthly rewards.

Jesus easily dismisses the Sadducees' example of the widow who married seven brothers according to the law, by making a clear distinction between this world and the world of light, and then goes on to what is at the heart of the Christian message: the resurrection of the dead. If we live in faith and love, there is no death; that is God's promise. Death is not an ending: it is a transformative process.

To embrace the resurrection is to embrace faith as knowing but not perfect knowing, and to embrace understanding but not perfect understanding. All around us, the cycle is life, death, life. It is in every sunset, every sunrise. It is in the year's movement through the seasons: life, death, life. Thanks be to God.

**Deceased Children & Young People's Mass:** The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 6th November at 7:00pm.

**There will be a Concelebrated Mass here in St Eugene's Cathedral** on Saturday 12th November 2022 at 7.30pm for the deceased members of the parish. As we were unable to gather as a Parish Community due to covid restrictions there will be a further two Concelebrated Masses held for those who died during 2021 on Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm and for those who died during 2020 on Saturday 26th November 2020 at 7.30pm. Anyone who has lost a close relative who was buried from another church during the past year please leave the deceased's name in the Sacristy or Parochial House so that they can be remembered in the Mass and nominate someone to receive a candle in their memory.

**Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

*Patsy Begley*  
*Sally Hegarty*  
*Michael Val Beattie*  
*Laurence Hegarty*

**Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*George Holmes*  
*Pat McCaul*  
*Hugh Gallagher*  
*Eleanor Slevin*  
*Michael McCaul*  
*Aoibheann Mullan*  
*Neil McMahan*  
*Joe & Anne Hegarty*  
*Brenda & Paddy O'Flaherty*

**Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God's family:

*Gracie Mai Campbell*  
*Luan Fitzpatrick*  
*Oisín James Meehan*

To book a Baptism phone 02871262894.

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

**Sacrament of Marriage**

We congratulate the couple who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral.

**Caoimhe Murray & Jack Sharpe**

**Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Cathedral Funds: £50, £100  
Smile Train: £20, £20  
Sight Savers: £20, £50  
Trocaire: £100, £100  
Somalia: £100

**Collection**

Last week's collection: £4653  
Parish Development: £785

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Readers for 12th/13th November**

06.15 pm	Carmel Devenney
07.30 pm	Majella Coyle
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	St Eugene's P.S
12.30 pm	Eilish Friel
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

**The Matt Talbot Prayer Society** – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: The next Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene’s Cathedral at **7.30 pm on Monday, 7th November.**

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**Derry City & Strabane District Council** cemetery winter opening hours are 8.00am-4.30pm.

St Paul encourages us to “... pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly...” We ask God’s blessing on those He is calling to spread the Good News of His love as priests, deacons or religious. . The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry, on **Friday 11 November, from 8-9pm**, and will be broadcast on the Cathedral webcam for those who cannot attend in person. It will be led by Fr Daniel McFaul, PP, St Mary’s, Creggan.

**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias, Deacon: Rev Michael McCaul**

**Northern Ireland Foster Care** - This autumn, help us spread the word about Fostering. We need more foster carers now, right across Northern Ireland. Help us get the message out by talking to your family, friends and work colleagues. There are various types of foster care available to suit different lifestyles and family commitments. Could you foster? Telephone: 0800 0720 137 Website: [adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](http://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)

**St Joseph’s Boys School** annual Mass of Remembrance for all deceased pupils, staff and governors will take place on Thursday 10 November 2022 at 7pm in the school assembly hall.

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