

**Bishop McKeown, Fr Paul, Fr Roni, & Deacon Shaun**  
**Wish you all a holy and a happy Easter**

**A Word of Thanks**

We would like to thank sincerely all those who helped in the Easter Ceremonies. The Sacristans, Maghnus Monaghan, and the Choir, Cantors and Musicians, Margarett McNamee and the Rejoice Folk Group, Joe Horner, Gráinne Nugent and the Readers, Noreen McElhinney and the Eucharistic Ministers, those who took part in the Washing of the Feet, and those who prepared the Church.

**A short reflection on today's Gospel**

Today's Gospel calls us to accompany Mary of Magdala as she makes her heartbroken way to the tomb in order to minister to the precious lifeless body of her beloved Jesus. We share her shocked horror when she discovers the empty tomb. There are very few of us, having experienced the pain of the loss of a loved one, who have not faltered under the crushing weight of the absence of that loved one: the empty tomb experience is a deeply human one.

But the darkest part of the night is just before the dawn. We have travelled with Jesus on his excruciating journey to Calvary. We have witnessed his agony as he is reviled, abused, humiliated, mocked, tortured. But soon the empty tomb will liberate the disciples understanding of the teaching of scripture, 'that he must rise from the dead'. Soon the heartbroken Mary of Magdala's tears will be wiped away as Jesus tenderly calls her name.

The cross which seemed to be the end of all hope becomes the source of all life; Jesus is alive in our midst today as the beautiful, pure spring of all love, kindness, generosity, justice and peace.

*Jesus, you are the true, beautiful, place of peace within us, the place of rest which helps us to bear the darkness. May we never forget that we are Easter people, people of the resurrection, loving each other as you have so loved us through your cross and passion.*

**St Eugene's Cathedral Programme**

Monday to Friday (10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April)

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00am and 7.30pm

Saturday (15<sup>th</sup> April)

Mass at 10.00am, Vigil Masses at 6.15pm and 7.30pm

Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> April)

Mass at 7.00am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

*Jesus Christ  
is risen  
today!  
Alleluia!*

**Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

*Drew Callan  
Iris Harrigan*

May they rest in peace

**Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*Thomas Bonner  
Eddie Doherty  
Kitty McKeever*

May they rest in peace

**Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God's family:

*Fiadh Willow Rieger  
Caidhan Steve McGonagle  
Jake James Harkin  
Michael Kevin O'Neill*

**Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Blessed Carlo Acutis Statue:**

£100, £120

**Cathedral Funds:** £30

**Sightsavers:** £50

**Trocaire:** £50, £100, £150

**Turkey & Syria Appeal:** £100, £500

**Mary's Meals:** £110, £25

**SVdP:** £20, £10, £25

**Smile Train:** £100, £60

**Foyle Food Bank:** £100

**Altar Flowers:** £10

**Collection**

Last week's collection: £5,257

Parish Development: £1,132

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Sacrament of Marriage**

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

*Karen Doherty & Darragh Buckley*

The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral at 8.00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April led by Fr Patrick Lagan, CC, Waterside. Everyone is welcome to attend, or to join in the prayers via the Cathedral webcam.

**Dates for the diary** - St Therese Novena will be held at St Eugene's Cathedral from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**World Youth Day** - Derry Diocesan Youth is taking a group on Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This pilgrimage is for over 18s. Limited places available: if you would be interested in travelling on the pilgrimage, or finding out more, please contact Lizzie Rea on lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

**The Sister Clare Retreat** will take place in St Columba's Church, Long Tower from 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April. There will be Mass at 7.00am & 10.00am (Monday to Friday). Each evening at 7.30pm there will be Benediction, with a guest Speaker (Monday-Friday). On Saturday there will be Benediction at 3.00pm, followed by a guest speaker. The closing ceremony will be led by Bishop McKeown and takes place on the Sunday at 3.00pm.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (9 nights) Direct ex Dublin – Tel Aviv. Part I: Galilee/Nazareth. Part II: Bethlehem/Jerusalem. Cost £1,795 stg includes taxes, transfers, tips, half-board. For further details please contact Erin/Sr Perpetua at thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

**The Catechism of the Catholic church** in Our Lady's shrine, Knock on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 from 9.30am – 5pm. Spiritual Director: Fr. Vincent Twomey SVD. The Catechism / YOUCAT Workshop will be of interest to those who plan to start / join a Study Group. For further information / booking contact Mairin Ni Shuilleabhain B.A. Div. Coordinator - Adult Studies Catechism of the Catholic Church. Email: mairin991@gmail.com Mobile: 087 7950325 Website www.catechism.ie .

**Anam Cara Donegal**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny Co. Donegal. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 00353 (01) 4045378.

**Foster Carers** needed in the Western Trust area – a range of opportunities available that can work in with different lifestyles, including respite, emergency and long-term: Upcoming Information Events at the Guildhall, Derry on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. To register, email info@fostering.hscni.net or call 0800 0720 137

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**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias Deacon: Rev Shaun Doherty**