

Jesus walks on the water. Matthew 14:22-33

Today's powerful Gospel delivers a clear and succinct lesson on faith. Jesus has just miraculously fed the five thousand and now that they have gone home, he directs his disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee without him, while he goes to the mountain-top to pray. The Sea of Galilee, notoriously unpredictable in its moods, erupts into a storm. The contrary winds attack the fragile boat, and the disciples are afraid. They see Jesus walking towards them on the water and, transfixed with fear, they don't recognise him; they think he is a ghost. He calls out to them, "It is me. Don't be afraid." And then we are presented with the real miracle. Peter, having trustingly asked Jesus for his help, steps out of the boat and begins to walk towards him on the water. But then his courage fails when he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses instead on the choppy waters. He immediately begins to sink. His failure of courage, his loss of faith, do not incur the anger of his master. He receives a gentle reprimand as Jesus holds him up and helps him onto the boat. With the presence of Jesus on the boat the winds immediately die down and the sea is calm once more.

Resting with this Gospel teaches us important truths. Jesus goes apart to pray to his heavenly Father, before crossing the waters. If we are following the way of Jesus we, too, should go apart to pray for courage and renewed faith before crossing over to new challenging terrain. In life we will often find ourselves in seas which are choppy and dangerous. Jesus tells us that to negotiate these dangerous waters, all we need is faith. We need a strong faith which does not falter in the face of danger; faith in a loving God who will keep us afloat if we call on him, who will not let us drown, because he recognises that we are striving to reveal his kingdom to others. He will teach us to do the impossible and thereby cross to a new level of consciousness.

Initially Peter, his usual enthusiastic, impulsive and loving self, does the impossible: he walks on the water. It is only when he succumbs to fear and takes his eyes off Jesus, that his faith fails and he begins to sink. Peter at this stage of his life, is most like those of us whose love of God and belief in eternal life are often

shaken by fear; fear of death; fear of failure; fear of loss. Let us listen to Jesus who, time and time again, tells us not to be afraid because he is always with us, holding us up, teaching to do the impossible: to walk fearlessly on stormy waters.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Patrick McIvor

John Hume

May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Noreen Killen

Eugene Bonner

Charlie Begley

May they rest in peace.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Dré O'Hagan, Clon Dara

Edie Elizabeth Cassidy, Beechwood Avenue

Thomas Noah Browne, Northland Way

Readers for next weekend – 14/15 August (Holyday)

06.15 pm	Mary Feeney
07.30 pm	Majella Coyle
09.30 am	Angela McCallion
11.00 am	Ava McGinn
12.30 pm	Marian Boyle
07.00 pm	Liz McMonagle

Readers for next weekend – 15/16 August

06.15 pm	Therese Ferry
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Kay McGinn
12.30 pm	Charlie McDermott
07.00 pm	Caolan Orr

Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: This Prayer Society has been 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. As we know addiction takes many forms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, to other less acknowledged addictions.

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 be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer.

To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894 or email steugenes@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: SVP £100, SVP £100. Cathedral Renovations £100. Building Fund £40. Cathedral Fund £30.

Last week's collection amounted to: £4,657

Parish Development Collection amounted to: £627

Parish Envelopes: There is a box at the back of the Cathedral for weekly parish envelopes and contributions for the upkeep of the Cathedral. **Please note cheques should be made payable to St Eugene's Cathedral.**

A number of parishioners have also enquired about making their contributions by Standing Order. If you would like to make your weekly envelope contributions by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office on 028 71262894/71365712 or by email steugenes@btconnect.com. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.

Derry Youth Community, a faith-based Gap Year opportunity for young adults aged between 18 – 25, is now open for applications for the year starting September 2020. DYC offers the opportunity to live in community, to develop and be formed in faith and be involved in youth ministry in parishes. The three main aspects of DYC are: Accompaniment, Community and Encounter. If you are interested in this Gap Year or would like some more information, please email: dyc@derrydiocese.org.

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn 2020. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Trócaire Donations: If you have a bank account in Northern Ireland donate via **Online banking, directly to Trócaire** - Bank details: Sort Code: 93.80.92 Account No: 8822 7020. Sterling and Euro cheques can be posted to: Trócaire, 50-52 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD. **There is also a Northern Ireland free-phone number - 0800 912 1200. Trócaire boxes can also now be returned here in St Eugene's Cathedral (in line with current government guidelines).**

The Net will not be printed, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, but the July-August is available now online on the Diocesan website, www.derrydiocese.org. As always, it covers a wide range of events, there are loads of interviews and photos, and plenty of news from parishes and people from all around the diocese. There is also a great section devoted to youth news and activities.

The Messenger: Messenger Publications are offering a free online copy. To access the July edition, visit: https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messenger_june_v11.3_low_res. If you have any difficulty accessing the link or if you have any further queries please email c.henry@messenger.ie.

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If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.

Please join us via the Webcam for:

We invite you to join us via webcam in St Eugene's Cathedral by watching our live streaming which can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, www.watchmcnmedia.tv or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

Sunday (9th August)

Mass - 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm

Please note: Local Radio Station Drive 105 will broadcast the 12.30 pm Sunday Mass live.

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

6.00 pm Benediction

Monday to Thursday (10th August – 13th August)

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am Mass

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

7.30 pm Mass

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

Friday - (14th August – Vigil Mass for the

Feast of the Assumption)

6.15 pm Vigil Mass

7.30 pm Mass

Saturday (15th August)

7.00 am	Mass
9.30 am	Mass
11.00 am	Mass
12.30 pm	Mass
3.00 pm	Devine Mercy
6.15 pm	Vigil Mass (for Sunday 16 August)
7.30 pm	Mass

Sunday (16th August)

7.00 am	Mass
9.30 am	Mass
11.00 am	Mass
12.30 pm	Mass
3.00 pm	Devine Mercy
6.00 pm	Rosary and Benediction
7.00 pm	Mass