

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Short reflection on today's Gospel Luke 12:49-53

Many find today's Gospel, on a first reading, at least, confusing, disconcerting, even. Surely Jesus came on earth to bring people together in peace and love! Why then does he state in today's Gospel that he has come to bring division and conflict? His words, 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!' are powerful and passionate. They are also frightening. But then we realise that the divisions Jesus talks about, the devastation, the conflicts, the warring households, have everything to do with humankind's willingness or otherwise to accept the full import of the Good News. Fire is associated with punishment and devastation, but it is also associated with purification, purgation. John baptised with water; Jesus baptised with fire.

Many of us find the unconditional love for each other and the 'seventy times seven' forgiveness for each other as taught by Jesus, to be at odds with our self-centred natures and we reject his teaching. Many of us hate any attempt to jolt us out of our complacency, or to disturb our determination to stay rooted in the way things have always been, so we turn our backs on the beauty of the Good News in order to hide our face from its challenges. Ironically, the Good News brought on earth by Jesus to unite us in love, becomes a source of division by our failure to embrace it with open, joyful, hearts.

Jesus, purify us in the fire of your love until we blaze with passionate ardour for the Good News. Purge us of our selfishness and illumine our lives with your truth, so that our hearts are open and unafraid to face and embrace its challenges.

Bishop Daly. A Man for All Seasons closes tomorrow Sunday 14th August - opening times 10.30am -2.00pm. Location is St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry. This exhibition has been compiled to celebrate the life, influence, work and legacy of Bishop Edward Daly. The project has been kindly supported by Derry and Strabane District Council.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Monday 15th August 2022
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass times: Monday: 7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.30pm

The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th August. A candle will be lit for everyone who has intentions for the St Dymphna Mass. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Betty Gallagher
May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries

John Lynch
Sibeal Sharkey
Bridie Harkin
May they rest in peace.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Fionnuala Duffy and Nicolas Taggart
Anna Boyle and Conor Doherty
Catherine Duffy and Ryan Duffy

Collection

Last Week: £4,437
Parish Development: £867

Thank you very much

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Sight Savers £20, £20, £50. Smile Train £20, £20. Trocaire £100, £20. SVdP £20. Cathedral Funds £40, £10. Church Flowers £20, £20.

Baptisms



We welcome as members of God's family:

Ronan Pádraig Meeson
Aodhán Fearghal Daniel Gill
Brodie Michael Keenan
Conan Gerard McCaughey
Seth Ryan Deehan
Mae Eiblin Deehan
Emily Sarah Shortland
Fallon Iska Marie Mona Caoimhe
Doherty O'Kane

To book a Baptism phone 02871262894.

Please remember:

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

Readers for next weekend
20th /21st August

06.15 pm Jackson Gallagher
07.30 pm Stephen Orr
09.30 am Kevin Finan
11.00 am Oran Gartland
12.30 pm Carmel Devenney
07.00 pm Anna Begley

Readers for The Feast of the Assumption

09.30 am Piaras O Meallain
11.00 am Carmel Devenney
12.30 pm Anna Peake
07.30 pm Oran Gartland

Save the date – Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Saturday 24th September 2022, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Bus departs St Eugene's Cathedral at 8.30 am. Stations of the Cross at 2:00pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm, with Sacrament of the Sick. Evening meal included. Cost £50 per person and places confirmed on receipt of completed form. For further information please contact Fr Patrick Lagan at St Eugene's Cathedral on 028 7126 2894 or email the parish office at cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Priests: Fr Paul Farren | Fr Patrick Lagan | Fr Ignacy Saniuta

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on www.accordni.com. Contact Deirdre 07980898399 or by email to info@accordni.com. Closing date for registration of interest is Wednesday 31st August 2022.

Volunteers needed to help with cleaning the Cathedral and Cathedral Hall. If you are interested please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office.

Job Opportunities

Pastoral Youth Ministry Coordinator (35 hours per week) Steelstown Parish, Derry
Grounds and Maintenance Person (25 hours per month – Seasonal contract (April to October)) St Patrick's Church, Claudy Parish, Co Derry

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, telephone 028 71262302 or email payroll@derrydiocese.org

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 23rd August 2022 4.30pm

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