

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Short reflection on today's Gospel
Luke 16:1-13

Today's Gospel has baffled many of us in that it seems to be that Jesus is approving of 'sharp practice' in matters of business. The dishonest steward, in the interests of securing his material future, sets out to buy the friendship of his master's debtors by reducing the amount they owe, caring little about cheating his master again. Baffling, yes, until one remembers that Jesus was not a literalist, and that his parables reveal their true, rich and profound meanings the more deeply and carefully they are read and explored.

The 'children of light', the disciples who follow the teachings of Jesus and his heavenly Father, according to Jesus are not as prudent, as wise, as those who worship the material world and the god, Mammon. If they were, they would ensure their future in eternal bliss by 'laying up store' in heaven through faithful devotion to God's laws, just as the dishonest steward ensures his future by 'sharp practice'. It's interesting that the word 'money' comes from the Latin word 'monere' which means 'to warn' and the word 'currency' comes from the Latin word 'curere' which means 'to flow'. Money is corrupt when it becomes an end in itself rather than flowing freely for the sustenance, protection, and care of all. When it is an end in itself it sunders the right relationship between its worshippers and God. Jesus is clear in his teaching about this; 'You cannot serve both God and Mammon.'

Jesus, may we be faithful to your teachings and keep our hearts, souls, and minds always on the things of God and not on the things of man. May we be wise, as you taught us to be, in our dealings with material wealth, never allowing it to be an end in itself; instead, treating it as an aid flowing freely for the protection of all.

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 02871262894 or email the parish office at cathedral@derrydiocese.org



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

John McKane

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Nora Griffin

William Griffin

Jim Callen

Dolly McGill

Noreen McCafferty

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Edah May McAllister

Emanuel Tantoluwa Akande

Eva Dinah Campbell

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

Jennifer Martin & Davin Phelan

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

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Pakistan Flood: £100 & £50

SDVP: £20

St Therese: £10.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: £10

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Collection

Last Week: £4900

Parish Development: £946

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**Readers for next weekend
24th/25th September**

06.15 pm	Oran Gartland
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Niamh Kehoe
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

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Pilgrimage to The Holy Land: Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 13th – 21st February 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..

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

LOUGH DERG - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE ~ The One Day Retreat on Sunday 25th September, will have the special focus of praying for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest Speaker, refugee, Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at The Ukrainian Catholic University. Boats from 9.15 am | Retreat Programme begins at 10.15 am | Boats return at 4.30 pm. Morning Coffee & lunch included. Booking essential. Special discounted rate of €25 for Ukrainian refugees (must be booked by telephone: +353 (0)71 9861518). Full price €45.

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. It will commence on **Sunday, 25th September**.

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