

As a parish community we look forward to the ordination of Deacon Michael McCaul to the Priesthood here at Saint Eugene's Cathedral on Sunday 29th January at 3.00pm. He will be celebrating his first Mass at the Cathedral on Monday 30th January at 7.30pm and there will be refreshments available afterwards in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone is welcome. *We ask you Lord Jesus, to fill Michael with the fire of your love, that his ministry may reveal your presence in the Church.*

A short reflection on today's Gospel

John's work is done; Jesus' work has begun and, significantly, his message echoes the message of John: 'Repent, and believe the Good News.'

John has carried out his ministry of repentance and salvation far from any seat of earthly power, choosing instead the wilderness as his pulpit, locusts and wild honey as his staple diet, animal skins to cover his nakedness. He is 'the thing itself', 'unaccommodated man'.

Today's Gospel witnesses Jesus gathering about him his first disciples. He doesn't seek them out among the rich and powerful, nor among the sophisticated and highly educated; instead he seeks out ordinary men, fishermen, men who work hard to earn a living. The word 'respect' means 'to look again' and this second look is deemed to see beyond the superficial first look to the less visible truth of a person. Jesus always looked again. He always saw the truth which lies in the human heart. Here he sees the purity of heart of these simple fishermen. He sees their true worth, and their true worth has nothing to do with earthly power or sophistication. He recognises their truth and they recognise his truth.

Jesus, may we always take the time and effort to 'look again' and seek the true worth of those around us rather than indulge in superficial judgements.

As part of its 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Saint Eugene's Cathedral is hosting an Ecumenical Service on Monday 23rd January at 12.30pm. This celebration is being held during Christian Unity Week, a week when Christian Churches throughout the world come together to pray for the unity that is Christ's gift to the Church. The theme for this year's week is '*Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice*', with a particular focus on the injustice of racism.

Bishop Donal Mc Keown will be joined by the Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rgt Rev Andrew Forster and by schools from throughout the City, to pray, '*that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.*' Everyone is welcome.

An interdenominational service for Christian Unity will be held in Oakgrove Integrated College, Gransha Park on Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm. The event will be led by the Corrymeela Community. All are welcome.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Charles McLaughlin
Birdie O'Reilly
Kevin McDowell
Noeleen McFadden**

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Jean Boyce
Neil McMahon
Maeve Walsh
Patrick Griffin
Patricia Gill
Seamus & Lily McCready
Tony Simpson
Tony McMonagle
Mary Ellen Kelly
Patrick Gallagher
Martin Concannon
Phonsie Kelly**

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Beth Nevaeh Rose Long
Fionn Daniel Walsh**

To book a Baptism telephone
028 71262894

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Admin's Choice: £20

Collection

Last week's collection: £5,052

Parish Development: £998

Thank you for your generosity

Readers for 28th/29th January

06.15 pm	Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm	Anna Begley
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Michael Wilson
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

Catholic Schools Week 2023 begins on 29th January and continues until 4th February in the Diocese of Derry. The theme for this year is '*Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love*'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese, the Eucharist will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on **Thursday 26th January at 10.00am.**

Sincere thanks from Sister Ann, Gerry Deeney and Margaret Hamilton to all who contributed in any way to the Christmas Raffle/Fundraiser in aid of the vulnerable children and their families in Kenya, India, Chile, Nigeria, Zambia and Haiti, and also to those who contributed to the Hunger Box in our Church. Total amount raised was £21,655 and €448. May God reward and bless you all.

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Silent Retreat for men and women in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th February. Cost £90. **Ladies Lenten Retreat** led by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart, in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February. Cost £90. To book contact the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca telephone 71 262512.

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

Job opportunities:

Derry Diocesan Trust Administrative Officer: Based at Derry Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, Derry: 3 days per week (9.00am – 5.00pm).

Derry Diocesan Trust HR Officer: Based at Derry Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, Derry: 2 days per week (9.00am – 5.00pm).

For application pack please email office@derrydiocese.org or telephone 028 71262302. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to payroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on 30.01.2023. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

Children in Crossfire would like to thank everyone who has supported their Advent Appeal to date. If you haven't had a chance to return your donation/coin box to Saint Eugene's Cathedral you can still send it to their office at 2 St Joseph's Avenue, Derry.

Mood Matters Workshop Thursday 26th January 2.00pm – 4.30pm at Derry Central Library. This is a mental health awareness workshop suitable for anyone who would like to learn more about managing their mood. The programme teaches techniques to manage stress and anxiety, identify mental ill-health and know where to get help and support. Sign up by contacting Derry Central Library at 028 71229990.

St Eugene's Cathedral is monitored by CCTV cameras and by two live streaming cameras. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, www.watchmcnmedia or the parish website. The Diocese of Derry Privacy Notice is displayed on the parish website and Cathedral notice board, or you may obtain a copy from the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns with regard to the Safeguarding of children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596500793 or at mariegormley@derrydiocese.org or contact the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.