

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Short reflection on today's Gospel
Luke 16:19-31

There was a rich man who used to dress in purple
Today's Gospel witnesses Jesus calling us once more to be disciples in his ministry of love and outlining the criteria by which we must abide if we are to be true disciples. His parable gives us an account of a rich man, dressed in royal purple, living in a self-enclosed world of inordinate luxury; while at his gate the poor man, Lazarus, lay starving, covered in sores, longing for even the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

Lazarus dies and is carried to the eternal consolation and bliss of heaven; the rich man dies and is consigned to the flames of hell. The warning is palpable: serve your own needs exclusively in this life, indifferent to the needs of others, and you will consign yourself to the eternal absence of God. Share what you have in this life with those who have nothing; live your life with a loving compassion for others, and the portals of heaven will be open to you.

The teaching of Jesus is unequivocal. Let us take heed of it. Let us not leave it too late to embrace with generosity and wholeheartedness his ministry of love.

The Parish Baptismal Programme begins during pregnancy when the expectant parents are invited for a blessing for themselves and their unborn baby. After this blessing the parents will receive a prayer that they can say during the pregnancy. When the baby is born, the parents will attend an Evening of Celebration before arranging the Baptism Ceremony.

Altar Servers – The Altar Server's Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Your participation as an Altar Server is special. If you are interested in making new friends, growing in confidence, growing in your service to others and in growing in Christ then please contact Deacon Michael on 028 71 262894/028 71 365712 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org.

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**.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Patricia Snell, (nee) Fiorentini

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Margaret McMahon

Frances McKinney

Charlie O'Donnell

Mary Logue

Hugh Duffy

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Céad Cole Kelly

Harlow Hockley

Dawson George Mooney

Hallie McLaughlin



To book a Baptism phone 02871262894.

Please remember:

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

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Pakistan Floods: £250, £100

Trocaire: £90

Thank You

Collection

The priests of the parish thank you for your generosity to the Stipend Collection taken up last weekend.

The Parish Development collection amounted to £892.

Thank you for your generosity

Readers for next weekend
1st/2nd October

06.15 pm	Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm	Oran Gartland
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	Piaras O'Meallain
12.30 pm	Roisin McGarrigle
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 2 October on the theme 'Caring for the Older Person'.

Derry Youth are now taking expressions of interest in the Derry Youth Scholarship Programme. This is a year-long programme for young people in 6th Form or doing their Leaving Cert. The programme provides opportunities for young people to meet others from across the diocese, to come together to explore their faith, to meet new friends, gain training and learn new skills, and work with a charitable organization. If you are interested in this programme or would like more information, please message us @Derryouth on social media or email Niamh at niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME ACCORD Derry are facilitating virtual marriage preparation courses on the following dates October 3 and 4 2022; October 17 and 18 2022; November 7 and 8 2022; December 5 and 6 2022. Book online www.accordni.com.

Derry Diocesan Vocations: Anyone interested in serving God's people as a priest of the diocese of Derry should contact their local priest or the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP, Bellaghy, Lavey and Greenlough, at pgoh2111@gmail.com

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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 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.

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