

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Short reflection on today's Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

Humility is the theme of today's Gospel. Jesus knew that without humility, we cannot grow. He knew that we need to work constantly against the workings of our egos which cling to the notion of certitudes, and which crave power and control over people and events in the mistaken notion that such control will somehow protect us from whatever it is we dread. In what amounts to a parable in today's Gospel, Jesus strongly advises us to choose humility rather than arrogance. The hierarchies we slavishly cling to are not of God's choosing. They are of humankind's choosing in the interests of power and control and in the absence of humility. True humility recognises that clinging to the certitudes we've invented is all wrong because such clinging blocks spiritual growth. True humility knows and accepts the limitations of human knowledge and understanding. True humility knows that in the coming together of heaven and earth in the Eucharist God is the host, and God is about inclusivity. God is about an embrace wide enough to include and welcome to the altar the poor, the unwashed, the sick, the addicted, and all those others rejected by the arrogant. True humility opens the door to compassion, to doubt, to uncertainty. True humility seeks rest in the embrace of Christ, in faith, in hope and in love, knowing that 'all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'.

Welcome to the Parish - We at St Eugene's would like to extend a warm welcome to Fr Roni to our parish this weekend. Fr Roni has been serving in the Waterside parish for the last two years. We wish him all God's blessings as he begins his ministry in our parish.

We also would like to welcome Deacon Michael McCaul. Michael is a native of the parish and will be working among us for the next year when he will, please God, be ordained a priest. We wish Michael all God's blessing in this year with us and as he continues to prepare for priesthood.

In a couple of weeks, we will welcome Fr Colum Clerkin to the parish. Fr Colum has recently retired as Parish Priest of Culmore and has generously offered to serve in this parish and help us with the celebration of the sacrament. We wish Fr Colum all God's blessing in his retirement and his service here among us.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

John Crockett
Dermot McGarrigle

May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Nance Gallagher
Jeannie Gallacher

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Aoife Rosie McAteer
Heidi Anne Carr
Noah Trevor Gerard Hogan
Declan John McGowan

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

Clodagh McBay and Stephen Martin

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Church Funds: £50, £20
Sight Savers: £50, £20, £20
Smile Train: £200, £20
Trocaire: £5, £100, £50

Thank You

Collection

Last Week: £4,707
Parish Development: £947

Thank you very much

Readers for next weekend
3rd/4th September

06.15 pm Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm Majella Coyle
09.30 am Kay McGinn
11.00 am Helen Sweeney
12.30 pm Oran Gartland
07.00 pm Anna Begley

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

Lough Derg – One Day Retreats have resumed. Dates for September: 3, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 24 & 25. Booking is essential. Admission €45pp includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking. Boats available from 9.15am on the day. Retreat begins at 10.30am, finishing at 4.30pm. For booking and further information: Tel +353 (0)71 9861518, online: www.loughderg.org or email: info@loughderg.org

The Irish Bishops' Conference has published the National Synthesis of the Synodal Process conducted across the Church in Ireland from Autumn 2021. The National Synthesis is the fruit of a wide-ranging process of listening and consultation and is based on the syntheses produced by the 26 dioceses in Ireland, as well as those submitted by religious congregations and other interested groups. The report is available at www.synod.ie

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. **Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2022.** If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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.

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