

As a parish community we look forward to the ordination of Deacon Michael McCaul to the Priesthood here at Saint Eugene's Cathedral this 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

Today's Gospel identifies clearly for us the true source of eternal bliss. It is not those insulated from need and tears by wealth, power and prestige who are destined to find favour with God: it is the poor, the hungry, the grieving and the abused who, on leaving this world, will be welcomed by God as His 'blessed' children and He will hold them gently in His embrace. This is a truly powerful message, a message which has been described as the framework for Christian living. It is a message which turns on its head the notion that happiness and worldly power are inseparable from one another. Today's Gospel warns us that riches and worldly power are not to be relied upon; and woe to those who wrongly identify the source of eternal bliss.

Jesus' disciples are poor: their lives are without any material privileges. They will suffer greatly at the hands of those who fear, and therefore, hate, the message of Christ. But they are called blessed by Jesus and their eternal happiness is assured. Jesus, thank you for the comfort and consolation your words in today's Gospel offer to the poor, the humble, the abused and the persecuted.

Jesus, may we always keep in mind that the ultimate danger for our immortal souls lies in our wrongly identifying the source of eternal happiness.

Upcoming events in the Cathedral Hall

Tea Dance- We will be holding monthly Tea Dances starting on Friday 24th February, from 2-4pm in St Eugene's Cathedral Hall. There will be live music, great craic and dancing for everyone followed by tea and light refreshments. Places are limited and booking is required. Please contact the parish office on 028 71262894 (Monday-Friday).

Flower Arranging - Create and learn the principles of flower arranging and take home a floral bouquet. Classes will be held on Wednesday 22nd March, Wednesday 29th March and Wednesday 5th April. The classes will take place at 11.00am and 7.00pm. Places are limited and booking is required. Please contact the parish office on 028 71262894 (Monday-Friday).

Cathedral Voices - A singing group for people living with dementia and older members of the community. The singing club takes place every Thursday from 1.30pm-3.00pm. A great chance to socialise, listen to music, have a cup of tea and a chat and a bit of craic. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office on 028 71262894.

These projects have been supported by the Public Health Agency and CLEAR.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Liam Griffin
Sean Lafferty
Denis McGinley

May they rest in peace

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Trocaire: £40, £50, £100

SVDP: £20, £50

Foyle Food Bank: £100

Admin's Choice: €50, £17

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Sarah Brady
Bernadette & Arthur Wilson
Morgan Walsh
Molly & Dan Doherty
John Anderson
Neil J McKenna
Joe McCauley
Neil McCauley
Jimmy McKendrick

May they rest in peace

Thank You

Collection

Last week's collection: £4,363

Parish Development: £912

Thank you for your generosity

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Noah William Gorman

To book a Baptism telephone 028 71262894

Readers for 4th/5th February

06.15 pm	Therese Ferry
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	Rosemount PS
12.30 pm	Marie Canning
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Totus Tuus Eucharistic Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2.00pm on Saturday 4th February. Speakers include Fr Columba Mary Toman OP, Fr Patrick Cahill OJSS, Fr Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese) and Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission). Radio Maria can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria App, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at 00353 (01) 4373277.

Be still and know that I Am God: Adults silent retreat at Ards Friary, Donegal, from Friday 3rd to Monday 6th February 2023. The Servant Brothers from the Home of the Mother will lead a series of Spiritual Exercises each day along with Confession, Rosary, Adoration and Holy Mass. Cost £190 and includes private room accommodation in the Friary and all meals and drinks. To book or for more information contact Rory on 00353 86 8231717.

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Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 9th February at 7.15pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny Co Donegal. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more information call 00353 (01) 4045378.

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

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.

Give Blood, Save Lives. A blood donation session will be held at St Mary's College, Derry on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February from 12.30pm – 4.00pm and from 5pm-7.30pm. To book an appointment please call 08085 534 653.

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 30th January. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

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.