

A short Gospel reflection Matthew 17:1-9

In today's Gospel, the Transfiguration reveals the true identity of Jesus. On the mountain, His face shines like the sun and His clothes become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear beside Him, representing the Law and the Prophets, and showing that all of salvation history finds its fulfilment in Christ. Then the Father's voice declares, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him."

Peter wants to remain in this moment of glory, but Jesus leads the disciples back down the mountain. The vision was not meant to replace the Cross, but to prepare them for it. The same Lord who shines in glory will soon suffer in Jerusalem.

In our own lives, God grants moments of light and consolation. These strengthen us to follow Christ faithfully through trials. The Transfiguration reminds us to listen to Jesus, to trust Him in both joy and suffering, and to allow His grace to transform us from within.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: At the Transfiguration Peter says to Jesus, "It is wonderful for us to be here." We pray for all those taking part in the Vocations Retreat in Drumalis, Larne, this coming weekend, 6th – 8th March, and for those who will participate in the Come & See events around the country over the next few months.

Vocations Retreat Weekend for anyone (18+) interested in the diocesan priesthood, in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, Friday 6th - Sunday 8th March 2026. Please register using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discernment-retreat-for-the-diocesan-priesthood-tickets-1980332502825?aff=oddtcreator>. For further information, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com.

Lenten Programme 2026

Monday to Friday: 7.45am Morning Prayer of the Church

1.00pm Lunch-time Mass

Mondays: 5.00pm -7.00pm Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 7.00pm Guided Meditation in the Mother Teresa Chapel

Wednesdays: 7.00pm "Reasons to have Faith" - Talk by Fr Paul Farren in the Cathedral

Thursdays: 1.30pm Stations of the Cross led by our Parish Schools

8.00pm Fr Shaun Doherty will lead a Medjugorje style Holy Hour of prayer with music, adoration and reflection, with prayers of healing. *Come and pray with your heart.*

Fridays: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

'Fish Fridays' - as this is the day when Jesus was crucified you are invited to give up meat on the Fridays in Lent in remembrance of His sacrifice for us.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 2nd March at 7.30 pm. To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Mass will also be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Liam McDevitt
Mandy Doherty**

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Noel McDowell
Mary & John Doran
Patrick Porter
Jeanie Hickey**

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Kyra Grace Ferguson
Lara McLaughlin
Eabha Elizabeth Barrett
Mathew Steele**

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Collection

Weekly Collection: £6,572
Parish Development Collection: £1,147

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Gaza Appeal: £100, £40

Hungry Children: £5

Trócaire: £20, £20, £20

SVdP: £20

Smile Train: £20

Sight Savers: £20

Mary's Meals: £20, £50

Flowers for the Altar: £20, £40

Readers 7th /8th March

06.15pm Michael McCaul

07.30pm Niamh Kehoe

09.30am Kate Doherty

11.00am St Anne's PS

12.30pm Megan Dallet

07.00pm Anna Begley

Prayer for the Canonisation of Matt Talbot

Lord, in your servant, Matt Talbot, you have given us a wonderful example of triumph over addiction, of devotion to duty, and of lifelong reverence for the Most Holy Sacrament. May his life of prayer and penance give us courage to take up our crosses and follow in the footsteps of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Father, if it be your will that your beloved servant should be glorified by your Church, make known by your heavenly favours the power he enjoys in your sight. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Easter Mass Bouquets are now available to buy at the Parish Office. Cost £2.

The Cathedral Club meets on Thursdays after the 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to this parish social group who meet once a week in the Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road. Refreshments will be served.

Songs of Ireland Afternoon Tea - Saturday 14th March at 1.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. Join Anne Marie Hickey, Roisin Rice, Lauren Doherty and The Villagers for a Musical Afternoon Tea. Cost £25. Pre booking required. Call into the Parish Office or phone, 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

World Day of Prayer 2026. You are warmly invited to gather at First Derry Presbyterian Church on Friday 6th March at 7.00pm for the World Day of Prayer 2026, joining a global wave of prayer for peace and justice. This women-led movement features a service prepared this year by women from Nigeria. Across 146 countries, from sunrise to sunset, people will unite in prayer. All are welcome to stand in solidarity with those facing injustice, persecution, and poverty.

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Marriage Preparation Workshops: April 24th/25th, May 15th/16th, June 19th/20th 2026. These courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com. Please note that Accord Derry will NOT be facilitating courses during July or August.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

Job Opportunity Derry Diocesan Trust – St. Eugene’s Cathedral. Grounds & Maintenance Person. 16 hours per week (Fixed Term Contract to 31st March 2027 with possible extension). To provide an effective grounds and maintenance service to the parish to ensure the grounds are maintained in a tidy, presentable and safe state at all times. To undertake maintenance work of the Cathedral grounds and premises as designated by the Administrator. For application packs please contact: Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org.

Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 12 noon Friday 13th March 2026.

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

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty will take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2026. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm, followed by Mass at 7.15pm. The priest will bless everyone with a first-class relic of St. Pio while closing prayers are recited. Everyone is welcome.

'Children Waiting' is an online Virtual Information Event which will be hosted by HSC NI Foster Care on 12th March 2026. It is aimed at finding homes for specific children. Please join the online event if you can help or want to hear more information. Tel 0800 0720 137 or email adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

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 within the Church please contact Marie O’Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on +447596500793 or email: dlp@derrydiocese.org.

Northern Ireland emergency services: PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland): 101
Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust: 028 7131 4090 (and ask for the Duty Social Worker), Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust: 028 9442 4459,
Regional Emergency Social Work Services: 0800 1979 995. **Republic of Ireland emergency services:** Garda Síochána Buncrana: 00353 749 320 540 Letterkenny: 00353 749 167 100, TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency: 00353 749 102 233