

A short Gospel reflection Luke 7:11-17

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters a funeral procession in the town of Nain—a widow mourning the loss of her only son. Moved with deep compassion, He speaks words of life: “Young man, I say to you, arise!” And the dead man sits up and begins to speak. The crowd is filled with awe, proclaiming, “God has visited his people!”

This moment reveals the very heart of Jesus' mission: to bring life where there is death, hope where there is despair, and compassion where there is pain. The Lord is not distant from our suffering; He draws near, His heart moved by our tears. Just as He restored life to the widow's son, He desires to restore us—to lift us from whatever has grown lifeless in our hearts.

In every act of mercy, every word of encouragement, every gesture of compassion, Christ continues to “visit His people.” May we, too, become bearers of that life-giving presence to others—reminding the world that God still sees, still cares, and still brings life to His beloved children.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: On this Holy Souls' Day we remember the deceased priests who served the people of this diocese in the past. We pray for the priests who serve our parishes today, and for the men who will have the pastoral care of our people in the years to come, our current seminarians and those discerning their vocation at this time.

Remembering Our Dead

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed: The deceased members of our families and friends will be remembered at all Masses throughout November at St. Eugene's Cathedral. Please take a Remembrance Card from the back of the Cathedral, write the names of your loved ones, and place the card in the basket on the Sanctuary.

The Annual Mass for the Deceased of the Parish: A Concelebrated Mass will take place in St. Eugene's Cathedral on **Saturday, 8th November at 7.30 pm** for the deceased members of every home in the parish. Those who have lost a relative who was buried from another church during the past year are invited to leave the name of their loved one in the Sacristy or at the Parochial House, so that they may be remembered at the Mass and a candle lit in their memory.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 3rd November 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.

Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots continues after the 7.30pm Mass on Thursday, concluding on Thursday 27th November. All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection during this special time of grace.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Gerard Burns

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Gillian Keaveney

Martin Quigley

Molly Gallagher

Caragh Lytle

Margaret McConomy

Ciara Harkin

Michael Gallacher

Sally Hegarty

May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Catherine McElhinney &

Patrick Barry Coyle

who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

Collection

Weekly Collection: £5,457

Parish Development: £1,017

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Cathedral Funds: £100

Mary's Meals: £50, £300, £1,000

Sightsavers: £50, £20, £250

Smile Train: £50, £300, £250

Flowers for the Altar: £100

Readers for 8th /9th November

06.15 pm Claire O'Kane

07.30 pm Amulya George

09.30 am Rosemary Finan

11.00 am McGinley Readers

12.30 pm Kevin Finan

07.00 pm Marian Boyle

St Joseph's Boys School Annual Mass of Remembrance for all deceased staff and pupils will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th November in St Eugene's Cathedral.

If you would like to add a name to the list of those to be remembered, please contact the school office at 02871 262923.

Parish Advent Pilgrimage on Thursday 4th December. Bus leaves Cathedral at 9.15am and returns at approx. 5.30pm. Morning Prayer in the IOSAS Centre followed by refreshments. Mass in St. Michael's Church, Urris, Co Donegal and lunch in the Ballyliffin Hotel. Price £40 Includes Transport, Morning Tea & Lunch. For more information or to book a place call into the Parish Office or call 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org This is a pre booking only event.

Job Opportunity: Derry Diocesan Trust – Melmount Parish: Sacristan, St Mary's Church, Melmount, Strabane. Part time: average weekly hours 17.5 (evening and alternate weekend work is a requirement). For application pack, 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 on Friday 14th November 2025. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*

St Eugene's Cathedral – Monthly Draw Winners

1st Prize	£1,000	Ticket no 64	Mary Molloy
2nd Prize	£500	Ticket no 19	Tony Donohoe
3rd Prize	£100	Ticket no 27	Gavin Harkin
	£100	Ticket no 134	Isobel McDowell
	£100	Ticket no 132	Sinead McDowell
	£100	Ticket no 18	Kevin McCauley
	£100	Ticket no 199	Michael McGinley

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

Congratulations to the winners of the sixth draw held on Saturday 25th October! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to support our parish — your generosity is greatly appreciated. The next draw will be held on Saturday 22nd November after 7.30pm Mass, best of luck to everyone!

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty will take place on Tuesday 4th November 2025. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm followed by Mass at 7.15pm and the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Everyone is welcome.

St Columb's Liturgy Team welcomes you to a series of talks on the theme of Hope. These talks will be held in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside during the 7.30pm Mass on the following dates: Monday 1st December with guest speaker Donal McKeown, Tuesday 2nd December with guest speaker Fr Declan Boland and on Wednesday 3rd December with guest speaker Fr Peter Burns. All are very welcome.

4 Week FREE Dementia Education Programme for Informal Carers, starting Wednesday 5th November at An Croí Community Hub, Trench Rd, Waterside. This course is for those looking after someone at home who has received a dementia diagnosis. It teaches what dementia is and helps carers to gain an understanding about different types of dementia, their signs and symptoms, about communication, different behaviours and coping strategies etc. Booking is essential via eilish@olt.ie or contact 02871 373870.

St Mary's College Christmas Craft Fair (Northland Road, Derry) - Saturday 29th November 2025 from 11.00am – 4.00pm. £1 Entry – Café - Santa – Suits all budgets.

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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.

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