

### **A short Gospel reflection    Luke 12: 13-21**

“A Man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.” Today’s Gospel witnesses Jesus’ warning of the folly of looking only inwards to one’s own interest instead of ‘making himself rich in the sight of God.’ He warns against greed for ‘bigger barns’ in our mistaken notion that the more we have, the safer and secure we’ll be. The parable of The Rich Fool through which he illustrates this is a powerful invitation for us to look outwards instead of inwards and thus enter into communion with God, communion with others, communion with creation. The Rich Fool is smug, self-obsessed, inordinately pleased with himself and his ‘bigger barns,’ unaware that death will claim him that very night; unaware that, in his final moments, the truth will hit him forcibly: the truth that God is not interested in his ‘bigger barns,’ but will ask only, “How much love have you poured into others during your lifetime? How much love have you been open to receiving from others?”

**Anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood is invited to an afternoon of prayer and discussion organised by the diocesan vocations team on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August.** Mass in St Columb's Church, Waterside, at 12.30pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Bishop McKeown hopes to attend, along with a number of priests and seminarians. The afternoon will end at 6pm.

**The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene’s Cathedral on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm.** The Matt Talbot Prayer Society was created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. 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](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com) or private message St Eugene’s Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene’s Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

**“Bishop Daly - A Man for all Seasons”** - 2025 Exhibition celebrates the life, influence, work and legacy of Bishop Edward Daly opens on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August after 10am Mass. Exhibition times are Monday - Saturday from 10.30am to 4.00pm in the Conference Room above the Sacristy. The Exhibition will run until 28 August. Everyone is welcome.

**Parish Summer Day Pilgrimage on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025** – Bus leaves the Cathedral at 9.30am and returns approximately 5.30pm. Morning Tea in the Clanree Hotel followed by morning prayer at Doon Well. Mass in Ards Friary and lunch in the Carrigart 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](mailto:cathedral@derrydiocese.org) Please note that this must be pre-booked.

#### **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Alec Coyle***

May he rest in peace

#### **Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Kathleen Doherty***

***Helen McCloskey***

***Mary McCallion***

***Gerry McCaul***

***Jeanette McCaul***

May they rest in peace

#### **Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God’s family:

***Anna Mary Daphne Loughran***

***Daniel Derek Fulton***

***Freddie Andrew Vance***

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

#### **Collection**

Priests’ Collection: £5,566

Parish Development: £916

***Thank you for your generosity***

#### **Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Trócaire: £100**

**Hungry Children: £5, £90**

**Gaza Appeal: £10, £100, £40, £40**

**Cathedral Funds: £100**

#### **Readers for 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> August**

06.15 pm	Helen Sweeney
07.30 pm	John Og McNamee
09.30 am	Kevin Finan
11.00 am	Piaras O’Meallain
12.30 pm	Paul Gormley/ Claire O’Kane
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

**Cathedral Parking Notice** - Please be advised that parking at the Cathedral is restricted for Cathedral use only. Due to limited space, and to ensure safety, accessibility, and availability for those attending Mass, events, and pastoral appointments, we kindly ask that parking be reserved for Cathedral-related activities only.

This change also supports our efforts to accommodate:

- Elderly and disabled visitors who require closer access
- Clergy and staff during working hours
- Funerals, weddings, and other scheduled services
- Deliveries and essential maintenance access

We understand this may cause inconvenience, and we are grateful for your understanding and cooperation as we aim to serve our Parish as best we can.

**Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops** – the following dates are now available: September 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Book online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com). Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual.

## St Eugene's Cathedral – Monthly Draw Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£1,000	Ticket no 42	Conor Friel
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£500	Ticket no 70	Christine McCormick
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£100	Ticket no 90	Kieran Doherty
	£100	Ticket no 22	Gay Durkan
	£100	Ticket no 102	Celine Caldwell
	£100	Ticket no 199	Michael McGinley
	£100	Ticket no 152	Sr Rosa Goretti

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**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty**

Congratulations to the winners of the second draw held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July! 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August after 7.30pm Mass, best of luck to everyone!

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025.** Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm, followed by the celebration of Mass at 7.15pm. There will be an opportunity for a blessing with a first-class relic of St Pio while closing prayers are recited. Everyone is welcome.

**4 Week free Dementia Education Programme for Informal Carers, starting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Old Library Trust, Creggan.** 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. ***Please note, this course is not suitable for individuals who either have dementia or are currently going through a process of diagnosis.*** Booking is essential via [eilish@olt.ie](mailto:eilish@olt.ie) or contact 02871 373870.

**Is gambling affecting your life?** Perhaps we can help. Telephone 028 7135 1329.

**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](http://www.churchservices.tv), [www.watchmcnmedia](http://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](mailto: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.