

**Bishop McKeown, Fr Paul, Fr Shaun & Fr Clerkin**  
**wish you all a joyful and a blessed Easter. May the peace and hope of the**  
**Risen Christ be with you and your families throughout this holy season.**

### **A Word of Thanks**

We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the preparation and celebration of the Easter liturgies. We are deeply grateful to the sacristans; Maghnus Monaghan; the choir, cantors, and musicians; Gareth Coyle, Gráinne Nugent, and the readers; Noreen McElhinney and the Eucharistic ministers; those who took part in the Washing of the Feet; and all who helped prepare the church. Your generosity, commitment, and spirit of service helped make our celebrations truly prayerful and uplifting, and are very much appreciated.

### **A short reflection on today's Gospel John 20: 1-9**

In today's Gospel, we are invited to stand with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple at the empty tomb. At first, there is confusion and uncertainty - Mary thinks the body has been taken, and the disciples struggle to understand what has happened. Yet, in the midst of this, something begins to awaken: the beloved disciple "saw and believed."

The Resurrection does not unfold with immediate clarity or certainty, but gently, drawing the disciples from fear into faith. This Gospel reminds us that faith is often a journey. Like the first disciples, we may not always understand what God is doing in our lives, but we are invited to trust in the signs of His presence.

The empty tomb is not an absence, but a promise - that death does not have the final word, and that new life is always possible with Christ. As we continue our Easter journey, may we, too, learn to see with the eyes of faith and believe in the hope of the Risen Lord.

### **Saint Eugene's Cathedral Programme**

#### **Monday to Friday (6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April)**

Mass at 8.00am, 10.00am and 7.30pm

#### **Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> April)**

Mass at 10.00am, Vigil Masses at 6.15pm and 7.30pm

#### **Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> April)**

Mass at 7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.00pm

**The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 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](mailto: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 Lynch**  
**Martin Dunleavy**  
May they rest in peace

#### **Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**William McCarron**  
**Isabell (McCane) Gallagher**  
**George McLaughlin**  
**Rebecca O'Hagan**  
**Willie Meehan**  
**James Hancock**  
**Nellie Strawbridge**  
**Kitty McKeever**  
**Sean McCaul**  
**John (Doc) O'Doherty**  
**Benny & Phylis Donaghey**  
May they rest in peace

#### **Readers 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> April**

06.15pm Claire O'Kane  
07.30pm Niamh Kehoe  
09.30am Kevin Finan  
11.00am Micky Kerr  
12.30pm Ursula Doherty  
07.00pm Anna Begley

#### **Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God's family:  
**Callie Sandra Lynch**  
**Cohan Seán Taylor**  
**Céad Eoghan Devine**  
**Éabha Herron**

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

#### **Collection**

Last week's collection: £6,119

Parish Development: £1,145

**Thank you for your generosity**

#### **Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Flowers for the Altar:** £10, £60, £25

**Trócaire:** £20, £20

**Mary's Meals:** £200, £20

**Smile Train:** £200

**SVdP:** £20

**Hungry Children:** £5, £5

**Gaza Appeal:** £25, £50

**Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** - We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, that the men called to be priests will preach and live by the gospel, the Good News of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, risen from the dead, our hope of resurrection and everlasting life.

**The Annual Mass for the Deceased Members of the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen and Women** will be held here in Saint Eugene's Cathedral on Easter Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am. All are welcome.

**St Eugene's Cathedral Scholars: Applications will open for the 2026-2027 Choral Scholars Scheme on 27<sup>th</sup> April.** The scheme is open to all full-time students over the age of 16. The choral scholars sing with the cathedral choir weekly as well as other special events as instructed by the director of music. They will receive instruction in a wide range of choral music, and they receive a stipend for their participation. Entrance is by application only. For an application form contact the director of music at [maghnusmonaghan@hotmail.com](mailto:maghnusmonaghan@hotmail.com). Deadline for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**St Eugene's Cathedral Parish Draw – only 200 tickets available!** 10 monthly draws at £20 per draw beginning May 2026. Monthly fee for all draws can be paid in full or monthly. Entries paid in full will be entered into a draw for £500. Prizes per month £1,000, £500 and 5 x £100. The draw will raise funds for necessary repair, maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful Cathedral. Registration for the draw will close on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 02871 262894 or email [cathedral@derrydiocese.org](mailto:cathedral@derrydiocese.org)

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

**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima** - We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 5 nights from 3rd to 8th August. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £820 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact [bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org](mailto:bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org) 00 44 2871264087.

**Annual Sr Clare Retreat at St Columba's Church, Long Tower: "I prefer Paradise" - Remembering Sr Clare's 10th Anniversary 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April.** Monday - Friday - Daily Mass - 7am & 10am, 7pm Evening Service with Benediction & Guest Speaker. Wednesday 15th: 7pm - Eucharistic Healing. Thursday 16th: Solemn Concelebrated Mass to mark the 10th Anniversary of Sr Clare. Saturday 18th: 10am - Mass with Anointing of the Sick. 3pm - Service with Benediction and Guest Speaker. Sunday 19th April: 3pm - Closing Mass celebrated by Most Rev Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry. All are very welcome.

**Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026:** All places on the pilgrimage are now filled. However, if places become available through cancellations these will offered to those on the waiting list. All pilgrims are asked to complete final payment as soon as possible. Please note that the Pilgrimage office will be closed during Easter Week 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group at Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, will take place on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026.** The evening will begin with the Rosary at 6:45pm, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 7.15pm. After Mass, the priest will bless everyone with a first-class relic of St Pio, while the closing prayers are recited. Everyone is welcome.

**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 within the Church please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on +447596500793 or email: [dlp@derrydiocese.org](mailto: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 Bunscrana: 00353 749 320 540 Letterkenny: 00353 749 167 100, TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency: 00353 749 102 233