

A short Gospel reflection Luke 17: 5-10

As Jesus, led by faith and courage, draws ever closer to Jerusalem and his Passion, he uses every opportunity to prepare his apostles for their future ministry without him. In today's Gospel, he makes it clear that faith must be the driving force of their life together—a faith that, proverbially, can move mountains.

Earlier, Jesus had instructed them to care for the little ones—the vulnerable in their midst—to forgive repeatedly those who hurt them, and to seek reconciliation where there is division. Overwhelmed by the weight of this mission and perhaps doubting their own capacity, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. In response, he tells them that even faith as small as a mustard seed has the power to achieve what seems impossible.

But Jesus also reminds them that faith is not about grand gestures or seeking recognition. Instead, it is shown in the quiet, daily commitment to live according to his teachings—with humility, perseverance, and love. He warns them not to seek praise or reward, but to serve others with selflessness and self-denial, recognising that all we do is in response to the grace we've received. "We are merely servants; we have done only what was our duty."

Lord Jesus, may we live our lives as you did—with steadfastness and courage. Let our faith be revealed in acts of love, compassion, and forgiveness. Teach us to serve humbly, without seeking praise, and to trust that even the smallest seed of true faith can move mountains.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: We pray that our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will, in the words of St Paul to Timothy, "...fan into a flame the gift" [of faith] and "...never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord..." as they rely on the power of God to keep them faithful to their calling.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 6th October 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.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena - The Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots continues after the 7:30pm Mass on Thursdays, concluding on Thursday 27th November. Do you have "knots" in your life? Knots of discord in your family, unresolved pain in relationships, or a lack of peace and joy in your home? Sometimes life can feel like one overwhelming knot, especially when we face health challenges or burdens beyond our control. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady, and that Christ gave us His Mother as Our Lady, Untier of Knots. Through this devotion, we entrust our personal "knots" to her loving care—learning to let go and allowing her to gently untie what binds us. All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection during this special time of grace.

Mass Bouquets for the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis. To mark the canonisation of St Carlo Acutis, Mass bouquets are available in thanksgiving. A Triduum of Masses will be offered on his feast day, 12th October. Mass bouquets can be purchased for £2 each, and are available to buy after weekend Masses and from the parish office during the week.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Tommy McCourt
Susan Hegarty**

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Kathleen Harkin
Mickey Harkin
Jane Toner
William Gallagher
Kathleen Gallagher
Jane Doherty
Robbie Herron**

May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate **Karla Gorman & Ryan Gillespie** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

May God bless you abundantly in love, joy and happiness

Collection

Weekly Collection: £6,107
Parish Development: £1,017

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Hungry Children: £20, £5, £5
Mary's Meals: £60
Cathedral Funds: £5, £20, £20
Gaza Appeal: £20, £20
SVdP: £40, £10

Readers for 11th /12th October

06.15 pm Karen O'Brien
07.30 pm Amulya George
09.30 am Cara Elliot
11.00 am McGinley Readers
12.30 pm Jackie Tyre
07.00 pm Marian Boyle

St. Eugene's Cathedral Youth. We're excited to invite all young people who are in Post Primary School Yr 8–Yr 12 to be part of a new youth ministry initiative in St. Eugene's Cathedral. Together we'll participate in Mass and take active roles as readers, servers, musicians, greeters, collectors and much more. We will grow in faith, share discussions, reflections, and fun activities that help us live our faith every day. We will build on our Parish Community, meet friends, serve others, and strengthen our parish family. Call to the Parish Office or Sacristy to pick up a Registration Form and return it before Sunday 19th October 2025.

Pope John Paul II Award – Information Session. Are you taking part in the Pope John Paul II Award at St Eugene's this year? If so, you are warmly invited to an Information Session on Wednesday 8th October at 4.30pm in the Upper Sacristy. There will be a short presentation and discussion on how we can support you in finding meaningful and enjoyable activities to complete your award. If you have any questions, please email lauren.doherty@derrydiocese.org

St Eugene's Cathedral – Monthly Draw Winners

1st Prize	£1,000	Ticket no 1	Teresa Nicholl
2nd Prize	£500	Ticket no 112	Ann McDaid
3rd Prize	£100	Ticket no 173	Manus McCallion
	£100	Ticket no 69	Raymond O'Connor
	£100	Ticket no 160	Louise McGee
	£100	Ticket no 119	James Gallagher
	£100	Ticket no 55	John O'Kane

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

Congratulations to the winners of the fifth draw held on Saturday 27th September! 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 25th October after 7.30pm Mass, best of luck to everyone!

Women Without Fear – A cross community walking and wellbeing programme for women in the Derry area. Starts in October and runs for 10 weeks. Come together with goals to build confidence, connect across communities, improve physical and mental wellbeing, develop practical skills to feel safer in everyday life. Free of Charge. To register to attend call 02871262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

St Eugene's Cathedral Choir – New Members Welcome. Do you enjoy singing and want to serve the Church through music ministry? The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and sings at the 12:30pm Mass on Sundays, as well as at special liturgies throughout the year. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the director, Maghnus Monaghan, at maghnusmonaghan@hotmail.com, or speak with him after the 12.30pm Mass.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty will take place on Tuesday 7th October 2025. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm followed by Mass at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

Cathedral Cleaning – Volunteers Needed. We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Cathedral on **Wednesday afternoons**. Your time and effort will help keep our sacred space welcoming and beautiful for all. If you're available and willing to lend a hand, please contact the parish office or simply come along at 2.00pm. All are welcome—many hands make light work!

SVdP in Derry is looking for individuals who could assist for a few hours a week as van drivers. Email: svp.derry@svpni.co.uk if you can help.

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.