

### **A short reflection**

Our readings today remind us that the Holy Spirit is the gift of the Father to us. In Acts we hear of the disciples waiting in fear in the Upper Room. The Spirit comes and fills them with a new courage, a new joy, a new desire to share the good news of Jesus with the world. In their own power the disciples could not have fulfilled the call of Jesus “to go out” and share this good news but when the Spirit came upon them, they were set free to live joyful, hope filled lives of love and service.

This promise of Jesus, this gift of the Holy Spirit, is for us too. The Spirit helps us to grow into our identity as sons and daughters of the Father, to know truly that we are the beloved of God.

What change does this make in my life? This realisation, this experience of blessing and invitation to a new life in Christ helps me to accept the gifts of love, forgiveness, gentleness, peace and joy that the Spirit has in store for each of us. The Spirit always guiding, comforting, encouraging, empowering us to be the face of God to each other.

As we pray today may the breath of God renew and encourage us and help us to reach out in loving service to those in need.

**Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood:** As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we ask the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts and minds of the men being called to serve the Church in this diocese as priests, to guide them in their discernment, and help them to choose the path the Lord wishes them to follow.

**Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead takes place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 3.00 pm.** Please be in position at 2.30 pm. Families are asked to bring their own holy water to the Cemetery for the blessing of the graves. At the appropriate time Bishop McKeown will ask a representative of each family to sprinkle their family grave (and neighbouring grave if there is no-one present). There will be no holy water in the Cemetery.

130 car parking spaces will be made available for Blue Badge holders within the Cemetery. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis to current Blue Badge holders and can be booked at [www.derrystrabane.com/cemeterysunday](http://www.derrystrabane.com/cemeterysunday).

There will be no vehicle access to the cemetery from 12pm to facilitate preparations for the service. Access will only be given to those who have registered with gates remaining open until 2pm. Those who have secured a space must be in place by 2pm, as there will be no access for vehicles after this time.

Other car parking will be available for blue badge holders at St Mary’s Church, Creggan, St Cecilia’s College and Celtic Park. Booking is not required, and access will only be given to vehicles that display a current Disability Blue Badge Permit on arrival.

For visitors parking outside the cemetery, we ask that you please park in appropriate areas and be considerate of people living in the area. Do not block roadways, footpaths, or gateways when parking. This is an important time of prayer for families who are remembering loved ones, and we ask that everyone is respectful and mindful of other visitors during the service. We encourage those attending to arrive in good time, and to adhere to the advice of the stewards. We would greatly appreciate cooperation with staff to ensure everyone can have safe and easy access to this time of prayer.

The Service will also be live streamed and available to view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jwxjiwtrdi4>

### **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Tony Gill***

***John Shiels***

***Teresa O’Kane***

May they rest in peace

### **Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Ann McMahon***

***Patrick Johnston***

***John McCay***

***Patrick McCaul***

***May Bell***

***Jimmy McGlinchey***

***Ita Gill***

***Grainne McGuire***

***May Nugent***

***Deirdre McGinley***

***Suzie Sweeney***

***George Page***

***Neil & Jean Hamill***

***Patrick Hamill***

May they rest in peace

### **Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God’s family:

***Fionn Kevin McCallion***

***Aria Rose Mary Watkins***

***Faith Frances Barr***

To book a Baptism contact the  
Parish Office 02871 262894

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

We congratulate ***Claire Hegarty*** and ***Ciaran Downey*** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

### **Collection**

Weekly Collection: £5,816

Parish Development: £997

***Thank you for your generosity***

### **Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Trócaire:** £100, €10

**SVdP:** £100, £60, £25

**Mary’s Meals:** £50, £25, £25

**Smile Train:** £200

**Children in Crossfire:** £100

**Water Aid:** £25, £15

**Sight Savers:** £25

**Altar Flowers:** £20

**Gaza Appeal:** £40

### **Readers for 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> June**

06.15 pm Claire O’Kane

07.30 pm Stephen Orr/Karl Orr

09.30 am Kay McGinn

11.00 am McGinley Readers

12.30 pm Michael Wilson

07.00 pm Amulya George

### **Sick Visitation**

Fr Shaun Doherty will attend the sick and housebound in his care on Tuesday and Friday.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025 to Knock Shrine**, led by Bishop McKeown, will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, commencing with Rosary at 2.00pm, followed by Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and concluding with Mass and Eucharistic Procession at 3.00pm. Confessions available throughout the day. Bus departs St Eugene’s Cathedral at 8.30am. Evening meal included. Cost £50 per person and places confirmed on receipt of completed form. For further information please contact the parish office, St Eugene’s Cathedral on 02871262894 or email the parish office at [cathedral@derrydiocese.org](mailto:cathedral@derrydiocese.org)

**Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025: starts on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July and concludes on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July.** For those wishing to avail of transport, a bus will depart after 10:00am Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on the Friday; it will travel via Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost: £95/€110 (including transport). Pre-booking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan on [tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org) or phone the Diocese Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for a booking form.

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

**Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:** As part of a Novena to the Sacred Heart being held on nine consecutive Fridays in different churches across Ireland, the seventh Novena Mass will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown this **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.00pm** in the **Church of the Sacred Heart, Derry Road, Strabane.** Additionally, the **relics of St Margaret Mary Alacoque & St Claude la Colombiere** from Paray-le-Monial, France will be present and will stay in the Church until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Times of Celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration, Veneration of Relics and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June) are published at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/sacred-heart> During this Jubilee Year of Hope, these special days of prayer in our diocese are an opportunity for renewal and to deepen our relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

**'Vulnerable to delight' - Seamus Heaney: Poet of Childhood.** A lecture presented by Dr, Gary Wade (Adjunct Lecturer, University of Notre Dame, Sydney, Australia) will take place at St. Columb's College, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 4.15 p.m. To book places please email: [info@stcolumbs.derry.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcolumbs.derry.ni.sch.uk) or telephone 02871 285000. Light refreshments served afterwards. All Welcome!

**Job Opportunity with Derry Diocesan Trust: Parish Operations and Administration Manager, Leckpatrick, Camus and Lifford Parishes.** Permanent post - 35 hours per week. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails the oversight and coordination of all business and administrative aspects of Parish life. For application pack please telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: [recruitment@derrydiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:recruitment@derrydiocese.org) no later than 12noon on Tuesday 24th June 2025. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*

**Meals on wheels:** prices range from £3.50 from Abbey house kitchen delivered free of charge within a three-mile radius. For more information contact Patricia on 02871262392.

**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.**