

A short Gospel reflection John 2:13-22

In today's Gospel, Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple, declaring, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade!" His zeal for His Father's house reveals His deep love for the place where God dwells among His people. Yet, when He speaks of "destroying this temple" and raising it in three days, Jesus points to something greater—the temple of His own Body.

As we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the mother church of all Christendom, we remember that our faith is not merely about a building, no matter how beautiful or ancient. The Lateran Basilica is a sign of unity, reminding us that the Church herself—the People of God—is the living temple of the Holy Spirit. By baptism, each of us becomes a dwelling place of God.

Jesus' cleansing of the temple invites us to look within: what needs to be cleansed in the temple of our hearts so that God may dwell there more fully? Our churches are sacred because they house the Eucharist, but our hearts are also meant to be altars of love, mercy, and truth.

May today's feast renew our reverence for our churches and inspire us to let Christ purify our hearts, so that we, too, may be living stones built into the dwelling place of God.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, and for the future priests of the diocese, that they will know and honour Jesus as the foundation of everything they do to build up His kingdom of justice, love, and peace in the world.

Remembering Our Dead: 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.

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.

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.](#)

Christmas Wreath Floral Workshop - Saturday 29th November at 12.00 noon in the Cathedral Hall. Cost £20 which includes all flowers, sundries & refreshments. Pre booking required. Call into the Parish Office or phone, 028 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Christmas Afternoon Tea - Saturday 6th December at 1.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. Join Anne Marie Hickey and friends for a Festive Afternoon Tea with music and song. Cost £25. Pre booking required. Call into the Parish Office or phone, 028 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Anna O'Brien
Angela Hutton
Patsy (Catherine Hamilton)

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jim McCallion
Pat McCaul
George Holmes
David Holly
Elizabeth (Lily) McCafferty
John(Johnny) Doherty
Eddie McKinney

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

Fionn James McGlinchey

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Collection

Retired Priests Collection: £3,207

Weekly Collection: £6,597

Parish Development: £1,051

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Cathedral Funds: £20

Flowers for Altar: £20

Mary's Meals: £40

Sight Savers: £20, £150

Smile Train: £20, £50

Hungry Children: £10

Children in Need: £20

Gaza Appeal: £100, £150

Unicef Appeal: £150

Readers for 15th /16th November

06.15 pm Claire O'Kane

07.30 pm Stephen Orr/Karl Orr

09.30 am Kate Doherty

11.00 am St Eugene's PS

12.30 pm Eilish Friel

07.00 pm Anna Begley

A missionary group from Bethlehem (The Holy Land) will be visiting the Cathedral on 22nd and 23rd November to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary Beads, Plaques and Nativity Cribs) which are made out of olive wood. Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated and would help to support the Christian families in Bethlehem.

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.

Prayer for the Holy Souls - Lord of loving kindness have mercy on the souls of those we have known and loved and on those who have no one to pray for them. Welcome them into your peace. Amen.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

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 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.

The IOSAS Centre - The Columba Community welcome all to the IOSAS Centre in Lenamore Road, Muff, F93 F104, next to White Oaks Centre. There is the stunning Celtic Prayer Garden, The Sanctuary Café, Acorn Project Farm Shop with organic produce. Spacious parking is available. It is an ideal family day out.

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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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