

A short Gospel reflection Luke 17: 11-19

On his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus travels through the borderlands of Samaria and Galilee. There, ten lepers cry out to him from a distance: “Jesus! Master! Have pity on us.” This Gospel passage stirs an uncomfortable but necessary self-examination. It reminds us how often we are guilty of ingratitude — not just to others, but to God. Leprosy, in Jesus’ time, was more than a disease; it was a sentence of isolation. Lepers were outcasts, cut off from family, community, and temple worship. Yet these ten, though distant, recognise something in Jesus: power, compassion, and authority. He does not touch them or speak a dramatic word of healing. He simply says, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they obey, they are healed. Imagine their joy — the rotting flesh healed, the stench gone, the long exile from society suddenly ended. And yet, only one returns. And that one is a Samaritan, a foreigner, doubly despised. He alone turns back, praising God in a loud voice, and falls at Jesus’ feet in gratitude. His return is more than good manners. It is a recognition of where healing comes from — and who Jesus truly is. His faith is not just in a miracle worker, but in the mercy of God revealed in Christ. Jesus affirms this: “Your faith has saved you.” Gratitude, then, is not just a virtue; it is a spiritual clarity. Let us not wait for miracles to begin cultivating gratitude. To give thanks is to turn back to God, again and again — not just with words, but with our lives.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: In our second reading this weekend St Paul asks the young Timothy to keep in mind the Good News of the life, death and, most importantly, the resurrection of Jesus as Paul had handed it on to him. We pray for the future priests of our diocese that, like Timothy, their ministry will bring the people they serve to salvation.

St Carlo Acutis – Mass Intentions – The Mass intentions will be offered up on Sunday 12th October at the 7.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am Masses. You and your loved ones will be remembered at these Masses.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena - The Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots continues after the 7.30pm Mass on Thursday, 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.

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.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Fr Frank McLaughlin
Maureen McCandless***
May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Patrick McCaul
Rose McCaul
Maureen Keys
Manus Doherty
Peter Harkin
Margo McCartney
Jack Knight
Margaret Knight
John Kelly***
May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God’s family:

***Carson Paul Carr
Quillan Barry Budhram
Kaida Barr***

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Collection

Weekly Collection: £5,407
Parish Development: £1,052

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Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Smile Train: £20, £50
Sight Savers: £10, £150
Foyle Down Syndrome: £250
Cathedral Funds: £250
Trócaire: £100, £100, £100
Mary’s Meals: £50
Gaza Appeal: £50, £20

Readers for 18th /19th October

06.15 pm Paul Gormley
07.30 pm Gareth Tucker
09.30 am Cara Elliot
11.00 am St Anne’s PS
12.30 pm Marie Canning
07.00 pm Philip Wilson

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.

Calling pilgrims to Walk in the Light, 7pm on Saturday, November 1st: To mark the Christian feast of All Hallows with prayers for peace, the city centre Churches are inviting you to join our annual inter-denominational Walk in the Light. We are gathering in a spirit of friendship at Salvation Army Church on Carlisle Road, proceeding to St Columba’s Cathedral, London Street, on to First Derry Presbyterian Church and ending at St Columba’s Church Long Tower - followed by tea and light refreshments in Long Tower Primary School. The walk will take no more than one hour. As we approach the final quarter of this Jubilee Year, we urge you to honour the Christian call to unity, fellowship and peace, by joining us as Pilgrims of Hope for Walk in the Light, 2025. Everyone is welcome!

Please remember in your prayers all those who will gather in Kilkenny on Saturday, 18th October, for a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This important event marks the next step on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Representatives from every diocese in Ireland, including Bishop McKeown and delegates from the Diocese of Derry, will take part. You can read more about the Assembly at: www.derrydiocese.org/baptised-and-sent

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

Ulster Project Derry – Calling all past teens: We are recruiting 3 leaders for Ulster Project 2026. Candidates must have a faith-based background, must be from within the city, 21 years minimum age and available for regular meetings. Safeguarding trust training will be completed and successful candidates will be Access NI checked. Dates of travel: outward 25th June 2026, returning 19th July 2026. Leaders will be expected to fundraise towards their own fares and, although this is a non-salaried position, this should be far outweighed by the experience of Ulster Project. Fact sheet and application form can be obtained by emailing ulsterprojectderrylondonderry@outlook.com. Interviews will be held.

Silent Retreat: Fr Stephen Quinn will lead a silent retreat for men and women in Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry, from Friday 5th - Sunday 7th December. This is a great opportunity to take some time this Advent, to grow in contemplative prayer and friendship with Christ. The weekend costs £90. For further info/booking call 02871262512 or email termonbaccaderry@ocd.ie

Our Lady of Montligeon prayer group- praying for all the souls in purgatory meets in Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry, on the last Wednesday each month at 12.30pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday 29th October and everyone is welcome to come along.

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!

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.

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty