

A short Gospel reflection Luke 10:25-37

In answer to the man's question, when he was enjoined to love his neighbour, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus recounts the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan shows his compassion to the victim of the brutal robbery. He follows through his outflow of pity with practical help: he interrupts his own journey to tend to the injured man's wounds; he pays for his recuperative stay at the inn; he promises to call in on his way back to check on the patient and allay any further expenses he may have incurred.

The victim was a Jew. Jews and Samaritans were traditional enemies, a fact ignored by the Good Samaritan's spontaneous response to the needs of a fellow human being.

Jesus' answer to the question. "Who is my neighbour?" is neither ambiguous nor equivocal. It is this. My neighbour is all mankind, and if I am to gain eternal life, I must love all mankind as I love myself, ignoring man-made divisions and exclusions, responding to the needs of others actively as well as on the level of feeling. No ambiguity or equivocation from Jesus. Just clarity and directness, and a powerful challenge to complacency.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: We pray for our seminarians and the men who are considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, that they will be the Good Samaritans of our time - compassionate, taking pity on the weak, comforting the afflicted, soothing the wounds of those who are hurting, giving without counting the cost.

The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 15th July at 7.30pm. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them.

Be at Peace (Prayer by Saint Francis de Sales)

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what will happen tomorrow;
the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025: starts on Friday 25th July and concludes on Sunday 27th 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 or phone the Diocesan Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for a booking form.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Danielle Coyle
Patsy Mooney
Philip Page
Raymond Ryan**

May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate **Imogen Capper** and **Myles McIvor** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

Collection

Weekly Collection: £ 5,542
Parish Development: £946

Thank you for your generosity

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**William (Billy) Boyce
Jim Gallagher**

May they rest in peace

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**SVdP: £25
Mary's Meals: £25, £20
Sight Savers: £30
Smile Train: £30
Hungry Children: £5**

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Nóra Catherine Quigley
Rí Robert McKinney
James Daniel Truesdale**

To book a Baptism contact the
Parish Office 02871 262894

Readers for 19th /20th July

06.15 pm	Mary Feeney
07.30 pm	Helen Sweeney/ Rebecca Sweeney
09.30 am	Gerry O'Donnell
11.00 am	Piaras O Meallain
12.30 pm	Marie Canning
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Lunchtime Concert - Grúpa Ceoil Beag, a group of young traditional Irish music students and performers will be performing in The Cathedral Hall on Friday 25th July at 1.00pm. Entry is free and everyone is welcome. With thanks to Derry City & Strabane District Council for supporting this event.

St Vincent de Paul notice: The SVdP Office is closed for summer holidays and will reopen on Monday 28th July. Please note all volunteers will be on holidays during this time.

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops – the following dates are now available: September 26th/27th, October 17th/18th, November 7th/8th. Book online at www.accordni.com. Please note that these courses are in person and not virtual.

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Cathedral Parking Notice - Please be advised that parking at the Cathedral is restricted for Cathedral use only. Due to limited space, and to ensure safety, accessibility, and availability for those attending Mass, events, and pastoral appointments, we kindly ask that parking be reserved for Cathedral-related activities only.

This change also supports our efforts to accommodate:

- Elderly and disabled visitors who require closer access
- Clergy and staff during working hours
- Funerals, weddings, and other scheduled services
- Deliveries and essential maintenance access

We understand this may cause inconvenience, and we are grateful for your understanding and cooperation as we aim to serve our Parish as best we can.

Pilgrims of Hope at Lough Derg & Knock this July: Pioneers and friends of the PTAA are invited to mark the Jubilee of Hope on pilgrimage at Lough Derg from Friday 11th July - Sunday 13th July. The three days of prayer, keeping vigil and fasting, will allow us to connect in prayer with all who live under the shadow of addiction. For details visit www.pioneers.ie.

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 20th July. Prayers will be offered at Our Lady's Shrine for all who work in alcohol and drug treatment centres around Ireland. Contact Fr Robert McCabe via prayer@pioneers.ie for further details.

Mary's Meals Walk: 'Two Bridges Walk' on Sunday 3rd August, over the Foyle Bridge and Peace Bridge. We will meet in Sainsbury's car park at 11.45am to begin the walk at noon. The distance is approximately 5 miles. The walk is part of a series of walks taking place across Ireland in early August to raise awareness of Mary's Meals and the work they do. You can register for the walk at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/step> . If you have any questions please contact Helen Quinn, telephone 07814441701.

RNID in Partnership with Dept. of Health are holding a free walkin Support Service where we can help with: • Hearing aids, including basic repairs and maintenance of NHS hearing aids • Information on hearing loss and tinnitus • How to do a hearing check • How to access support and services in your area: Great James Street Health Centre -2nd Wednesday each month: 13th Aug, 10th Sept, 8th Oct, 12th Nov, 10th Dec. 11am – 12:30pm

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.watchmenmedia 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