

## A short reflection on today's Gospel Luke 24:35-48

The resurrected Jesus appears to his amazed, frightened disciples, and wishes them peace. The word 'peace', as uttered by Jesus, has a powerful meaning beyond the meaning we might normally attribute to it. The peace breathed on his disciples by Jesus is the perfect state of mind, heart, soul and spirit which envelops us as we rest in the truth, the truth of our redemption by our Saviour's passion, death and resurrection, the truth of eternal life, the truth of eternal bliss in the glorious presence of God, our Father. It is the faith, hope, and love present in and informing our lives.

There is a wonderful tenderness and caring made manifest in today's Gospel. The express purpose of the resurrected Jesus' appearance to his beloved disciples is to soothe their fears and allay their doubts. He wants them to go out to proclaim the truth of our salvation wrought by his passion, death and resurrection, and in order to do that they must be free from all doubt and confusion. He needs them to be aware that everything which has taken place is part of a divine plan for our salvation. And so he verifies his resurrection by showing them his wounds; he makes the reality of his presence clear by eating and drinking with them. He takes them through sacred Scripture to show them the meaning of his death and resurrection.

Jesus is a Teacher motivated by love for his pupils, by his wish to liberate them into the clear and invigorating air of truth and knowledge so that they can liberate others.

**National Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** – As we approach the end of the Year of Prayer for Vocations to the diocesan priesthood we continue to pray for the men of our own diocese who are discerning God's will for them, that they will be witnesses to the Resurrection of Jesus and to His presence in the Church and the world, preaching the message of "repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

Anyone interested in serving the Church as a priest of the diocese of Derry should contact Fr Pat O'Hagan, diocesan Director of Vocations, at pgoh2111@gmail.com, or at (028) 79386259.

**LIFE Camp 2024** – Calling all pupils currently in Primary 3 – 7. Week 1– Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Week 2– Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Cost for each week is £40. To register go to [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp)

**St. Eugene's Cathedral Pilgrimage to Fatima – 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.** Cost £770 per person sharing with a single room supplement of £150 (subject to availability). For more information, please contact Anne Marie Hickey on [amhickey@derrydiocese.org](mailto:amhickey@derrydiocese.org) or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

**St Eugene's Cathedral Choral Scholars scheme** will be open for new applications from April 15th until April 30th for the term beginning September 2024. Entrance to the scheme is via audition. Contact the Director of Music at [magnusmonaghan@hotmail.com](mailto:magnusmonaghan@hotmail.com) for an application form or more information. Scholars sing with the Cathedral Choir weekly and are paid a stipend for their participation.

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Raymond Harley  
Dean Dempsey**

May they rest in peace

### Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**William McGill  
Kitty McKeever  
Mary Carlin  
Tommy McDaid  
Patrick Horner  
Paddy Cullen  
Patricia McCallion**

May they rest in peace

### Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Sonny Michael Logue  
Daithí Rían Meehan**

### Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate **Lisa McAleer and Danny Rafferty** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

### Collection

Last week's collection: £5,163

Parish Development: £1,131

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Church Funds:** £20, £50

**Trócaire:** £100, £30, £40, £20, £20

**Gaza:** £100

**SVdP:** £25

**Mary's Meals:** £25

**Smile Train:** £20

### Readers for 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> April

06.15 pm Claire O'Kane

07.30 pm Piaras O Meallain

09.30 am Amulya George

11.00 am Rosemount PS

12.30 pm Eilish Friel

07.00 pm Anna Begley

**Exploring Poetry with Mary Murphy** continues Fridays at 11.00am in the Cathedral Hall. You are most welcome to join via the online platforms or in person.

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership** - The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If you are interested in registering for the Masters in September 2024 or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June.** The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. There will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St John's Centre. Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1.00 pm in the Basilica. Stations of the Cross outside at 2.00pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the main celebrant of the 3.00pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

**Mary's Meals -Crisis in Ethiopia:** Mary's Meals provides school meals to over 2.4 million children every day. They ask you to remember in your prayers families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia and invite you to a special online session where their founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this urgent under-reported crisis this Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.00pm, find out more at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) or email [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org)

**Muckamore Abbey** is having a service of thanksgiving and prayer in the Moyola building for staff, past and present, on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

**Reflection Day at SMA Retreat Centre, Dromantine** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am – 5.00pm. The theme is 'Forgiveness: the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness' and will be led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA. Cost (incl. lunch) £38/€43. For more information telephone 028 30821964 or email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May** - These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup>. More details can be found at [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie). Cost €45 per person, booking essential. The Lough Derg traditional Three Day Pilgrimage begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th.

**Sister Clare's Retreat Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.** The retreat begins every morning with 7.00am and 10.00am Mass followed by Benediction and a guest speaker in the evening at 7.00pm. A healing service will take place on Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. On Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a guest speaker at both the 10.00am Mass and 3.00pm Mass and the retreat will conclude on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3.00pm with a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or you can view online at [www.longtowerchurch.org](http://www.longtowerchurch.org)

**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.

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