

A Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral today (Sunday), 26th April at 3.00pm to mark the Silver Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop McKeown. We give thanks to God for Bishop McKeown's faithful service and dedicated ministry over the past twenty-five years since his Episcopal Ordination. May the Lord continue to bless him with wisdom, strength, and good health as he shepherds his people with care and compassion. Everyone is welcome.

A short Gospel reflection John 10:1-10

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd and the gate to reveal who He is for us. He is not one voice among many, but the true Shepherd who knows His sheep and calls each by name. In a world filled with competing messages and distractions, it can be difficult to recognise which voices lead to life. Jesus reminds us that His voice is different - it is marked by truth, mercy, and a love that seeks our good.

By calling Himself the gate, Jesus shows that He is the way to safety, freedom, and communion with God. It is through Him that we find what our hearts are truly searching for. Other paths may promise fulfilment, but they cannot offer the lasting peace that comes from following Christ.

His promise is both simple and profound: "I came so that they might have life, and have it abundantly." This abundant life is not about material success, but about a deep and lasting relationship with God—a life shaped by grace, purpose, and love.

As we reflect on this Gospel, may we ask for the grace to recognise the voice of the Good Shepherd, to trust in His guidance, and to follow Him more closely each day.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is a Day of Prayer for Vocations. We thank God for those He has called, and is calling, to diocesan priesthood, and we pray that many more will respond to that call to become spiritual guides and shepherds to the people of God in our time.

The Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place at St Eugene's Cathedral from Saturday 9th May until Sunday 17th May 2026. The Novena begins with a Mass with the Anointing of the sick at 7.30pm on Saturday 9th May. Sunday 10th May at 6.00pm there will be Devotions and a talk. Monday to Friday (11th to 15th May) Novena Masses will be celebrated at 6.30am, 10.00am each morning and there will be an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30pm. On Saturday 16th May the 10.00am Mass will be offered up for those who have died. The Novena will close on Sunday 17th May at 3.00pm. This will be an opportunity to pray for a special intention and to ask St Thérèse to intercede for us. Everyone is welcome to St Eugene's Cathedral for this time of prayer and petition.

First Holy Communion – Congratulations to the boys and girls from St Anne's Primary School and St Eugene's Primary School who celebrated their First Holy Communion here at St Eugene's Cathedral during the week. May this special day be their first step in a life-long love of the Eucharist.

The Cathedral Club meets on Thursdays after the 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to this parish social group who meet once a week in the Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road. Refreshments will be served.

A set of car keys has been handed in after being found in the Cathedral. If you believe these keys belong to you, please contact the parish office.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Dolores Bonner

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

William Lafferty

Mary McCool

Eddie Higgins

Fr Liam Nugent

Carmel Colwell

Nellie Harkin

Rose Griffin

Mary McGrellis

Ann McCrea

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Jacob John Alexander Gill

Sofia Elaine Hendawy

Croia Catherine Harkin

To book a Baptism contact the

Parish Office 02871 262894

Readers 2nd /3rd May

06.15pm Karen O'Brien

07.30pm Liz McMonagle

09.30am Rosemary Finan

11.00am McGinley Readers

12.30pm Kevin Finan

07.00pm Marian Boyle

Collection

Priest's Collection: £ 6,726

Parish Development Collection: £ 1,107

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Trócaire: £80, £50

SVdP: £20

Hungry Children: £5

Cathedral Funds: €250, £210

Mary's Meals: £25, £50

Smile Train: £10, £100

Sight Savers: £100

Sick Visitation

Fr Paul Farren will attend the sick and housebound in his care during the coming week:

Monday: Lisfannon Park, William Street, Creggan Street, Fahan Street, Cable Street, Lower Road, Abbey House, Little Diamond

Wednesday: Mulvey Park, Laburnum Terrace, Elmwood Terrace, Westland Terrace, Gartan Square, Clarendon Manor, Grangemore, Northland Road

Sick Visitation

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

St Eugene's Cathedral Parish Draw – only 200 tickets available! 10 monthly draws at £20 per draw beginning May 2026. Monthly fee for all draws can be paid in full or monthly. Entries paid in full will be entered into a draw for £500. Prizes per month £1,000, £500 and 5 x £100. The draw will raise funds for necessary repair, maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful Cathedral. Registration for the draw will close on 30th April 2026. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 02871 262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

St Eugene's Cathedral Scholars: Applications will open on Monday 27th April for the 2026-2027 Choral Scholars Scheme. The scheme is open to all full-time students over the age of 16. The choral scholars sing with the cathedral choir weekly as well as other special events as instructed by the director of music. They will receive instruction in a wide range of choral music, and they receive a stipend for their participation. Entrance is by application only. For an application form contact the director of music at maghnusmonaghan@hotmail.com. Deadline for applications is 11th May 2026.

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima - We are inviting young people aged 16+ to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 5 nights from 3rd to 8th August. Cost is £820 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact bethany.doherty@derrydiocese.org 00 44 2871264087.

The Columban Young Adults is a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the Diocese, seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. The first event will be a talk on Thursday 30th April, at 7.30pm in our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by the Servant Sisters of Home of the Mother. It will be on the question, 'Why be a Young Catholic in 2026?', in which they will also reflect on the life of Sr. Clare Crockett. The talk will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments.

Job Opportunity: Derry Diocesan Trust - Temporary Administrative & Financial Officer (15 Hours per week), parish of Urney & Castlefin, Co Donegal, based in the Parochial House in Doneyloop. Working Days & Times to be negotiated. Job Role: Reporting to the Parish Priest, the role entails provision of administrative and financial support. For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, 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 Thursday 7th May 2026. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

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 within the Church please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on +447596500793 or email: dlp@derrydiocese.org.

Northern Ireland emergency services: PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland): 101
Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust: 028 7131 4090 (and ask for the Duty Social Worker), Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust: 028 9442 4459,
Regional Emergency Social Work Services: 0800 1979 995.

Republic of Ireland emergency services: Garda Síochána Buncrana: 00353 749 320 540
Letterkenny: 00353 749 167 100, TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency: 00353 749 102 233