

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Short reflection on today's Gospel
Luke 19:1-10

Today salvation has come to this house....

Today's Gospel beautifully illustrates the transformative power of love. Zacchaeus is a tax collector and, as such, is despised by his local community. But Zacchaeus inexplicably is drawn to gaze on the face of Jesus and to hear his words. Being small of stature, he climbs a sycamore tree to enable him to see over the heads of the crowd. We can only imagine his shock when Jesus walks to the sycamore tree, looks up and says, "Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus, accustomed only to hatred and derision, is filled with joy by the love contained in the words of Jesus; and transformed by that love he vows to amend his life by making over half of his property to the poor as well as recompensing those he may have cheated. Hatred, derision, anger, had all failed to transform the life of Zacchaeus; only the love shown to him by Jesus had that power. Only love is truly transformative. Let us climb that sycamore tree with Zacchaeus and gaze on the loving face of Jesus. Let us respond with joy to his offer to rest with us. Open us to the transformative power of his words of love and feel them reaching into the very heart of our lives, turning that heart from stone into warm, loving flesh and blood.

All Saints, Tuesday, 1st November-Holyday of Obligation.

Masses for the Holyday are as follows:

Monday 31st October: 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm Vigil Masses.

Tuesday 1st November: 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm

The Retired Priests Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the Holyday (All Saints).

Wednesday, 2nd November is All Souls Day - Masses will take place at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm during which there will be an opportunity for you to remember your deceased family members and friends. Please take a Remembrance Card from the back of the Cathedral, write the names of your loved ones on it, and bring to Mass on Wednesday. Please place the card in the prayer box at the back of the Cathedral. The Remembrance Cards will be carried to the altar during Mass.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Margaret McGlinchey

Mark Kelly

Kevin Wells

Meta McKendrick

Kathleen Toland

Gary Loughrey

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Fergal Meenan

Charlie McDermott

Jim McGill

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Damian Patrick Owens

Oisín Francis Edward Owens

Aryaha-Grace Kelly

To book a Baptism phone 02871262894.

Please remember:

Godparents: (1 male and 1 female over the age of 16).

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate the couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral.

Lauren McDaid & Shaun Budhram

Una Hutton & Conor Kelly

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Trocaire: £100

Save the Children: £20

Pakistan Flood Relief: £50

Smile Train: £40, £80

Missions: £100

Church Fund: £50

Flowers for Altar: £20

SVDP: £75

Collection

Last week's collection:

Missions: £5,321

Parish Development: £955

Thank you for your generosity

Readers for 5th/6th November

06.15 pm Anna Begley

07.30 pm Piaras O Meallain

09.30 am Marian Boyle

11.00 am McGinley Readers

12.30 pm Roisin McGarrigle

07.00 pm Sophia Mason/
Kate Doherty

Deceased Children & Young People's Mass: The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 6th November at 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend this Mass in person but would like to have a child or young person remembered at it, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org by Friday 4 November.

Accord Derry Marriage preparation workshop is on Friday 18th November 2022 from 7.00pm to 10.00pm continuing on Saturday 19th November from 10.00am to 4.00pm in Cathedral Hall, Francis Street Derry. Book online www.accordni.com

There will be a Concelebrated Mass here in St Eugene's Cathedral on Saturday 12th November 2022 at 7.30pm for the deceased members of the parish. As we were unable to gather as a Parish Community due to covid restrictions there will be a further two Concelebrated Masses held for those who died during 2021 on Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm and for those who died during 2020 on Saturday 26th November 2020 at 7.30pm. Anyone who has lost a close relative who was buried from another church during the past year please leave the deceased's name in the Sacristy or Parochial House so that they can be remembered in the Mass and nominate someone to receive a candle in their memory.

St Joseph's Boys School annual Mass of Remembrance for all deceased pupils, staff and governors will take place on Thursday 10 November 2022 @ 7pm in the school assembly hall.

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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 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.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias, Deacon: Rev Michael McCaul