

A short Gospel reflection Luke 14:1, 7-14

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

Jesus is drawing ever closer to his Passion. His mission on earth is almost over. He accepts the invitation to lunch from a leading Pharisee in the full knowledge that the invitation is designed to trap him in some way. The Pharisees were powerful, and ever watchful for any attempt to unseat them from the lofty position they had created for themselves; Jesus' teaching on love and forgiveness, kindness and compassion, has no appeal for those who are committed to worldly hierarchical structures.

Fearlessly, Jesus through his parable of the wedding makes it clear those who seek first place out of a sense of entitlement, will be humbled and shamed while the humble man content with the lowliest place, will be exalted and honoured.

We are reminded that when Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world, there was no place for him, and throughout his ministry he chose to live among the poor, the crippled, the lame and the lowly. The message is clear: it is humility which leads to the glory of eternal life. It is in feeding the hungry and the rejected that we will share in the banquet of the Lord when the 'virtuous rise again.'

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: We pray that those called to serve the Church as priests of this diocese will be the gentle, humble, sensible, and attentive servants mentioned in our first reading this weekend.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 1st September at 7.30 pm. The Matt Talbot Prayer Society was created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Mass will also be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

To celebrate the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis there will be veneration of Carlo's relic, gifted to St. Eugene's Cathedral by his mother, from 3.00pm to 6.30 pm on Sunday 7th September. During the time of Veneration, the Rosary, which was a very important prayer in Carlo's life, will be prayed each hour. At 7.00pm Bishop Donal Mc Keown will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for Carlo's Canonisation. Everyone is welcome to this time of Prayer and Celebration.

The Cathedral Club will recommence on Thursday 4th September, 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.

Lunchtime Concert - Grúpa Ceoil Beag, a group of young traditional Irish music students will be performing in The Cathedral Hall on Saturday 20th September at 1.00pm. Entry is free and everyone is welcome. With thanks to Derry City & Strabane District Council for supporting this event.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Harry Derges
Eamon O'Kane**

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Helen Nash
Mary Gallagher
May Doherty
John Duffy
Maureen Duffy
Ann Frazer**

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Lucia Maria Doherty
Orán Padraig Duncan-Monteith**

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate
Alix McDaid & Seán Mullan
and
Niamh Tohill & Tim McDaid who
celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
recently in the Cathedral

Collection

Weekly Collection: £5,181
Parish Development: £937

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Hungry Children: £5
Smile Train: £20
Sight Savers: £20
Gaza Appeal: £20, £20, £100**

Readers for 6th /7th September

06.15 pm Karen O'Brien
07.30 pm John Og McNamee
09.30 am Gerry O'Donnell
11.00 am Michael McCaul
12.30 pm Megan Dallat
07.00 pm Anna Begley

Sick Visitation

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

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.

St Eugene's Cathedral – Monthly Draw Winners

1st Prize	£1,000	Ticket no 37	Gráinne Nugent
2nd Prize	£500	Ticket no 151	Maureen Gill
3rd Prize	£100	Ticket no 5	Michael Nicholl
	£100	Ticket no 12	Fr Shaun Doherty
	£100	Ticket no 144	Martin Dunleavy
	£100	Ticket no 92	Kieran Lappin
	£100	Ticket no 136	Karen Harkin

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

Congratulations to the winners of the fourth draw held on Saturday 23rd August! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to support our parish — your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The next draw will be held on Saturday 27th September after 7.30pm Mass, best of luck to everyone!

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty will take place on Tuesday 2nd September 2025. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm followed by the celebration of Mass at 7.15pm. There will be an opportunity to be blessed with a first-class relic of St Pio while closing prayers are recited. Everyone is welcome.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Lourdes Youth Group 2025: A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Lourdes Youth Group 2025 will be offered in St Mary's, Coolcalm, on Monday 1st September at 7.00pm. This Mass is open to all, especially those youth who may be considering going on pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2026. Refreshments afterwards in Knocknagin hall. Everyone is welcome.

First Saturday Rosary takes place on Saturday the 6th September at 1.00pm in Market Square, Letterkenny. Everyone is welcome.

BLESSING OF BIKES - Sunday 7th September, Burt Chapel, Co Donegal, 1.30pm: short prayer service and blessing. All are very welcome. Fr Gerry Sweeney will celebrate Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Dungiven, at 11:30, remembering and praying for all deceased bikers. Any biker who has died in the past year will be remembered in prayer at this Mass: names can be sent to Fr. Gerry at gerardsweeney@ymail.com. After Mass in Dungiven, we will make our way to Burt Chapel for 1:30pm. There will be the usual collection for the RNLI Station at Ned's Point, Buncrana. After the blessing we will make our way to Ned's Point RNLI Station to present the collection and for refreshments.

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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 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.