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[Sunday \(1st November\)](#)

Mass - 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm

Please note: Local Radio Station Drive 105 will broadcast the 12.30 pm Sunday Mass live.

6.00 pm Benediction

7.00 pm Mass

[Monday to 2nd – 6th November](#)

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am Mass

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

7.30 pm Mass

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

[Saturday \(7th November\)](#)

10.00 am Mass

Vigil 6.15 pm Mass

Vigil 7.30 pm Mass

Reflection on today's Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

How happy are the poor in spirit

Today's Gospel is the profoundly beautiful expression of Jesus' core teaching. If we are true disciples of the Son of God and our lives flow from his central tenet of love, then no matter how much we suffer on earth, all peace, comfort, joy and consolation shall be ours when we are finally embraced by his Father. Our tears shall be wiped lovingly away; our wounds shall be healed; justice shall be ours; peace and joy shall be our rewards. What the Beatitudes reveal in today's Gospel is a world of extraordinary grace and generosity for those who, despite all provocation, walk only on the path of love.

The first Beatitude, 'How happy are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven,' refers to those who empty themselves in order to receive Christ's teaching; it refers to those who are totally open and receptive to the Holy Spirit of true enlightenment. The Christian mystic, Thomas Merton, writes, "At the centre of our being is a point of nothingness which is untouched by sin and by illusion, a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God." It is through that God-owned spark at the centre of our being that we are able to transcend the limitations of our finite selves and enter the bigger picture. It is then that the rest of the Beatitudes offer themselves to us and wrap us warmly in their comforting embrace.

Thanks be to God.

Feast of All Saints – Sunday, 1st November 2020

You are invited to join the Diocese online for a Service of Prayer

Today, **Sunday, 1st November at 3.00 pm** the bishops and priests of Ireland will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to 'Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved'. You are invited to join the whole country to unite in this moment which will be followed by parish liturgies throughout the month of November, reaching out as much as possible to those who cannot be physically present.

Date: Sunday, 1 November 2020

Time: 3.00 pm

Participate online: derrydiocese.org

[DOWNLOAD THE PRAYER SERVICE](#)

The service may be used on the afternoon of Sunday, 1st November at 3.00 pm by joining the Diocese broadcast at derrydiocese.org.

Consider placing a Cross or an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary prominently as a focus of devotion.

Funerals: The recent announcement by the Northern Ireland Executive, arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, restricts attendance at funerals to only 25 people. In order to adhere to this regulation, funerals will be celebrated at either 9.00 am or 11.00 am Monday to Saturday. Unfortunately there will be no funeral Masses celebrated on a Sunday.



Face Coverings: We ask all adults and children aged 14 and over to please wear a face covering at Masses and other liturgical celebrations ie Funerals, Baptisms, First Communion, Weddings (unless they are exempt from wearing mandatory face coverings). Medical advice is that wearing face coverings is first and foremost about protecting others.

Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the Cathedral.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Eddie Harley

Yvonne Toal



May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Kathleen (Katie) McGlinchey, George Gallagher and Agnes Downey.

May they rest in peace.

Remembering Our Dead

‘By virtue of the communion of saints, the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist on their behalf’. This is how the catechism reminds us of our need to pray for the dead throughout the year but we remember them in a special way during the month of November.

This has been a very difficult year especially for those who have had so many restrictions on family funerals.

As we wait for the time when we can come together as a parish community for Mass, we have created a sacred space at Our Lady’s Altar.

At all Masses throughout November we will pray for the deceased family and friends of each home in our parish especially those who died during the past year and who are remembered at Our Lady’s Altar.

There is a box at Our Lady’s Altar for you to put the names of your deceased family and friends so that they can be remembered at all Masses during November.

Bishop McKeown will celebrate Mass and lead the Rosary each Friday during November. He will offer the Rosary for the deceased family and friends of each home in the Diocese especially those who died during the past year. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

First Light-Windows to the Soul: St Augustine’s, Aras Columcille (Long Tower), First Derry Presbyterian and St Columb’s Cathedral, will give a reverent look into the presentation of their faith, what it means to pray and the people keeping their Church alive. Derry City and Strabane District Council are launching the Windows to the Soul piece today (Sunday, 1st November) at 4.30 pm. To access please logon to Longtower Church Website and scroll down home page to Events & News and click on the link to First Light- Windows to the Soul.

St Eugene's Cathedral will host 'First Light-Reflection and Remembering' organised by the Derry & Strabane District Council at 7.00 pm on Monday, 2nd November. This instrumental performance will be followed by the 7.30 pm Mass. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

Diocesan Mass for deceased children and young people: The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will be celebrated here in St Eugene’s Cathedral on Sunday, 8th November at 7.00 pm. You can join this Mass via webcam in St Eugene’s Cathedral by watching our live streaming which can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or telephone 028 7126 4087.

Decree extends indulgence for the faithful departed throughout November

The Apostolic Penitentiary announces modifications to the Plenary Indulgence for the deceased during the month of November.

Many of the Church's pastors have requested an adaptation to the requirements to obtain the Plenary Indulgence for the deceased in the month of November. Thus, "by the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis", the Apostolic Penitentiary released on Friday some changes to the normal practice. The Decree containing these modifications was signed on 22nd October, the liturgical memorial of Pope St John Paul II.

Plenary Indulgence during month of November

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1st to 8th November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

Plenary Indulgence for Feast of All Souls' Day

Regarding the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls' Day, 2nd November, this year, it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by "devoutly visiting a church or an oratory", along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed, and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence.

The homebound

For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful". In this case, the condition of being "completely detached from sin" and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

The Decree suggests that such prayer take place before an "image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary". Among the various prayers that are recommended are "prayers for the deceased, Morning or Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for the liturgy of the Dead, or completing a work of mercy by offering to God the suffering and discomforts of one's own life".

by Sr Bernadette Mary Reis, fsp

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decree-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html>

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: This Prayer Society has been 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. As we know addiction takes many forms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, to other less acknowledged addictions.

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 be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer.

To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894 or email steugenesc@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.

The next Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm tomorrow (Monday, 2nd November).

Course on 'Death and the Afterlife' on Wednesday evenings on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November after Night Prayer facilitated by Fr Farren via the Cathedral Hall webcam at www.steugenescathedral.com

Prayer resources and activities for families for November: The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. For the mid-term break there is a *'World Drawing God Day'*, which is a great way to engage children for hours in creative drawing. Drawings can be shared online and you can take an online tour of the Drawing God Museum. To view all the available resources, visit www.catecheticalcentre.org.



Blessed of Carlos Acutis

Carlo Acutis was beatified in Assisi, Italy on Saturday, 10th October 2020. Carlo was an Italian Catholic teenager. He documented Eucharistic miracles around the world and catalogued them all onto a website that he created himself in the months before his death from leukaemia. Carlo was known for his cheerfulness, his care for others, his computer skills and his deep devotion to the Eucharist, saying it was his “highway to heaven”. There is a display in the Cathedral dedicated to Carlo and prayer cards which you are welcome to take.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Riaghan Sean Toland

Evie Florence Scullion

Eoin Patrick Jeremy Gill

Aodhán Paul McCafferty



Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena continues after 7.30 pm Mass on Thursday, 5th November. Do you have some “knots” in your life? Knots of discord in your family, the knots of deep hurts in relationships, the absence of peace and joy in the home. Sometimes our lives may seem one big knot due to circumstances beyond our control when we face health problems. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady; that Christ gave His Mother to be our Mother, the Untier of Knots. We pray and entrust our specific “knots” to Her loving hands, learning how to let go of that which binds us. Please join us via webcam at www.churchservices.tv, www.watchmenmedia.tv or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena – Meditation of the Day for Thursday, 5th November

Queen of Mercy, I entrust to you this knot in my life and I ask you to give me a heart that is patient until you untie it.

Teach me to persevere in the living word of Jesus, in the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Confession; stay with me and prepare my heart to celebrate with the angels the grace that will be granted to me. Amen! Alleluia!

Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for me.

**Exploring a selection of inspirational poems with Mary Murphy
(Online from St Eugene's Cathedral Hall
via <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugeness-cathedral-hall>)**

The course aims to stimulate an interest in poetry as an inspirational art form. By gently exploring a number of poems by, among others, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, Seamus Heaney, Patrick Kavanagh, the course aims to show how, by tapping into a rich seam of language, the poet offers us an in-depth exploration of the human condition. And, like other forms of art, poetry can offer us a route to the Divine by reaching into and touching our innermost spiritual needs. The course aims to be friendly, informal, inclusive and nourishing. Please join by webcam on Friday at 11.00 am - <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugeness-cathedral-hall>.

Readers for next weekend (7th/8th November 2020)

06.15 pm	Mary Feeney
07.30 pm	Caolán Orr
09.30 am	Ava McGinn
11.00 am	Geraldine O Meallain
12.30 pm	Charlie McDermott
7.00 pm	Anna Begley



Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Charity of Adm's Choice:** £50, £20.
Cathedral Funds: £10.

Last week's Collection amounted to £3,677.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £622.

There is a box at the back of the Cathedral for weekly parish envelopes and contributions for the upkeep of the Cathedral. **Please note cheques should be made payable to St Eugene's Cathedral.**

If you would like to make your weekly envelope contributions by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office on 028 71262894/71365712 or by email steugenes@btconnect.com. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.

Lough Derg November Memorial Service for deceased pilgrims and benefactors - live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo on Sunday, 22nd November at 7.00 pm - www.churchservices.tv/pettigo. To enrol a departed loved one please contact by email: info@loughderg.org or phone 0(0353) 71 9861518 or write to Fr La Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 YC60.

Can You Foster? Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be: long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support. To learn more please phone 028 90652288 or visit our website <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/foster>.

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal 2020: Christmas time is the busiest time for St Vincent de Paul giving out lots of toys and food parcels kindly donated by the public. However, this Christmas is going to be different with COVID-19 and government restrictions. The safety of the public and their members is paramount. Therefore, St Vincent de Paul are asking the public that instead of buying a physical toy or items of food that they buy a voucher or make a donation for the amount they were going to spend. If you have any questions or need any help please ring St Vincent de Paul on 028 71265489 or email svp.derry@svpni.co.uk.

The Net is now available online, on www.derrydiocese.org. As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read The Net, on the Diocesan Website, at your convenience.

The Messenger: Messenger Publications are offering a free online copy. Please visit: https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messenger_june_v11.3_low_res. If you have any difficulty accessing the link or if you have any further queries, please email c.henry@messenger.ie.

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