

Sunday (3rd April)

Masses at 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm

3.00 pm to 6.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00 pm Benediction

Bishop Donal McKeown –Video Podcasts on Sunday at 8.00 pm during Lent: The podcasts will explore a range of topics and will be available on our website, YouTube, and Facebook.

Monday (4th April)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

8.00 to 10.00 pm - Late Opening on Mondays continue on 4th and 11th April: To celebrate the sacrament of Confession and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Eucharist.

Tuesday (5th April)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

Why is my presence at Mass important? Fr Paul's series of talks continue from the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday, 5th April, from 7.00 pm to 7.25 pm.



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on
Tuesday from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm.**

Wednesday (6th April)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

1.30 pm Pray the Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday (7th April)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

Lectio Divina: Fr Ignacy invites you to join him upstairs in the Sacristy area of St Eugene's Cathedral from 6.45 pm to 7.20 pm for reflections of scripture readings.

Friday – 8th April

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

6.30 pm Pray the Stations of the Cross

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

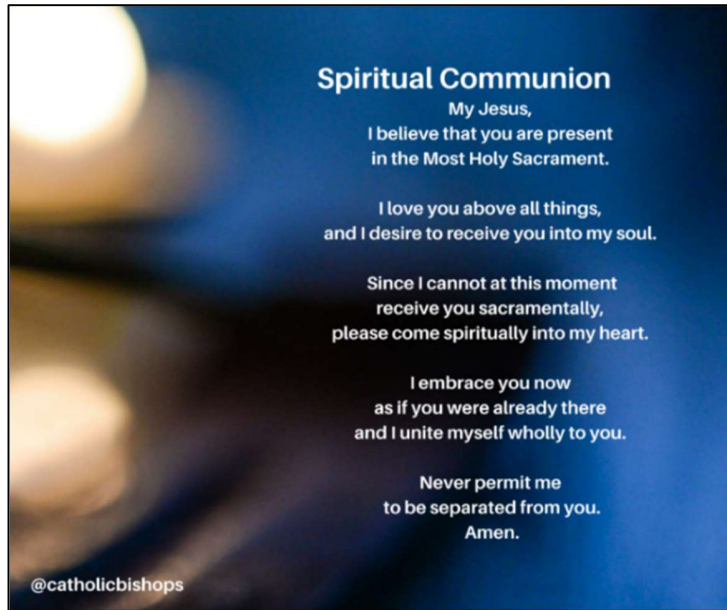
Saturday (9th April)

Mass at 10.00 am, Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

Face Coverings: To ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation, St Eugene's Cathedral ask all adults and children aged 14 and over to please wear a face covering at Masses and other liturgical celebrations.

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

To join us 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.



Monday (4th April) at 11.00 am: Mindfulness with Mary Murphy livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall. Join via the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com and choose the link **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM**

Friday at 11.00 am: Exploring a selection of poems with Mary Murphy livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall. Join via the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com and choose the link **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM**

On Palm Sunday (10th April) at 8.15 pm here in St Eugene's Cathedral: "A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." (From Messiah by Handel). A moving journey through the Passion of Christ in Scripture, reflection and song.



Palms will be blessed at all Masses on Palm Sunday (10th April).

Easter Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. Cost £2.00 each.

A short reflection on today's Gospel

John 8:1-11

'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone'

Today's Gospel makes it clear that Jesus did not come among us to please us; he did not come among us to flatter or curry favour with the rich and the powerful; he did not come among us to nod his approval of those who would separate us out into the deserving and the undeserving: the saints and the sinners. Jesus came among us to unsettle us, to challenge our notions of justice and judgement. He came among us to teach us God's ways and to banish those ways of man which so often masquerade as God's ways but are designed to serve our notions of exclusivity and separateness; our notions of 'us and them!'

The Scribes and the Pharisees, always on the alert to trap Jesus who had fearlessly and on many occasions undermined their authority and their probity, haul an adulteress in front of him and challenge him to dispute the law of Moses which holds that the woman merits being stoned to death for her actions. Jesus' response is to kneel on the ground and begin writing in the sand. When the Scribes and Pharisees persist he looks up and says: 'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone.' And he continues to write in the sand. We never learn what it is that Jesus is writing. Perhaps it is the sins of the Scribes and Pharisees, as has been suggested by some scholars. Starting with the eldest, the woman's accusers all slink away leaving her standing before Jesus, who, while not approving of her sin, offers no condemnation but instead offers her compassion and forgiveness. Surely Jesus' quiet forgiveness, his saving of her life, must have had a transformative effect on the life she lived afterwards.

Jesus, may we avoid any semblance of smugness and self-righteousness in our lives. May our minds and hearts always be focused on unity rather than separation, recognising that our brothers and sisters are all of mankind. May humility and truth be the light which guides us towards eternity.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Billy (William) McCrystal

May he rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Lyla and Ken Crocker, Sean McCaul, Myra (Bonner) Canning, Isabell (McCaul) Gallagher, William McCarron, Patsy Horner, Michael McCourt, Margaret McLaughlin, George McLaughlin, Cissie Rooney, Gloria Hegarty, Willie and Cissie Dorrity.

May they rest in peace.

Baptism

We welcome as a member of God's family

Rian Peter Jude Irwin



Readers as per rota for next weekend – Palm Sunday, 9th/10th April

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Nadine Gill and Lawrence Moran

who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here in St Eugene's Cathedral.



Congratulations and best wishes to Kathleen McIntyre who recently celebrated her 100th Birthday.

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We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

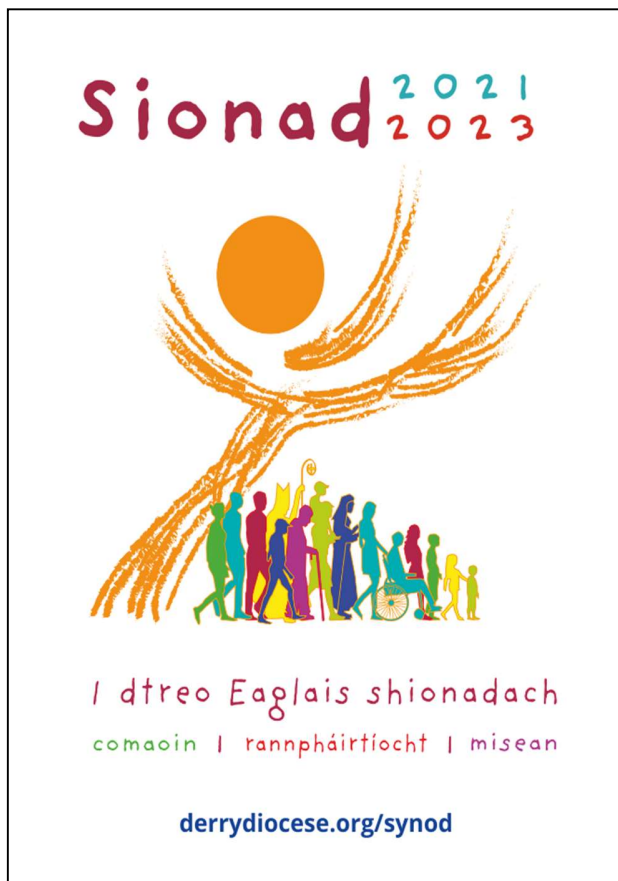
Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the
Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.





Seasaimid i Do láthairse, a Spioraid Naoimh,
agus sinn/muid ag teacht le chéile i D'ainm.

Agus Tusa amháin mar threoraí againn
socraigh Tú féin síos inár gcroithe;
Múin dúinn an tslí a chaithfimid dul
agus conas is féidir linn leanúint di.
Táimid lag agus claonta chun peaca;
ná lig dúinn ainriail a chur chun cinn.

Ná lig don aineolas sinn/muid a chur amú,
ná don chlaonpháirtíocht ár ngníomhartha a mhúnlú.

Lig dúinn teacht Ort inár n-aontacht
chun go dtíallfaimid le chéile chun na beatha síoraí
gan dul ar strae ó bhealach na fírinne ná ón gceart.

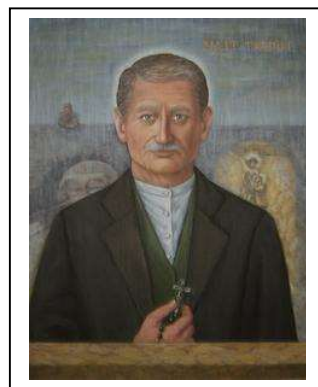
Iarraimid é seo uile Ort,
Tusa a bhíonn ag obair de shíor agus i ngach uile áit,
i gcomaoin an Athar agus an Mhic,
trí shaol na saol. **Amen.**

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.

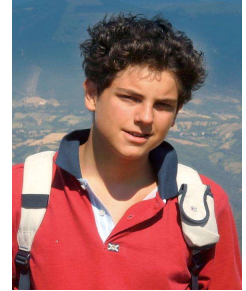
To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712 or email steugenes@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral.



**The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in
St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm tomorrow (Monday, 4th April)**

Blessed Carlos Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian Catholic teenager, was beatified in Assisi, Italy on 10th October 2020. 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 Blessed Carlo Acutis and prayer cards which you are welcome to take.



St Eugene's Cathedral Choir is looking for new members to join. The Choir practices at 8.00 pm on Wednesdays and sings at the 12.30 pm Mass each Sunday. There are many ways which you can serve the church. Singing is one of them. If you would be interested in singing with the Choir please get in touch with the Choir Director, Maghnus Monaghan, through the parish office or speak to him after Mass at 12.30 pm.

Thank you



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** £100, £100, £5, £100. **Charity of Adm's Choice:** £10. **Cathedral Funds:** £190. **Yemen:** £50.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,586.
Parish Development Collection amounted to £816.

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 online banking or standing order, please find St Eugene's Cathedral's bank details below:

Account Name:	St Eugene's Church No 1 A/C
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Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on **Sunday, 26th June 2022 at 6.00 pm.**

DIOCESE OF DERRY

Year of Prayer for Vocations

17 March 2022 - 17 March 2023



A recent survey reported that "80% of vocations come from the 20% of the parishes where there is active and ongoing prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life." With this in mind the Diocesan Vocations Council, with the blessing of Bishop Donal McKeown, are promoting a special Year of Prayer throughout the diocese of Derry. The Year of Prayer, which began on St Patrick's Day 2022, will run until 17 March 2023.

The first step for anyone interested is to speak with their local priest who will put them in touch with Fr Pat O'Hagan, the Diocesan Vocations Director. They may, of course, contact Fr Pat directly at the parochial house in Moville (Tel: **00353 (0)74-9382057**) or email pgoh2111@gmail.com.

As a diocese, let us pray for Vocations, that "*...the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest...because the harvest is rich, but the labourers are few.*" (Matthew 9:37).

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,

you call us by name, and ask us to follow you.

Help us to grow in the love and service of your Church today.

Grant us the courage to embrace Christ's mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church here in the diocese of Derry

**by raising up generous and dedicated leaders from among our families and friends,
who will serve your people as Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.**

Bless those who have already answered your call

and who are now preparing for service in your Church.

Inspire us to know you better,

and open our hearts and minds to the guidance of your Holy Spirit.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Diocese of Derry Daily Lenten Prayer

Loving Father,
To prepare for His mission of proclaiming Your
kingdom to the world
Your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the
quiet of the desert.
In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by
that same Spirit,
to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I
will seek opportunities for
daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of
kindness.
With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of
the passion,
death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

#LivingLent



Friday Penance during Lent 2022: Penance is an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. It arises from the Lord's call to conversion and repentance.

We do penance:

- in memory of the passion and death of the Lord,
- as a sharing in Christ's suffering,
- as an expression of inner conversion,
- as a form of reparation for sin.

The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works). *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1438*

Declaring some days throughout the year (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) as days of 'fast and abstinence' is meant to intensify penances of the Christian, not to isolate them.

Lent is the traditional season for renewal and penance. In addition to the season of Lent, Catholics observe each Friday of the whole year as days of penance.

The link between Friday and penance is extremely ancient and is even reflected in the Irish word for 'Friday', An Aoine (the fast).

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Religious Education Resource for Children

'The Lord's Prayer gives me courage,
hope and strength in tough situations.'

(Thandekile)

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Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- Making the Stations of the Cross
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.

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Give to Trócaire's Lent Campaign and through the UK Aid match programme, the UK government will double every pound you give now, or by 1st June 2022, up to £2million.

Healing Sunday, Franciscan Friary, Rosstownlough: Healing Sunday Service today (Sunday, 3rd April) and on the first Sunday of every month, going forward. **Rosary** at 2.45 pm followed by **Mass/Healing Service** at 3.00 pm. **Confessions** from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will resume this year, from 3rd – 8th July 2022. Cost: £689 per person sharing, with single room supplement £150. Price includes flights, transfers and full board. The pilgrimage will be suitable for pilgrims who do not require medical, nursing or personal assistance as, unfortunately, this cannot be provided this year. The intentions of the sick of the diocese can be taken to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, will be open for enquires and application forms on Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com.

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. The Derry Centre to date has 42 graduates and 30 more students at different stages of the programme. **Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2022.** If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

C.A.L.M.S. (Community Action for Locally Managing Stress) Mental Health Support Line is offering the following: providing support with anxiety, panic, insomnia, low mood, depression and stress; a listening ear; and relaxation/breathing techniques. The service is available via telephone or zoom free of charge. Tel 079 0704 0568 or 028 71268698 Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 5.00 pm or leave a message out of hours. Visit www.calmsstresscentre.org.

Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222.

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Gamblers Anonymous can help. Telephone 71351329

The March issue of *Sharing the Good News* can be downloaded from the home page of www.catholicbishops.ie.

ACCORD DERRY Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at www.accordni.com

Catholic Engaged Encounter: A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9th/10th April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This two-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512.



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If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793 or email marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org or contact Briege O'Neill, the Safeguarding Coordinator at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ, tele (028) 71362475 or email safeguarding@derrydiocese.org or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.