

Sunday (3rd October)

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

6.00 pm Benediction

Monday to Friday (4th October to 8th October)

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am 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

Saturday (9th October)

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

Face Coverings: 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 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.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
on Tuesday beginning
after 10.00 am Mass
until 7.30 pm Mass.**



Please join us via the Webcam:

We invite you 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-eugenescathedral or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.



A short reflection on today's Gospel Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide

In today's Gospel Jesus once more places love at the centre of his teaching, as his enemies try to trap him again within the meshes of the law. They ask him whether or not he approves of the law which allows a man to divorce his wife. Now in Galilee at that time a woman had no rights whatever: she was the property of her husband, and, thus, her husband divorcing her often rendered her destitute without any resources for survival whatever. God had created man and woman equal, but humankind had decreed differently. Jesus' response to his enemies' sly question is beautiful in its unequivocal clarity. Moses' permission for a man to divorce his wife, Jesus states, was his reluctant response to man's sinfulness: it was his attempt to impose some kind of order on the flouting of God's law by humankind. In other words, divorce happened as a concomitant of the fallen world. God had created man and woman equal and beautiful and it was His desire that they should live together in mutual love and harmony. The fall of humankind had sundered apart God's desire, and only the restoration of pure love could heal the resultant brokenness.

Later, when the little children came flocking to Jesus, his disciples wanted to send them away but Jesus forbade them to, insisting as he had done before that only with the trusting innocence of the child, only with the unconditional love a child offers, can we attain the kingdom of God. For Jesus, that pure heart, that unquestioning sense of wonder and awe and that complete acceptance of the miraculous which is the daily experience of the child, is the key which opens the door to eternal life for all of us.

Jesus, may we cultivate within us the pure heart of the child. May we be filled with the child's wonder and awe at the miracles of this created world, and may we unquestioningly open ourselves to the eternal truth of God's existence.



Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

This year's *Day for Life* will be celebrated in Ireland today (Sunday 3rd October) on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'.

In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life.

The Catholic Church's approach to end of life care is well articulated in the recent Vatican document *Samaritanus bonus* on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life.

In that document we are reminded that Jesus gave us the image of the good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and our solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who "crosses over", who "binds up wounds" and who, most important of all "stays with" the person for as long as is required.

Excerpt from <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2021/09/22/day-for-life-2021-the-good-samaritan-a-model-of-compassion/>

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Rev Hugh Doherty

Clay Pierce

John Roddy

John O'Doherty

Bill Bonner

Bob Fenwick

Dermot Carter

Leo Lynch

May they rest in peace



Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family

Dillon Alexander McLaughlin

Storm Aurora O'Neill McLaughlin

Alexandra McIntyre Feeney



Readers for next weekend – 9th/10th October 2021

06.15 pm	Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm	Helen Sweeney
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Anna Begley
12.30 pm	Marie Canning
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle



Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Enya Martin and Tony Zammit

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



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 steugenest@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 October)**



Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena will continue after 7.30 pm Mass each Thursday until 25th 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.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots candles on sale - £2.50 each.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena – Meditation of the Day for Thursday, 7th October

Mary, Beloved Mother, channel of all grace, I return to You today my heart, recognising that I am a sinner in need of your help. Many times I lose the graces you grant me because of my sins of egoism, pride, resentment and lack of generosity and humility.

I turn to You today, Mary, Untier of knots, for You to ask your Son Jesus to grant me a pure, humble and trusting heart. I will live today practicing these virtues and offering you this as a sign of my love for You. I entrust into Your hands this knotwhich keeps me from reflecting the glory of God.

Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for me.

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**.

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.



SEASON OF CREATION. “A Home for All?: Restoring Our Common Home”

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi), celebrating the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

*“Rivers do not drink their own water;
trees do not eat their own fruit;
the Sun does not shine on itself and
flowers do not spread their
fragrance for themselves.
Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.
No matter how difficult it is....
Life is good when you are happy;
but much better when others
are happy because of you.”*

Pope Francis

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is Pope Francis' annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. This year's celebration will take place on **Sunday, 24th October 2021.**

The theme for World Mission Sunday 2021 is ***We Cannot Remain Silent: 'For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard'*** (Acts 4:20).

A series of presentations on Mission Today - what mission means in today's society - will be available online, by Zoom, on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings of the month of October. Each presentation is free and will consist of a short talk, discussion on the topic and a chance to ask questions. For more information on the individual presentations, the speakers and to receive the Zoom links, visit derrydiocese.org/mission-month.

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.



Work is progressing on the new Prayer Garden, which is located behind the Grotto in the grounds of St Eugene's Cathedral. When completed the Prayer Garden will be a place to come to pray and remember all those who since March 2020 when there were restrictions on attending wakes and funerals. Fifty-one rose bushes will be planted to remember those who died from each parish in the Derry Diocese.

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps Gamblers Anonymous can help: call them on 028 7135 1329.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks a donation for **Flowers: £60. Matt Talbot Prayer Society: £100. Building Fund: £100. Charity of Adm's Choice: £20. Cathedral Funds: £300.**

Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,405.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £766.

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 Eugenenes Church No 1 A/C

Account Number: 55192935
Sorting Code Number: 90-49-74
IBAN: GB45 BOFI 9049 7455 1929 35
Branch: Bank of Ireland, 15 Strand Rd, Derry, BT48 7BT

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 2022: Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.

Padre Pio Prayer Group will take place on Tuesday, 5th October in the Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty beginning at 6.45 pm with the Holy Rosary followed by celebration of Mass at 7.15 pm and continuing with closing prayers at 7.45 pm. A first class relic will be available for Veneration.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend - 5th to 7th November, hosted by Catholic Marriage Encounter: Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance. This is an online experience (using Zoom), starting on Friday evening at 8.00 pm and ending on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 pm. Full details on: <https://www.marriageencounter.ie>.

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service donation sessions at the Guildhall Building, Derry on Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th October from 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm. Please note that donation sessions are now by appointment only; to book an appointment, please call 08085 534 653 between 10.00 am and 4.30 pm.

Beyond the Bruising?: An oasis hour for those seeking serenity as they live with fractured relationships. Available on zoom. Saturday, 9th October at 11.00 am. For details contact thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy: The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University has reopened for the new academic year. They are a vibrant community of faith and friendship at the heart of campus where students feel welcome, listened-to, valued and supported. For more on their liturgy schedule, events, facilities and amazing Café, visit qubcatholic.org.

The Every Voice Festival, managed by Allegri Arts Organisation and based in the North West of Ireland is a community-focused festival whose main objective is to celebrate local heritage, culture and the arts while promoting Derry City and Strabane District Council as a tourism destination. This year the festival marks 1500 years since the birth of Colmcille, patron saint of Derry, through music and prayer. This concert was filmed in the beautiful settings of St Columb's Cathedral, St Columba's Church Long Tower and Áras Cholmcille. It features Long Tower Folk Group, St Columb's Cathedral Choir and St Eugene's Cathedral Choir as well as a performance from an inter-denominational choir of community singers from throughout Derry

and Donegal. The concert celebrates the city's shared heritage and early Irish Christianity. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7YfQdIIGxY0>

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday, 3rd October with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org. Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289.

Dromantine Retreat Centre: The following Retreat and Workshops will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA: **'Called by a New Name'** Retreat – Refocus, recharge and reconnect in a post-pandemic world. Sunday, 3rd October, 5.00 pm – Friday, 8th October, 9.30am. Cost £420/€490. **'Broken Open'** Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow. Friday, 19th November, 5.00 pm – Sunday, 21st November, 2.00pm. Cost £200 / €230. Enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964. Email: admin@dromantineconference.com



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

Aid for the Children of Yemen: Fr Neal Carlin's new book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is now on sale at €10/£10 and can be purchased by contacting goldenagecentre@hotmail.com. All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. On Saturday, 9th October, **The Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2.00 pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr Patrick Kenny, Fr Gerry McCloskey, and Dr Blythe Kaufman. On Sunday, 10th October the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30 pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to gather safely

being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

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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