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Sunday (4th October)

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 Friday (5th October – 9th October)

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 (10th October)

10.00 am Mass

Vigil 6.15 pm Mass

Vigil 7.30 pm Mass

Reflection on today's Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

“The stone which the builders reject is in fact the cornerstone of the whole structure.”

The parable in today's Gospel underlines Jesus' unequivocal condemnation of those who exercise authority in their own interests: those who wield power in order to control others, never to take care of others. He condemns those who use their learning and their standing in society to exact obedience from others, who brook no challenges or contradictions from anyone. Such were the scribes, the elders and the Pharisees who saw themselves as the appointed custodians of God's ways when, in fact, their obsession with worldly power and status meant that their lives were lived far from God's truth.

When Jesus asked them which stewards they thought would be punished by the owner of the vineyard, without hesitation they agreed that the stewards who beat and stoned and killed those sent by the owner to inquire about the vintage, including his only son, deserved the most extreme punishment. It took them some time to realise that they had condemned themselves out of their own mouths, and when the realisation did dawn on them, they would have killed Jesus if they had not feared his standing with the crowd.

It has been acknowledged that this parable is a beautiful summary of the history of Israel, taken from the prophet Isaiah, but it resonates effortlessly with today's world. The truth will never reside with those of us who don't want to be stewards or tenants but want instead to be owners. The truth will never reside in those of us who refuse to stop living out of our own selfish dreams instead of living out of God's dream for us which alone leads to gloriously abundant life.

Who was it who said that the man who lives for himself alone is apt to be corrupted by the company he keeps!

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Joseph (Joe) O'Hara

Mary Moore

Gerald (Gerry) Doherty

Margaret Brolly

Jane Donaghey

May they rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Margaret Black. May she rest in peace.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Ciaran John Murphy

Nathan Gerald Feeney

Milo Conall McAlister

Daithi Gerard McKinney

Eliza Roberts



Face Coverings: Following consultations with public health authorities, the leaders of the four main churches in Ireland decided to recommend and encourage the use of face coverings at Masses and other liturgical celebrations.

We encourage 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 face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory). 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.

Day for Life – Sunday, 4th October 2020

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** in Ireland is celebrated today and will focus on the theme: 'Choose Life'.

Choose Life: Prayer for the Child in the Womb

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life.
Reawaken in us respect for every human life.

Help us to see in each child the marvellous
work of our Creator.
Open our hearts to welcome every child as a
unique and wonderful gift.

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and
midwives.
May the life of a mother and her baby in the
womb be equally cherished and respected.

Help those who make our laws to uphold the
uniqueness and sacredness of every human
life,
from the first moment of conception to
natural death.

Give us wisdom and generosity to build a
society that cares for all.

Together with Mary, your Mother,
in whose womb you took on our human nature,
Help us to choose life in every decision we take.

We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life
with you, and in the communion of the
Blessed Trinity.

Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, *pray for us.*
All the Saints of Ireland, *pray for us.*



Readers for next weekend (10th/11th October 2020)

06.15 pm	Mary Feeney
07.30 pm	Caolan Orr
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Ava McGinn
12.30 pm	Eilish Friel
7.00 pm	Marian Boyle



October Mission Month A Series of Presentations on Mission Today: Throughout October, Month of Mission, the Derry Diocesan Mission Team is offering a series of presentations on what mission means in today's society. Each presentation is free and will be available online through Zoom. They will consist of a short film, discussion on the topic and a chance to ask questions. Guest speakers: Martina Purdy, Elaine Kelly, Noel Bradley, Oliver Barrett and Marriage Encounter Ireland. For further information, visit derrydiocese.org



We congratulate the pupils of The Model Primary School who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion here in St Eugene's Cathedral.

The next Matt Talbot Mass will take place here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm tomorrow (Monday, 5th October).



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 steugenes@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.



Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena continues after 7.30 pm Mass on Thursday, 8th October. 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, 8th 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.

Family Rosary Crusade: Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the **Family Rosary Crusade**. On Saturday, 10th October, the **Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be Live & Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the Rosary from 12.30 pm. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Damian Polly, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Marius O'Reilly and more.



“There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving”
(Philippians 4:6)

You belong to Christ. If the Lord invites you to follow Him as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond?

Speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** £50, £50. **St Thérèse:** £40. **Flowers:** £40. **Mary's Meals:** £600. **Cathedral Funds:** £40.

Last week's Collection amounted to £4,442.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £722.

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.

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 next intake will be Autumn 2020. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Volunteers needed for Foyle Hospice Charity Shops: Do you have a few hours to spare per week? Contact Rachael Osbourne at 028 71351010 or email rachael@foylehospice.com.

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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