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**First Sunday of Lent – 6th March 2022**

**Sunday (6th March)**

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

6.00 pm            Benediction



**Forty Hours Adoration**

**The Forty Hours Adoration begins today**  
(Sunday, 6th March) after the 12.30 pm Mass.

**Monday (7th March)**

**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 – 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th, 11th April:** To celebrate the sacrament of Confession and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Eucharist.

**Tuesday (8th March)**

**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 will lead a series of talks from the Cathedral Hall beginning on Tuesday, 8th March, from 7.00 pm to 7.25 pm.



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

### Wednesday (9th March)

**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 at 1.30 pm**

**3.00 pm          Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**8.00 pm          Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer**

### Thursday (10th March)

**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**

**Pray the Stations of the Cross at 1.30 pm**

**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 - 11th March)

**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**

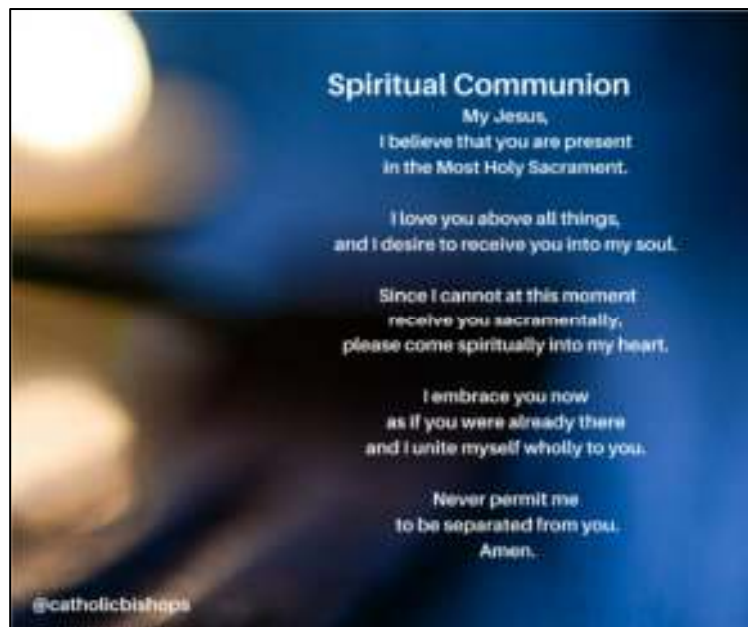
### Saturday (12th March)

**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](http://www.churchservices.tv), [churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral](http://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral) or the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com).



**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](http://www.steugenescathedral.com) and choose the link **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM**

**‘How Fit is Your Soul programme’:** To get physically fitter, you would go to a coach, receive a training plan and follow it to improve your fitness. Well the ‘How Fit is Your Soul Programme?’ is for those who want to become spiritually fit. It will benefit you whether you pray much, or little, or maybe not at all, at the moment. You will receive a plan and weekly guidance via phone or email to implement practical ways to improve your prayer life and become closer to Jesus. Please contact Emmett Mullan at (028) 71262894 or emailing [Emmett.mullan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:Emmett.mullan@derrydiocese.org) for further information.

**Bishop Donal McKeown – Video Podcasts:** Bishop Donal will record a weekly podcast every Sunday during Lent commencing today (Sunday, 6th March) at 8.00 pm. The podcasts will explore a range of topics and will be available on our website, YouTube, and Facebook.

## **A short reflection on today's Gospel**     *Luke 4:1-13*

### *The temptation in the wilderness*

Today's Gospel is powerful in the teaching it offers us as we witness the assault on Jesus by Satan.

Jesus is subject to every human experience from birth to death. Otherwise, the incarnation is incomplete and his ministry is defective. As our Saviour he must share in our everyday temptations, and he does. The conflict in today's Gospel is between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world. And it's no coincidence that Jesus' temptation immediately follows his baptism. It is acknowledged that when conversion or transformation or some profound spiritual experience occurs, when a certain level of wisdom, maturity has been reached, then it is that we are hit with temptations more strongly than ever. But it is through times of trial and temptation that we grow in spiritual wisdom. In the Gospel today, Jesus teaches us how to withstand assaults on our souls by the master of lies and deception. All three of Satan's temptations have the misuse of power at their centre: power without spiritual wisdom. Jesus calmly refutes each of Satan's temptations by countering them with the words of his Father in heaven. Satan attempts to seduce Jesus with promises of earthly power and status but the eyes of Jesus are firmly fixed on the things of God. Satan proves impotent in the face of the steadfastness of Jesus, and therein lies the lesson in today's Gospel.

Jesus, may we, like you, be willing at times to draw apart from the world to pray and thereby to strengthen and purify our fidelity to God and to the task with which He has entrusted us: to proclaim His kingdom.

### **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Charlie Barnfield**

**Mary Doran**

**Helen Morrison**

**James Lingenfelter**



May they rest in peace.

### **Anniversaries**

Bill Ferry, Grace Lynn, Eddie Given, Jeannie Hickey, Patrick O'Connor and Sadie Feeney.

May they rest in peace.

## Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

**Megan Doherty & Adam Boyle,**

**Claire Harron & Derek Downey,**

**Michelle Deeney & Laurence Quigg**

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



## Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

**Róise Éireann Campbell**

**Koa Michael Collins**



## Readers for next weekend – 12th/13th March

06.15 pm	Thérèse Ferry
07.30 pm	Marian Boyle
09.30 am	Oran Gartland
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Niamh Kehoe
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

**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 [steugen@btconnect.com](mailto:steugen@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, 7th March)**

**Holy Hour for Vocations** will take place in St Mary's Church, Creggan on Friday, 11th March, from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm, led by Fr Patrick Lagan. Everyone is welcome to attend, or to follow the Holy Hour on the Creggan parish webcam at [www.cregganparish.com](http://www.cregganparish.com)

### **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.

**The Prayer Garden**, which is located behind the Grotto, names all the parishes of the Derry Diocese and includes prayers for those who died during the pandemic. Fifty-one rose plants have been planted to remember those who died from each parish in the diocese since March 2020 when there were restrictions on wakes and funerals. The Garden will not be officially dedicated until a later date, however, everyone is welcome to come and pray or reflect.

### **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.**

**Concern Worldwide - Derry Group** are operating a pop-up Donations Desk on behalf of the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal, in the Millennium Forum, Derry. The desk will be open 10.00 am to 5.00 pm until Saturday, 12th March. Donations can also be made at the Concern bookshop and online.

**Annual Trócaire Lecture (Online):** Tuesday, 8th March at 7.00 pm - ‘How women of faith are responding to the ecological crisis’ - Dr. Carmody Grey, Durham University & Laudato Si Institute. Lucy Vokhiwa, Malawi. To register please contact [Frances.Harnan@trocaire.org](mailto:Frances.Harnan@trocaire.org)

**Can't Stop Drinking?** Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222.

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



## **Forthcoming events in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca:**

- **Novena to Sleeping St Joseph: Friday 11th to Saturday 19th March.** Mass each evening at 7.30 pm (except Sunday, 13th March – Mass at 7.00 pm). Booking necessary for attendance at this novena, or can be viewed via the webcam (YoutubeTermonbacca).
- **Day Retreat in honour of St Joseph** on Saturday, 19th March from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Booking necessary.

**Lectio Divina: Praying with the Scriptures this Lent** - Over the next four Mondays, Monday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March, following the 11.00 am Mass in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh, you are invited to a one-hour time of Prayer with the Scriptures in the St Pio Centre, Galliagh, (11.45 am to 12.45 pm approx). The focus will be on the Gospel for each of the upcoming Sundays of Lent. The Gospel reading and instructions will be provided for each session.

**Stories of Hope:** You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Steelstown on four Tuesdays of Lent at 7.00 pm to listen to local people share their personal journeys of faith: 8th March: Fr Isaac and Mikhail Kennedy, 15th March: Ciara McAlister and Jenny McGrath, 22nd March: Rev Canon Katie McAteer and 29th March: Paul O'Hea. Each evening there will be music and tea/ coffee afterwards.

**Are you between the age of 16 and 18?** You are invited to join the Pope John Paul II Award Youth Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Tuesday, 22nd March 2022. Join youth from all over Ireland in a day of prayer, talks and music. Guest speaker will be Fr Peter McVerry of the Peter McVerry Trust. Music by Elation Ministries. The Pilgrimage will start at 11.00 am and will conclude after 2.30 pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, the Patron of the Pope John Paul II Award. For transport information contact your local secondary school or the Derry Youth Ministry office on 00 44 (0)28 7126 4087 or [email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org).

**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, from 3rd March. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com).

**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](http://www.calmsstresscentre.org).



Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together. This Synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. This Synod is a process of journeying together by listening, dialoguing, praying, discerning and making decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather – clergy, religious and laity together- to listen to each other. The “goal” of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church. **Please visit the Diocese of Derry website at [www.derrydiocese.org/](http://www.derrydiocese.org/)**



# Synod 2021 2023



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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.**



# Sionad 2021 2023



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

Agus Tusa amháin mar threoraí againn  
socráigh 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 dtrialfaimid le chéile chun na beatha síoraí  
gan dul ar strae ó bhealach na firinne 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 Mhíic,  
trí shaol na saol. **Amen.**



## Starting conversations in our parishes



"We have to look at where the Lord is leading us in order for us to be effective in making new disciples for the Lord"

**Pope Francis is inviting the faithful all over the world to come with him “on a journey” as a “Synodal Church”. The word ‘synod’ means “walking together” and “indicates a way of being together as Church and ‘discerning’ how best to spread the Gospel amidst the challenges of life in the 21st century.”**

This Synodal Process entitled, *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission* coincides with the start of the two-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland which will lead, in time, to a National Synodal Assembly in Ireland.

We pray that the next two years will be a time of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a consultative conversation. This will allow all people - both within the Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Catholic Church in Ireland – past, present and future – so that we can prepare for a National Synodal Assembly in the coming years.

Bishop Donal explains this is the start of our Synodal Journey: *"We have set ourselves in Ireland a five year period, to look together in a prayerful context where God is leading His Church"*

In this video, <https://youtu.be/Lhky65OFfEQ>, Bishop Donal McKeown reminds us of the purpose of the Church and outlines the prayerful consultation process of Synodality, of walking together, of listening, of being led by the Holy Spirit to understand where the Lord is leading us.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire: £50. Sight Savers: £5. Mary's Meals: £25. Ukraine: £200. Building Fund: £100. St Vincent de Paul: £25. Flowers for Forty Hours: £10, £5, £20, £20, £60, £20, £20, £20, £40, £100. Smile Train: £5. Upkeep of the Cathedral: £280. Cathedral Funds: £50.**

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,202.**

**Parish Development Collection amounted to £887.**

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:

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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.



**ACCORD DERRY Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (*limited to 15 couples per course*).** Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://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](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512.

**Employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal:** Applications are invited for an **Operations Manager** which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and Application Pack contact Mary at +353 7198 61518 or [mary@loughderg.org](mailto:mary@loughderg.org).



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