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Sunday, 8th August 2021

## Sunday (8th August)

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 (9th August – 13th August)

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 (7<sup>th</sup> August)

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.**



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***Please join us via the Webcam:***

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



## **A short reflection on today's Gospel John 6:41-51**

Today's powerful Gospel issues us with the awe-inspiring invitation to take God into ourselves and to become one with Him: we are invited to the Eucharistic table to take into ourselves the good bread, the living bread, the bread of love, the bread of forgiveness, the bread of compassion.

The Gospel opens with the Jews complaining among themselves about what they consider to be Jesus' temerity in claiming to be 'the bread that came down from heaven.'

'Isn't he only the son of Joseph the carpenter and Mary, his wife', they murmur, 'ordinary people we know well!' Once again, they display their earth-bound prejudices. Once again their sense of awe is blunted by their stubborn insistence that greatness cannot possibly reside in the person of the ordinary and the familiar.

Jesus dismisses their murmurings with more than a degree of impatience at their lack of openness of mind and heart. He goes on to state that God, his Father, draws us to Him because He loves us, and He draws us to Him only through His beloved Son, Jesus. It is only through our commitment to the teachings of Jesus, to taking into ourselves his life, death and resurrection that we can sit at the Eucharistic table and eat the good bread of eternal life.

Jesus, may our hearts and minds be open always to the wonder of the extraordinary present in the lives of the ordinary, the humble and the familiar. May our sense of awe before the miraculous never be blunted by our exclusive, earth-bound reverence for the possessors of worldly power and status.

Jesus, may our ability to discern the bad food from the good food grow daily. May we always feel the need to eat better food and so take into our souls the food of love, forgiveness, and compassion.

### **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Fredrick Sweeney**



May he rest in peace.

### **Anniversaries**

John Hume, Peggy Carlin, Denis Gallagher, Seamus Mullan

May they rest in peace

### **Baptisms**

**We welcome as member of God's family**

**Raphael Jacob McCallion**

**Noah James Keenan**

**Ronán Kai Rooney**

**Ronan Richard Cooley**



## Readers for next weekend – 14th/15th August 2021

06.15 pm	Sean Hickey
07.30 pm	Anna Begley
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Piaras O Meallain
12.30 pm	Eilish Friel
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle



**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.

**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 [steugenes@btconnect.com](mailto:steugenes@btconnect.com) or private message St Eugene's Cathedral

## 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.



## Derry Youth Community



- Are you aged between 18-25 years old?
- Deciding what to do in the future (September 2021)?
- Thinking about a Gap Year?
- Want to do something faith based?



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks a donation for: **Trócaire** £50, **St Vincent De Paul** £25, **Mary's Meals** £25, **Cathedral Funds** £100, £100, £10

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,296**  
**Parish Development Collection amounted to £890**

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 Euenes 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 understanding and your continued support to the parish.

**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 3 October, 5pm – Friday 8 October, 9.30am. Cost £420/€490.

**‘Broken Open’** Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow. Friday 19 November, 5pm – Sunday 21 November, 2pm. Cost £200 / €230.

Enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964. Email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Certificate in Christian Thought:** Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St Mary’s University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00 am until 4.30 pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today’s world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on: Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more. Full details are available at: [derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought](http://derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought).

**Irish Volunteer Agency Creates Online Global Network:** Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a new Online Discussion Forum that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website [www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie)



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

**Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter:** A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for [11th-12th September 2021](#). This 2-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](tel:02827638512)

**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](mailto:goldenagecentre@hotmail.com). All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen.

**The Net**, is now available online at  
<https://www.derrydiocese.org/images/the-net/the-net-june-2021.pdf>.

As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese.

**Radio Maria Ireland** is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

- *Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)*
- *Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"*
- *Streaming on website, [www.radiomarie.ie](http://www.radiomarie.ie) (subscribe and donate here also)*
- *'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)*
- *Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).*

**The Messenger:** Messenger Publications are offering a free online copy. Please visit: [https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messenger\\_june\\_v11.3\\_low\\_res](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](mailto:c.henry@messenger.ie).

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.