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Sunday (11th 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 (12th October – 16th 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 (17th October)

10.00 am Mass

Vigil 6.15 pm Mass

Vigil 7.30 pm Mass

Reflection on today's Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Many are called but few are chosen

The parable of the wedding feast in today's Gospel is a stark reminder that while God issues the invitation to eternal life, the onus is entirely on us whether to accept or refuse that invitation: in other words whether to choose heavenly bliss or absent ourselves from it.

We choose to accept God's invitation to eternal life if we focus on the central values of the Gospel and live out those values fully, the values of love, kindness, forgiveness, healing. To live those Gospel values must be our sole focus, and there our salvation lies.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, is speaking to the chief priests and the Pharisees, both self-righteous groups of men who insisted they had a direct line to God and therefore the right to exercise authority over and command total obedience from those they regarded as lesser beings. But what Jesus knew and deplored was that the chief priests and Pharisees had effectively refused God's invitation to eternal bliss, pursuing instead pride and arrogance and worldly pursuits; in other words because of their refusal to live out the values of love and kindness, of forgiveness and joy.

Lord Jesus, help us to maintain a clear and committed focus on Gospel values, and to realise that it is in doing this that we shall be the wedding guests lovingly welcomed to the feast.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Fidelma Brown

May she rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Veronica Carlin, Maureen Keys, Christine Curran and Rose Kelly.

May they rest in peace.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Freya Ann Healy

Órla Robyn Rainey

Álainn Nóra Mary Rabbett



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.

Readers for next weekend (17th/18th October 2020)

06.15 pm	Therese Ferry
07.30 pm	Majella Coyle
09.30 am	Kevin Finan
11.00 am	Kay McGinn
12.30 pm	Michael Wilson
7.00 pm	Anna Begley



Mission Sunday, 18th October 2020

World Mission Sunday celebrations take place next weekend. The theme ‘**Together we can do more – blessed are the peacemakers**’, reminds us that the Universal Church family is a global community that must stand together if it is to do more. It also recognises overseas missionaries as peacemakers, who like Jesus Christ, emulate love and harmony as they attempt to reunite fragile people from fractured communities, with God and each other. Right now, missionaries desperately need our support. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, missionaries are on the front line. They already do so much. Walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and long after any emergency. Worryingly the pandemic means World Mission Sunday is in real jeopardy. Show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.

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

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 or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.



Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena continues after 7.30 pm Mass on Thursday, 15th 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, 15th October**

Meditation of the day (3)

Meditating Mother, Queen of heaven, in whose hands the treasures of the King are found, turn your merciful eyes upon me today. I entrust into your holy hands this knot in my life and all hostility and resentment it has caused in me.

Father in heaven, I ask Your forgiveness for my sin. Help me to forgive all the people who consciously or unconsciously caused this knot in me. Give me also the grace to forgive myself for having provoked this knot. Only in this way can You undo it. Having been granted forgiveness, I now forgive these people and myself, before You dearest Mother, and in the name of Your Son Jesus, my Saviour, who has suffered so many offences. Thank you Mary, Untier of Knots for undoing this knot in my heart and the knot which I now present to you. Amen. Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for me.

Exploring a selection of inspirational poems with Mary Murphy

(Online from St Eugene's Cathedral Hall via

<https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugeness-cathedral-hall>)

The course aims to stimulate an interest in poetry as an inspirational art form. By gently exploring a number of poems by, among others, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, Seamus Heaney, Patrick Kavanagh, the course aims to show how, by tapping into a rich seam of language, the poet offers us an in-depth exploration of the human condition. And, like other forms of art, poetry can offer us a route to the Divine by reaching into and touching our innermost spiritual needs. The course aims to be friendly, informal, inclusive and nourishing. Please join by webcam on Friday at 11.00 am - <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugeness-cathedral-hall>.

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**.



“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.

Beatification of Carlos Acutis



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

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** £50, £40. **Building Fund:** £100. **Cathedral Funds:** £20, £150, £40.

Last week’s Collection amounted to £4,503

Parish Development Collection amounted to £657.

The Mission Sunday Collection will be taken up next week.

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 Net: The October edition of The Net is now available online, on www.derrydiocese.org. As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read The Net, on the Diocesan Website, at your convenience.

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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