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**[Guadete Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent \(13th December\)](#)**

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– Friday, 14th to 18th December](#)**

7.45 am            **Morning Prayer of the Church**

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 \(19th December\)](#)**

10.00 am          **Mass**

Vigil 6.15 pm      **Mass**

Vigil 7.30 pm      **Mass**

**Face Coverings:** We ask all adults and children aged 14 and over to please wear a face covering (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.

## Season of Advent: 29th November to 24th December

### St Eugene's Cathedral - Advent Programme 2020:

Morning Prayer of the Church will be prayed at 7.45 am on Monday to Friday.

Rosary and Night Prayer at 8.00 pm Monday to Friday.

**On Tuesdays during Advent** the Rosary will be prayed for all families.

**On Wednesdays during Advent** Fr Patrick will lead a Gospel Encounter after Night Prayer.

### Cathedral Hall Webcam Programme – Advent 2020:

**Mondays during Advent: Live Music** by Anne Marie Hickey and Trevor Burnside from 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm.

**Wednesday, 16th December:** St Mary's College pupils will read scripture, poetry and sing songs.

**Thursdays during Advent:** 'Preparing for Christmas in Strange Times' - this course continues on Thursday, 17th December at 8.00 pm.

**Fridays during Advent:** Mary Murphy will host a short series of reflections on, and reminisces of Christmas. The three reflections continue on Friday, 18th December at 11.00 am via webcam from the Cathedral Hall.

**Prayer resources for Advent:** A series of Prayer resources for Advent has been created by the Diocese, in conjunction with the Northern Pastoral Network and the Catechetical Centre, for family prayer at home during the season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. These resources contain lots of creative ideas and tips to help families and parishes during **Prayer resources for Advent** the Season of Advent.

A family prayer booklet has been compiled specifically with families in mind. The Gospel for each Sunday of Advent is accompanied by a family activity, prayers and a reflection. The booklet can be downloaded at this link: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/advent-prayer-service-for-use-at-home>.

Family activities for Advent including prayers, how to create a Jesse Tree, an Advent Wreath and lots more are available to view on the Catechetical Centre website at: <https://catecheticalcentre.org/family-resources/preparing-our-hearts-for-christmas-advent-resources/>



### **Reflection on today's Gospel: *John 1: 6-8, 19-28***

“There stands among you the one coming after me.”

John is a man who knows exactly who he is, and what his mission is:

“I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.”

His awe-inspiring preaching of repentance, forgiveness and salvation has attracted huge crowds who follow him into the wilderness, and this, in turn, has caused him to come to the attention of powerful individuals in Jerusalem suspicious of the extraordinary influence he is having on the people. They sent priests and Levites to him to interrogate and challenge him. John answers their questions with admirable clarity, directness and humility, sure of who he is and sure of God's perfect plan for him. He is there to prepare the way for the great one to come, no more, no less.

Lord Jesus, teach us to listen with our hearts in order to discern God's perfect plan for each and every one of us. Teach us to live our lives in the firm knowledge of who we are in God's eyes. Help us to realise His perfect plan for us and to place that plan at the centre of our lives, living it out daily.

Amen.

**Carol singing and readings from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm here in St Eugene's Cathedral next Sunday, 20th December.** You are invited to come to the Cathedral at some time during this period for a short visit to light a candle and listen to some carols and readings.

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Charlie Herron**



May he rest in peace.

## Anniversaries

Lorraine Moran, Mary Molly Callan, Frank McAdams, Peggy Caldwell.  
May they rest in peace.

**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 Facebook page.



**Christmas Mass Bouquets** are now available from the Parish Office. Cost £2.00 each.

## **Readers for next weekend (19th/20th December)**

<b>06.15 pm</b>	<b>Therese Ferry</b>
<b>07.30 pm</b>	<b>Stephen Orr</b>
<b>09.30 am</b>	<b>Barry McDaid</b>
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Ava McGinn</b>
<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Sean Hickey</b>
<b>07.00 pm</b>	<b>Anna Begley</b>



## Blessed of Carlos Acutis



Carlo Acutis was beatified in Assisi, Italy on Saturday, 10th October 2020. 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:** £100, £20, £20, £100. **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection:** £200. **Trócaire (Water):** £50. **Sight Savers:** £50. **Cathedral Funds:** £20, £20, £100, £10 £100, £24.60.

**Thank you for the donations received last week from the box at the back of the Cathedral for weekly parish envelopes and contributions for the upkeep of the Cathedral which amount to £1,505. 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 [steugen@btconnect.com](mailto:steugen@btconnect.com). Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.

**St Vincent de Paul (St Eugene’s Conference)** acknowledge with thanks donations of £50, £150 and £800.

**St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal 2020:** If you are looking for help St Vincent de Paul are here to help you in whatever way they can. Please ring St Vincent de Paul on 028 71265489 or online <https://svp.ie/get-help/request-help-online.aspx>.

Christmas time is the busiest time for the St Vincent de Paul giving out lots of toys and food parcels kindly donated by the public. However, this Christmas is going to be different with COVID-19 and government restrictions. The safety of the public and St Vincent De Paul members is paramount. Therefore, St Vincent de Paul are asking the public that instead of buying a physical toy or items of food that they buy a voucher or make a donation for the amount they were going to spend.

St Vincent de Paul also have a fundraising page for donations on their website; <https://www.svp.ie/get-involved/do-your-own-fundraising/current-fundraisers/fundraisers/derry-city-appeal.aspx>

**Care4Calais:** Winter is upon us and this year Care4Calais need your help more than ever before. In Northern France more than 3,000 refugees are currently sleeping rough. Temperatures are rapidly dropping and police raids and evictions are worse than ever. **This winter the goal of Care4Calais is to provide each and every one of these refugees with a warm winter coat.** To do this they urgently need your help. [Visit their website https://care4calais.org/](https://care4calais.org/) for more information. **Alternatively, you can also make a donation to the Long Tower Parish Office.**

**This Christmas, Trócaire** will deliver life-saving support to thousands of families across the developing world. As well as supporting people living through conflict and natural disasters, Trócaire has launched a special appeal to support families who have not been able to grow food or earn money due to Covid-19. Please consider supporting this vital work this Christmas. You can purchase one of 17 special gifts for families, or else make a general donation to the Trócaire Christmas Appeal. Please visit [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org) to make a donation or buy a gift.

**Derry Diocesan Trust**  
**Safeguarding Coordinator (2-year fixed term contract)**

Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry  
14 hours per week – Monday and Tuesday  
£27, 905 - £29,636 pro rata per annum

**Designated Liaison Person**

Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry  
14 hours per week - Monday and Tuesday  
£27, 905 - £29,636 pro rata per annum

For an application pack for either position please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 02871262302 or email: [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org).

Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) no later than 5.00pm on 6 January 2021.

*Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

**Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot:** Sadly, abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill.

**Children in Crossfire's Advent Appeal has begun.** You can pick up an Advent box at the back of the Church or donate online: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/advent-appeal>. This year's appeal will raise funds to help provide hand washing and sanitation facilities to 700 schools in Tanzania, especially vital right now. It costs only £20 to provide a whole school with hand sanitiser and cleaning supplies.

**ACCORD Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme - 2021 Course Dates: 12th/ 13th January, 9th/10th February and 9th/10th March.** Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com).

**Sisters from the St. Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus) are launching the very first Online Christmas Market,** so that people from all over the world can purchase Christmas presents and souvenirs made with love and continuous prayer. Please, click here to participate: <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>. Every item purchased at the Online Market is a donation towards one of the Convent's ministries.

**The Net** is now available online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://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.

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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: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.