## Sunday 14th November)

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 15th November to 19th November)

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 (20th November)

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.

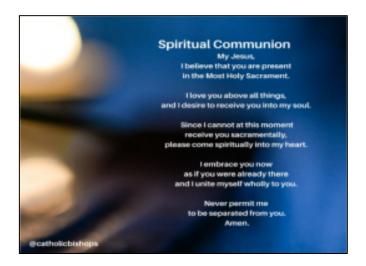
Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the Cathedral.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sundays from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm and Tuesdays from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm.



# Please join us via the Webcam:

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, churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenescathedral or the parish website at <a href="https://www.steugenescathedral.com">www.steugenescathedral.com</a>.



### A short reflection on today's Gospel. Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the impermanence of all things in this world: everything passes away; nothing remains the same. Only perhaps as children are we protected from painful awareness of our own mortality. As we live our lives the different worlds we inhabit through time change, dissolve and die. Our youth dies, and always long before we are ready to relinquish it; our loved ones die; our circumstances change and die. Worlds we thought were permanently fixed, embedded in rock, melt and disappear before our eyes.

Our eyes are too often fixed on the ground, but it is towards the heavens they should be directed if we are to see the truth, the truth that God alone is permanent, that God alone is eternal, and that God alone, Love itself, is forever offering to share eternity with us if we but reach out to Him in corresponding love.

It is said that if this life were to last forever we would take it for granted. We would undervalue it and become blind to its wonders and miracles. It is because of its impermanence that we glory in its beauty, in its generosity, in its purity of heart, its kindness. It is because of life's impermanence that we realise that all life is a gift, and that with every breath we take God is choosing us to live fully; He is choosing us to carry out His will with hearts filled with love; He is choosing us to fully embrace our mortality so that we can fully embrace His gift of eternity.

Thanks be to God.

### **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Ann McCallion

Neil McMahon

May they rest in peace



#### **Anniversaries**

Liam Doherty, David Holly, Annie McGeady and Tom Canning. May they rest in peace.

#### **Baptisms**

We welcome as members of God's family

Aaron Hugh Johnston Saoirse Ruby Ward Ivy-Rose Paige Doyle Jake Owen Bradley



#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

We congratulate

Gary Ramsey and Michelle Pritchard

Dominic Deehan and Jade Martin

Joseph Morning and Emily McGlinchey



Martin McConnellogue and Karen Doherty

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

#### Readers for next weekend – 20th/21st November

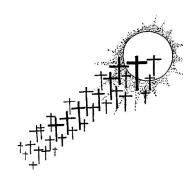
06.15 pm	Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm	Majella Coyle
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Eilish Friel
07.00 pm	Anna Begley





The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 16th November and a candle will be lit for everyone who has intentions for the St Dymphna Mass. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them.

Friday at 11.00 am: Exploring a selection of poems with Mary Murphy livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall. Join via the parish website at <a href="www.steugenescathedral.com">www.steugenescathedral.com</a> and choose the link <a href="CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM">CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM</a>.



## **Remembering Our Dead**

'By virtue of the communion of saints, the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist on their behalf'. This is how the catechism reminds us of our need to pray for the dead throughout the year but we remember them in a special way during the month of November.

As we wait for the time when we can come together without restrictions as a parish community for Mass, we have the names of those who died during the past year (23rd October 2020 to 27th October 2021) displayed at the sacred space at Our Lady's Altar.

At all Masses throughout November we will pray for the deceased family and friends of each home in our parish especially those who died during the past year and who are remembered at Our Lady's Altar.

There is also a basket at Our Lady's Altar to put the names of your deceased family and friends so that they can be remembered at all Masses during November.

**Family prayer at home** – 'November A Month To Remember' – This booklet contains prayers for November, a family prayer service for use at home and information about a remembrance event at Knock Shrine. This booklet may be of particular interest to families and those who are housebound. All these resources can be found at Diocese of Derry website: <a href="https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/november-family-prayer-at-home">https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/november-family-prayer-at-home</a>.

The Prayer Garden, which is located behind the Grotto, has now been completed. The Prayer Garden 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.

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

Cathedral Voices is for people living with dementia and their families, friends and carers. This is a pilot programme which we are delivering here in St Eugene's Cathedral led by Margarette McNamee. It is a time to come and listen to music, have a cup of tea and a chat.

Dates: Thursday, 18th November @1.30 pm -2.30 pm Thursday, 25th November @1.30 pm -2.30 pm Thursday, 2nd December @1.30 pm-2.30 pm Thursday, 9th December @1.30 pm-2.30 pm Thursday, 16th December @1.30 pm-2.30 pm

Booking is essential as places are limited. Call 02871262894 or email: emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org



Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena will continue after 7.30 pm Mass each Thursday until 25th November. 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.

#### Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena – Meditation for Thursday, 18th November

Bring me to Jesus, bring me to the Holy Spirit. Teach me to practice the virtues of courage, joyfulness, humility and faith, and, like Elizabeth, to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Make me joyfully rest on your bosom, Mary.

I consecrate you as my mother, Queen and friend. I give you my heart and everything I have, my home, my family, my material and spiritual goods. I am yours forever. Put your heart in me so that I can do everything Jesus tells me.

Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for me.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots candles on sale - £2.50 each

#### **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 Diocesan Youth** will be holding a Youth Event in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca on 21st November, from 12.00 noon to 3.30 pm. This event is for young people in the diocese ages 14 and up to come and get involved with their faith and celebrate world youth day in preparation for World Youth Day in Lisbon 2023. If any young person would like to book, please email <a href="mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org">lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org</a> or message any @derryyouth social media pages. Cost £5 to secure a place at this event; all deposits to be paid before the 16th November.

Alcohol Awareness Week: 16th to 22nd November 2021: Theme: 'Alcohol and Relationships'. Al-Anon provides a free, confidential, non-judgmental support service to individuals and families whose life is or has been affected by someone else drinking. All meetings are listed on the website <a href="www.al-anonuk.org.uk">www.al-anonuk.org.uk</a>, or you can call the Confidential Helpline on 028 90682368, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm or 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

## 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, <a href="https://youtu.be/Lhky65OFfEQ">https://youtu.be/Lhky65OFfEQ</a>, 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.

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.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks a donation for **Trócaire**: £40, £50, £20, £10. **Sight Savers**: £20. **Smile Train**: £20. **Medical Missionaries of Mary**: £5. **People of the Third World**: £100. **Flowers**: £20. **Foyle Food Bank**: £100. **Famine in Afghanistan** £100. **Upkeep of the Church**: £20, £30.

Termonbacca: £200.

# Sunday Collection amounted to £5,283. Parish Development Collection amounted to £937.00.

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 Eugene's 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 continued support to the parish.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 2022:** Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.



# ACCORD DERRY Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at www.accordni.com.

**Gamblers Anonymous:** Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps Gamblers Anonymous can help: call them on 028 7135 1329.

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre Confirmation Preparation Programme will take place from the 10th -14th January 2022, to support parents, schools and parishes as they prepare the children in this very important stage of their faith journey. Linking with *Filled With Joy*, pupil workbook and *Disciples of Jesus*, parent booklet (available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre) the programme will consist of,

- Four sessions, 10.00 am -12.00 am on the <u>catecheticalcentre.org/webcam/</u>. Each day the sessions will include catechesis on different aspects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, prayer, creative activities and music.
- A support pack for the four sessions which will be emailed to schools and available on the Catechetical Centre Website
- Short Video reflections on the gift of the Holy Spirit and the impact Confirmation has made on different people

**QUB Catholic Chaplaincy:** The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University has reopened for the new academic year. They are a vibrant community of faith and friendship at the heart of campus where students feel welcome, listened-to, valued and supported. For more on their liturgy schedule, events, facilities and amazing Café, visit qubcatholic.org.

**Dromantine Retreat Centre**: The following Retreat and Workshops will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA: 'Broken Open' Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow. Friday, 19th November, 5.00 pm – Sunday, 21st November, 2.00pm. Cost £200 / €230. Enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964. Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Radio Maria Ireland <a href="https://www.radiomaria.ie/radio-maria-ireland/">https://www.radiomaria.ie/radio-maria-ireland/</a> is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies.

**St Eugene's Cathedral is monitored by** CCTV cameras and by two live streaming cameras. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv or www.watchmcnmedia or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

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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 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 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.