

**Excerpt from Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland:**

**“As many people as possible *stay at home* for the sake of health, life  
and the Common Good”**

**“Faith and prayer can be a tremendous support to individuals and society during these difficult times”**

In light of our ongoing consultations and of the current serious and worsening situation, and in line with clear public health guidance that people should *stay at home*, we have decided that for a limited period (from midnight on Thursday, 7th January until Saturday, 6th February 2021, subject to review in late January), the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should take place without the physical presence of the faithful - with the exception of marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies and drive-in services (subject to regulations). Arrangements for recording and/or livestreaming, and making individual visits for private prayer are also permissible in accordance with regulations. We encourage parishes, where possible, to continue to broadcast the celebration of Mass - and other devotions and prayer services - online and on other media, knowing that faith and prayer can be a tremendous support to individuals and society during these difficult times.

We make this decision reluctantly, conscious that not being able to gather for public worship can cause pain for all the faithful, but in the hope that this limited period of sacrifice will be for the protection of life and health and for the greater good of all. We once more ask for prayers for the sick, the bereaved and all those whose livelihoods have been particularly impacted by the pandemic. We keep in our prayers all health workers, carers, chaplains and other essential workers. We welcome the announcement that a similar position is being taken by the leaders of the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Methodist Church in Ireland and many other denominations and faith communities in response to the unequivocal message from public health authorities that as many people as possible stay at home at this time.

**A Prayer in the time of the Corona Virus**

*By Fr Brian Grogan S.J*

Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times.

We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the Coronavirus.

May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health.

We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus.  
This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

***Our Lady of Knock pray for us.***

***St. Joseph pray for us.***

***St John the Evangelist pray for us. Amen***

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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).

### **Sunday (17th January)**

Masses via Webcam at 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

### **Monday to Friday (18th – 22nd January)**

Mass via Webcam at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon       The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm           Divine Mercy Chaplet

Via Webcam

8.00 pm           Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

### **Saturday (23rd January)**

Mass via Webcam at 10.00 am, Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

**St Eugene's Cathedral will open after Mass for individual prayer.**

**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.



## **Reflection on today's Gospel: *John 1: 35-42***

*'We have found the Messiah'*

Today's Gospel holds two examples of looks exchanged between individuals which are laden with significance. The first is the long intense look John the Baptist gives to the newly-arrived Jesus, which prefaces his announcement that the promised Messiah has come at last. What John experiences here is the joy of recognition towards which his life, his ministry, has been leading. His work is done. His mission has been accomplished. He has humbly and powerfully prepared the way for the Lord and now the Lord is here.

The second significant look in today's Gospel is the deep searching look Jesus bestows on Simon before renaming him Peter, his rock. We can conclude that Jesus, looking deeply into Peter's face, can see his human weaknesses as well as his passionate goodness; his future betrayals as well as his heart-felt remorse. He can see that this simple fisherman will go from strength to strength because of his acknowledgement of his sins, his profound repentance, and his humble seeking of forgiveness. He will be, Jesus knows, the worthy rock on which to build his church.

Earlier, when Jesus sees John's apostles following him, he asks them what it is they want, what it is they are searching for. When they respond that they wish to see where he lives, he invites them to 'come and see'.

Jesus, teach us to look deeply into your beautiful, compassionate face and recognise in it the truth of our salvation.

Jesus, may we always be aware that what we want is you; that it is you we are always searching for. May we listen with our hearts to your invitation to 'come and see' where you live, and abide in that place with you forever.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January:** The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Monday, 18th January and lasts until Monday, 25th January. The theme this year is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", based on John 15:1-17. The resources for this year have been provided by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. Obviously, the Covid-19 pandemic has limited our options for marking this week in 2021 but we are encouraged to pray together in our homes and, if possible, via online means. For prayer and other resources visit [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 - Irish Council of Churches and Irish Inter Church Meeting \(irishchurches.org\)](https://www.irishchurches.org/).

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from 24th to 31st January 2021. The theme this year is **Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience**. To launch Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown will celebrate Mass on Thursday, 21st January at 10.00 am here in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, via the webcam <http://steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>. The Mass can also be viewed on Saint Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StEugenesCathedral/>.



### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Christopher Gallagher**

**Charlie McIntyre**

May they rest in peace.



### Anniversaries

Neil McMahon, Elizabeth McCready, Seamus McCready, Patricia Monaghan, Barry McCafferty, Patricia Gill and Michael Delargy. May they rest in peace.

### **Readers for next weekend – 23rd/24th January**

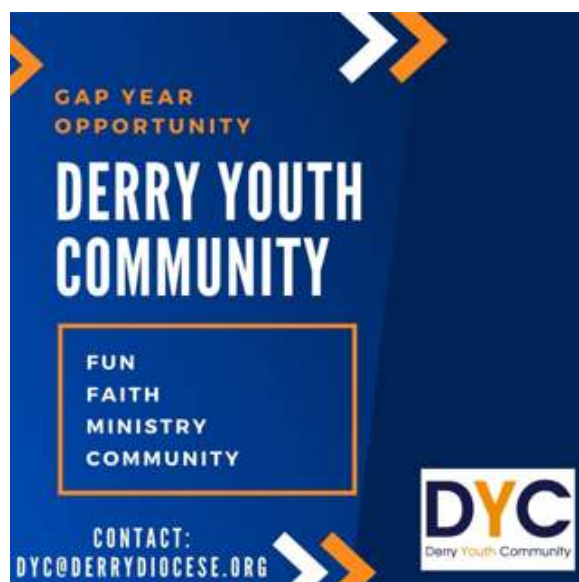
06.15 pm	Therese Ferry
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Ava McGinn
12.30 pm	Oran Gartland
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle



**Exploring Poetry with Mary Murphy via the Cathedral Hall webcam at 11.00 am on Friday, 22nd January 2021.**

## 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?



**Let's Get Generations Connected Campaign**

Greater Shantallow Area Partnership and local Churches have come together, to appeal for new or used ipads, to be given to older members of our communities.

If you would like to make a small donation instead to your local church towards the Campaign, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please help ease the isolation and loneliness of so many in our city.

All iPads or donations are to be left with your church.

**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.

### **Blessed of Carlos Acutis**



Carlo Acutis, an Italian Catholic teenager, was beatified in Assisi, Italy on Saturday, 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 Carlo and prayer cards which you are welcome to take.

### **Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** £100, €40, £20, £10, £20, £10, £20. **In Thanksgiving to St Anthony:** £100. **St Vincent De Paul:** £100, £500, £100, £20. **Cathedral Funds:** £100, £100, £50, £26, £26, £15, £50, £24. **Building Fund:** £50, £20, £100, £10.

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £1,729.**

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 Eugenes 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.

**Children in Crossfire's Advent Appeal donations** can now be posted to the Children in Crossfire office, 2 St Joseph's Avenue, Derry BT48 6TH. If you didn't get a box and would like one you can still pick them up at the back of the chapel if you are in for private prayer. You can also donate online: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/advent-appeal>. Children in Crossfire thank you so much for your ongoing support at this challenging time.

**Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter:** A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27th -28th March. 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 028 276 38512.

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

**The January edition of *The Net***, the monthly publication sharing the fruits of faith in the Derry Diocese, is now available on the Diocesan website and Facebook Page - <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-january-2021>. With Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the January edition will only be available on the Diocesan website. However, the publication will be available again in parishes when the restrictions are lifted. Enquiries to – [editorthenet15@gmail.com](mailto:editorthenet15@gmail.com).

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**The Diocese of Derry Privacy Notice** is displayed on the parish website and Cathedral notice board or you may obtain a copy from the Parish Office.

**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.