Vol. 49 No 16 Easter Sunday, 17th April 2022

Bishop McKeown, Fr Paul, Fr Patrick, Fr Ignacy wish you all a holy and a happy Easter.

Easter Sunday (17th April)

Masses at 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm

Monday - Friday (18th to 22nd April)

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 (23rd April)

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



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm.

Face Coverings: To ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation, 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.

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

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-eugenes-cathedral or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

A Word of Thanks

We would like to thank sincerely all those who helped in the Easter Ceremonies. The Sacristans, Maghnus Monaghan and the Choir, Cantors and Musicians, Margarette McNamee and the Rejoice Folk Group, Joe Horner, Gráinne Nugent and the Readers, Noreen McElhinney and the Eucharistic Ministers, those who took part in the Washing of the Feet, those who prepared the Church and those involved in the Passion Play.

Reflection on today's Gospel

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

Today's Gospel according to John witnesses Mary of Magdala's discovery that the stone at the entrance to the tomb in which they have laid Jesus has been rolled back, and the tomb lies empty. This discovery heralds the beginning of the revelation to the world that Jesus has risen from the dead, and by doing so has gifted us with the glory of eternal life. Death to life. Sorrow to joy. Loss to renewal. Death has for evermore been transformed and this transformation is the beating heart of Easter.

During these past days we have walked with Jesus on his agonising journey to Calvary. We have witnessed his pain and humiliation at the hands of his enemies as they spat on him and tortured him and drove him onwards. We have wept at his silent response to the horrors heaped on him. But let us remember that Jesus' death on the Cross is a living statement of what we do to one another, of the injuries we inflict on one another, and, indeed on ourselves. And let us also remember that Jesus' resurrection is the living statement of God's love for us, of His forgiveness and His mercy.

In humble gratitude, Jesus, we celebrate today your heavenly Father's gift of your resurrection which has transformed death for ever, and which offers us instead the glory, through faith, of eternal life, the glory of death to life, the glory of sorrow to joy, the glory of loss to glorious renewal.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

John Harkin

Tessa Johnston



May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Kitty McKeever, Mary McGeehan, Mary Carlin and Paddy Cullen. May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family

Susanna Catherine Porebny Emerson Gareth Gray Arthur Richard O'Hare



Readers for next weekend – 23rd/24th April

06.15 pm	Roisin Rice
07.30 pm	Majella Coyle
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	Geraldine Ui Meallain
12.30 pm	Michael Wilson
07.00 pm	Anna Begley



Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Laura Doherty and Nathan McDowell;



Colleen McBride and Sean Feeney

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



The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Tuesday (19th April) 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

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.



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.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** £10, £210, £100, £10, £50, £150, £100. **Flowers:** £100. **Building Fund:** £100. **Ukraine:** £150. **Cathedral Funds:** £30. **Sightsavers:** £100

Last Week's Collection amounted to £5,193. Parish Development Collection amounted to £987.

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.



Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Deirdre 07980898399 or by email to info@accordni.com. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms is Friday 27th May, 2022. Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on www.accordni.com.



A recent survey reported that "80% of vocations come from the 20% of the parishes where there is active and ongoing prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life." With this in mind the Diocesan Vocations Council, with the blessing of Bishop Donal McKeown, are promoting a special Year of Prayer throughout the diocese of Derry. The Year of Prayer, which began on St Patrick's Day 2022, will run until 17 March 2023.

The first step for anyone interested is to speak with their local priest who will put them in touch with Fr Pat O'Hagan, the Diocesan Vocations Director. They may, of course, contact Fr Pat directly at the parochial house in Moville (Tel: 00353 (0)74-9382057) or email pgoh2111@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father.

you call us by name, and ask us to follow you.

Help us to grow in the love and service of your Church today.

Grant us the courage to embrace Christ's mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church here in the diocese of Derry

by raising up generous and dedicated leaders from among our families and friends, who will serve your people as Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Bless those who have already answered your call

and who are now preparing for service in your Church.

Inspire us to know you better,

and open our hearts and minds to the guidance of your Holy Spirit.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will resume this year, from 3rd – 8th July 2022. Cost: £689 per person sharing, with single room supplement £150. Price includes flights, transfers and full board. The pilgrimage will be suitable for pilgrims who do not require medical, nursing or personal assistance as, unfortunately, this cannot be provided this year. The intentions of the sick of the diocese can be taken to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, will be open for enquires and application forms on Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com.

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 Derry Centre to date has 42 graduates and 30 more students at different stages of the programme. Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2022. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

C.A.L.M.S. (Community Action for Locally Managing Stress) Mental Health Support Line is offering the following: providing support with anxiety, panic, insomnia, low mood, depression and stress; a listening ear; and relaxation/breathing techniques. The service is available via telephone or zoom free of charge. Tel 079 0704 0568 or 028 71268698 Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 5.00 pm or leave a message out of hours. Visit www.calmsstresscentre.org.

Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222.

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Gamblers Anonymous can help. Telephone 71351329

Sharing the Good News can be downloaded from the home page of www.catholicbishops.ie.

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



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