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Third Sunday of Lent – 20th March 2022

Sunday (20th March)

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

6.00 pm Benediction

Bishop Donal McKeown –Video Podcasts on Sunday at 8.00 pm during Lent: The podcasts will explore a range of topics and will be available on our website, YouTube, and Facebook.

Monday (21st March)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm 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

8.00 to 10.00 pm - Late Opening on Mondays continue on 21st, 28th March and 4th, 11th April: To celebrate the sacrament of Confession and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Eucharist.

Tuesday (22nd March)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm 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

Why is my presence at Mass important? Fr Paul's series of talks continue from the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday, 22nd March, from 7.00 pm to 7.25 pm.



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

Wednesday (23rd March)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

1.30 pm Pray the Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm for the Feast of St Patrick

Thursday (24th March)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm 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

Lectio Divina: Fr Ignacy invites you to join him upstairs in the Sacristy area of St Eugene's Cathedral from 6.45 pm to 7.20 pm for reflections of scripture readings.

Friday - 25th March – The Feast of the Annunciation)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

6.30 pm Pray the Stations of the Cross

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

The Feast of the Annunciation, 25th March), there will be a celebration of Mary's "Yes" to the Lord here in St Eugene's Cathedral, beginning with Evening Prayer at 7.00 pm, Mass (celebrated by Bishop McKeown) at 7.30 pm, followed by the Rosary and Night Prayer. All are welcome to attend or to join the celebrations online via the Cathedral webcam.

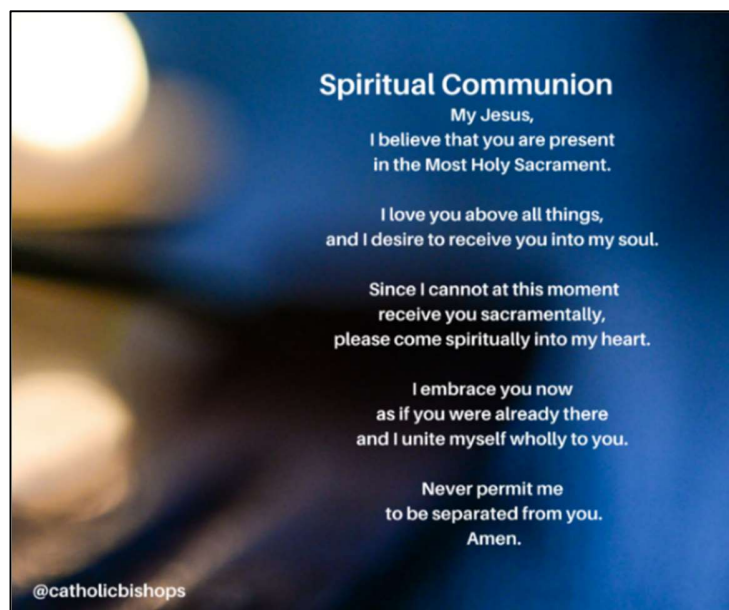
Saturday (26th March)

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



Monday (21st March) at 11.00 am: Mindfulness with Mary Murphy livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall. Join via the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com and choose the link **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM**

St Eugene's Cathedral 'Hands on Floral Design'. Classes will take place on a Thursday at 11.00 am and 7.00 pm. Places are limited and registration is essential. Email emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org or phone 71262894/71365712.

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

Diocese of Derry Daily Lenten Prayer

Loving Father,

To prepare for His mission of proclaiming Your
kingdom to the world

Your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the
quiet of the desert.

In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by
that same Spirit,

to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I
will seek opportunities for

daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of
kindness.

With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of
the passion,

death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

#LivingLent



A short reflection on today's Gospel *Luke 13:1-9*

'Leave the fig tree one more year'

Today's Gospel is about repentance; it is about Divine mercy and reconciliation. In his response to the people's introduction of the brutal murder of the Galileans by Pilate, and the tragedy of the eighteen men killed when the tower at Siloam collapsed on top of them, Jesus dismisses the long-held belief that suffering is a consequence of evil and prosperity is a consequence of righteousness. Human existence can be tragic; it can be brutal and painful. The solution, Jesus makes clear, lies in our turning to God and to the possibility of transformation and enlightenment. The solution is not about condemnation, it is about repentance. It is about the acknowledgement of our sinfulness and failures; it is about turning to God, and turning our lives over to God.

The parable of the fig tree which bears no fruit reveals the merciful forgiveness of God as a result of the intervention of his Son, Jesus, whose life, death and resurrection dearly bought our salvation. Jesus teaches us that our spiritual growth will be blocked if we don't care for our souls. With loving care for our souls, the fruit we bear will be good fruit: it will be joy and kindness, love and forgiveness, healing, faithfulness, goodness. Thanks be to God.

The COVID-19 Memorial Prayer Garden, which is located behind the Grotto, will be officially opened and blessed by Bishop McKeown this afternoon at 3.00 pm (Sunday, 20th March). 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.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Geraldine Deery

Edward McCauley

May they rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Frank McMahon, Neil McGowan, Justin Morrow, Damien Porter, Nora and Peter Toland.

May they rest in peace.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Máela Lily Doherty

Loghan Liam Ward



Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Oonagh Harrigan & John McLaughlin
and

Lisa Harrigan & Aaron Crumley

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



Readers for next weekend – 26th/27th March

06.15 pm	Oran Gartland
07.30 pm	Majella Coyle
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Kevin Finan
07.00 pm	Anna Begley



Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU – and so does Saint Eugene’s Parish.

Pope Francis has called on the entire People of God to journey together. This Synod is a process of journeying together by listening, dialoguing, praying, discerning and making decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We invite you to take part in our parish SYNOD Listening Sessions, individually or as part of a group, to consider the positive things that are happening in our Church and Parish today and to suggest ways in which we can improve and grow in our journey as a parish community together.

If you would like to participate in the Synod, please complete the questionnaire via <https://forms.gle/oJk2mA5NRBTDcoq6> and submit by Wednesday 23rd March at 5.00 pm. More information on the synod process can be found on www.steugenescathedral.com.

Synod²⁰²¹₂₀₂₃



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We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the
Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.



Sionad²⁰²¹₂₀₂₃



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Seasaimid i Do láthairse, a Spioraid Naomh,
agus sinn/muid ag teacht le chéile i D'ainm.

Agus Tusa amháin mar threoraí againn
socraigh Tú féin síos inár gcroíthe;
Múin dúinn an tslí a chaithfimid dul
agus conas is féidir linn leanúint di.

Táimid lag agus claonta chun peaca;
ná lig dúinn ainriail a chur chun cinn.

Ná lig don aineolas sinn/muid a chur amú,
ná don chlaonpháirtíocht ár ngníomhartha a mhúnlú.

Lig dúinn teacht Ort inár n-aontacht
chun go dtriallfaimid le chéile chun na beatha síoraí
gan dul ar strae ó bhealach na fírinne ná ón gceart.

Iarraimid é seo uile Ort,
Tusa a bhíonn ag obair de shíor agus i ngach uile áit,
i gcomaoin an Athar agus an Mhic,
trí shaol na saol. **Amen.**

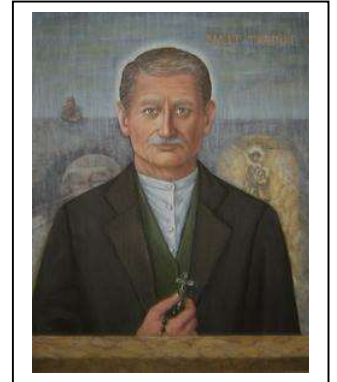




The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Tuesday (22nd March) and a candle will be lit for everyone who has intentions for the St Dymphna Mass. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care 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.

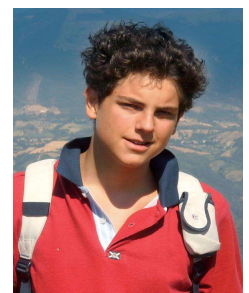


Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer.

To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712 or email steugenes@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral.

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 Trust – Job Vacancies

<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
Parish Office Manager	Parish of Templemore: St Eugene's Cath	22.03.2022

35 hours per week		
Sacristan & Caretaker	Ardmore Parish, Derry	22.03.2022
16 hours per week		

For a job description and application form please: Write: Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or Email: payroll@derrydiocese.org or Telephone: 028 7126 2302.

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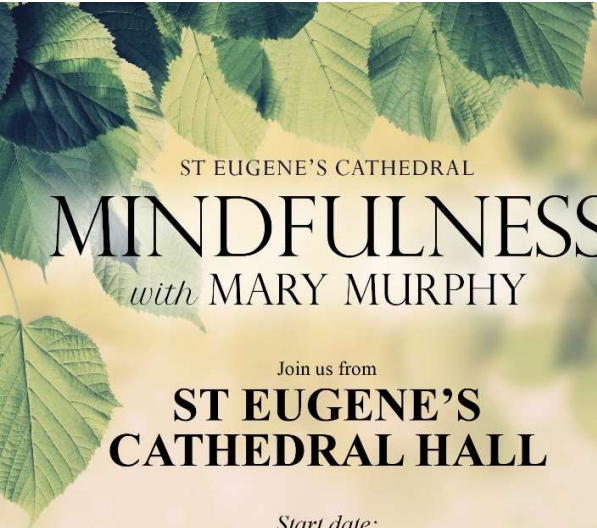
We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

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.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on **Sunday, 26th June 2022 at 6.00 pm.**

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.



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
with MARY MURPHY

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Start date:
Monday 21st March
Time: 11.00am

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Hands on

FLORAL DESIGN

Come to create and learn the principles of flower arranging and take home a floral bouquet.

Classes will take place on a
THURSDAY
11.00am
AND 7.00pm

Places are limited and registration is essential. Email: emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org

028 712 62894



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Lectio Divina: Praying with the Scriptures this Lent continues on Monday 21st and 28th March, following the 11.00 am Mass in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh, you are invited to a one-hour time of Prayer with the Scriptures in the St Pio Centre, Galliagh, (11.45 am to 12.45 pm approx). The focus will be on the Gospel for each of the upcoming Sundays of Lent. The Gospel reading and instructions will be provided for each session.

Stories of Hope: You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Steelstown on Tuesdays during Lent at 7.00 pm to listen to local people share their personal journeys of faith: 22nd March: Rev Canon Katie McAteer and 29th March: Paul O'Hea. Each evening there will be music and tea/ coffee afterwards.

RNID free drop-in support session for hearing aid users in Carnhill Resource Centre on Thursday, 24th March from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm. The socially distanced drop off and pick up service provides new batteries, cleaning and retubing of ear moulds for NHS hearing aids. Hearing aids must be placed in a labelled envelope with name and contact details. For more information, visit www.rnid.org.uk or contact Mary Cruickshank - email mary.cruickshank@rnid.org.uk or call 07918 767640.

Pro-Life Information Meeting: Precious Life will hold a "Restore Personhood" Pre-election Campaign Meeting on Wednesday, 23rd March in The City Hotel Derry at 7.30 pm. For more information, contact Precious Life on 07592280522 or email restore.personhood@gmail.com.

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, from 3rd March. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com.

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

Donations for Ukraine: The total amount of donations for Ukraine received here in St Eugene's Parochial House was £44,270 and €800. These donations will be forwarded by the Diocesan Office to the Archbishop of Lviv. Thank you for your generosity.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** £5, £100.
Cathedral Funds: £20.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £5,198.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £912.

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.

Friday Penance during Lent 2022: Penance is an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. It arises from the Lord's call to conversion and repentance.

We do penance:

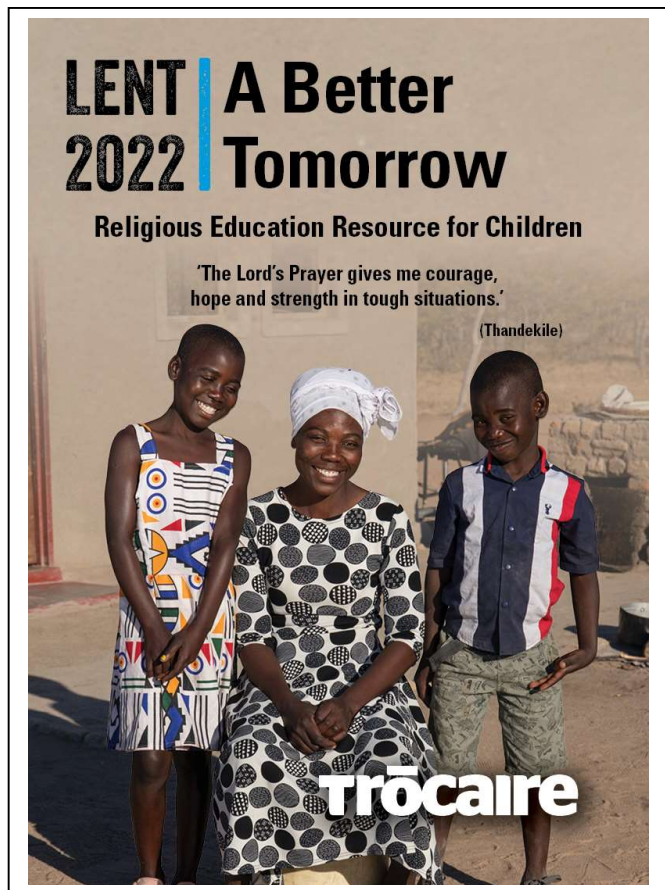
- in memory of the passion and death of the Lord,
- as a sharing in Christ's suffering,
- as an expression of inner conversion,
- as a form of reparation for sin.

The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works). *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1438*

Declaring some days throughout the year (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) as days of 'fast and abstinence' is meant to intensify penances of the Christian, not to isolate them.

Lent is the traditional season for renewal and penance. In addition to the season of Lent, Catholics observe each Friday of the whole year as days of penance.

The link between Friday and penance is extremely ancient and is even reflected in the Irish word for 'Friday', An Aoine (the fast).



Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking

• Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer

• Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays

- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- Making the Stations of the Cross

• Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy

- Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.

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Give to Trócaire's Lent Campaign and through the UK Aid match programme, the UK government

will double every pound you give now, or by 1st June 2022, up to £2million.



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

Catholic Engaged Encounter: A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9th/10th April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This two-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 or 028276 38512.



Steelstown Primary School & Nursery Unit

*Celebrates 50th Anniversary Mass
On
Friday 29th April at 11am
Followed by
Celebratory Buffet Lunch in School*

*Invite to open to past Staff & Board of Governors &
those who have worked with the school over the past 50 years.*

*If you would like to join us in our celebration on
Friday 29th April,*

*Please email the school by Wednesday 23rd March 3.00pm
info@steelstown.derry.ni.sch.uk*

Or

*Telephone the school office on 028 71 351830
For an invite to be forwarded.*



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