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**Sunday (22nd November)**

**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 to Friday 23rd –27th November)**

**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 (28th November)**

**10.00 am              Mass**

**Vigil 6.15 pm              Mass**

**Vigil 7.30 pm              Mass**

## **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, Monday to Friday beginning on Monday, 30th November.

Rosary and Night Prayer at 8.00 pm Monday to Friday.

**On Tuesdays during Advent** the Rosary will be prayed for all families beginning on Tuesday, 1st December.

**On Wednesdays during Advent** Fr Patrick will led a Gospel Encounter after Night Prayer beginning on Wednesday, 2nd December.

### **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 beginning on Monday, 30th November.

**Wednesday, 9th and 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 will take place on Thursday, 3rd, 10th and 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 will begin on Friday, 4th December and continue on Friday, 11th and 18th December at 11.00 am. via webcam from the Cathedral Hall.

## **Reflection on today's Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

*"I was naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me."*

Today's Gospel reminds us forcibly that our actions have eternal significance; that what we do in this life matters. It tells us that if we fail to see the face of Christ in the faces of the poor, the sick and the suffering, we are effectively turning our backs on God's invitation to eternal life. If we fail to reach out to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, comfort the grieving, then our protestations of devotion to God are just empty words. Time and time again, Jesus reminds us that the road to his heavenly Father is founded only in love, and in today's Gospel he reminds us that love has its real meaning in actions. It is comparatively easy to talk about, to write about, the suffering of humankind and even to feel a degree of self-satisfaction and self-righteousness in so doing; it is much more difficult and much more challenging to do something active about that suffering: to reach with generosity into one's pockets and give to the hungry; to give time and care to those crying out in wretchedness and loneliness; to visit the sick and comfort the grieving. If we do not see the face of the suffering, tortured, humiliated Christ in our fellow human beings and respond with active, passionate love, we are empty vessels, making empty sounds. When we act in love we make contact with our deepest identities: we are at one with God and the bright, perfect light of true faith which resides in our souls.

**Funerals:** The announcement by the Northern Ireland Executive, arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, restricts attendance at funerals to only 25 people. In order to adhere to this regulation, funerals will be celebrated at either 9.00 am or 11.00 am Monday to Saturday. Unfortunately, there will be no funeral Masses celebrated on a Sunday.



**Face Coverings:** We 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.

## **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Michael (Mickey) McIntrye**  
**Margaret McDaid**  
**Mary Clare McDaid**



May they rest in peace.

## **Anniversaries**

Agnes Ward, Molly Gallagher, Eddie Kennedy and Frank Nugent.

May they rest in peace.

## ***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.

This has been a very difficult year especially for those who have had so many restrictions on family funerals.

As we wait for the time when we can come together as a parish community for Mass, we have created a 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 a box at Our Lady’s Altar for you to put the names of your deceased family and friends so that they can be remembered at all Masses during November.

**Bishop McKeown will celebrate Mass and lead the Rosary each Friday during November** for the deceased family and friends of each home in the Diocese especially those who died during the past year. Live streaming 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).

## **Decree extends indulgence for the faithful departed throughout November**

The Apostolic Penitentiary announces modifications to the Plenary Indulgence for the deceased during the month of November.

Many of the Church's pastors have requested an adaptation to the requirements to obtain the Plenary Indulgence for the deceased in the month of November. Thus, "by the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis", the Apostolic Penitentiary released on Friday some changes to the normal practice. The Decree containing these modifications was signed on 22nd October, the liturgical memorial of Pope St John Paul II.

### **Plenary Indulgence during month of November**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1st to 8th November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

### **Plenary Indulgence for Feast of All Souls' Day**

Regarding the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls' Day, 2nd November, this year, it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by "devoutly visiting a church or an oratory", along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed, and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence.

### **The homebound**

For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful". In this case, the condition of being "completely detached from sin" and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

The Decree suggests that such prayer take place before an "image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary". Among the various prayers that are recommended are "prayers for the deceased, Morning or Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for the liturgy of the Dead, or completing a work of mercy by offering to God the suffering and discomforts of one's own life".

*by Sr Bernadette Mary Reis, fsp*

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decree-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html>

**Course on 'Death and the Afterlife'** concludes on Wednesday evening 25th November after Night Prayer facilitated by Fr Farren via the Cathedral Hall webcam at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com)



## 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.

## Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family



**Matthew Mark Gorman**

**Neah Rose Archbold**

**Katie Grace Moran**



**Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena** concludes after 7.30 pm Mass on Thursday, 26th 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. Please join us via webcam at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv), [www.watchmcnmedia.tv](http://www.watchmcnmedia.tv) or the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com).

## **Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena –**

### **Meditation of the Day for Thursday, 26th November Meditation of the day**

Most Holy Mary, our Advocate, Untier of Knots, I come today to thank you for untying this knot in my life ..... You know very well the suffering it has caused me.

Thank you for coming, Mother, with your hands of mercy to dry the tears in my eyes; you receive me in your arms and make it possible for me to receive once again the divine grace.

Mary, Untier of Knots, dearest Mother, I thank you for untying the knots in my life. Wrap me in your mantle of love, keep me under your protection, enlighten me with your peace! Amen.

Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for me.

**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.

**Prayer resources and activities for families for November:** The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. To view all the available resources, visit [www.catecheticalcentre.org](http://www.catecheticalcentre.org).

**Exploring a selection of inspirational poems with Mary Murphy  
(Online from St Eugene's Cathedral Hall  
via <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugeness-cathedral-hall>)**

The course aims to stimulate an interest in poetry as an inspirational art form. By gently exploring a number of poems by, among others, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, Seamus Heaney, Patrick Kavanagh, the course aims to show how, by tapping into a rich seam of language, the poet offers us an in-depth exploration of the human condition. And, like other forms of art, poetry can offer us a route to the Divine by reaching into and touching our innermost spiritual needs. The course aims to be friendly, informal, inclusive and nourishing. Please join by webcam on Friday at 11.00 am - <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugeness-cathedral-hall>.

## **Readers for next weekend (21st/22nd November)**

06.15 pm	Mary Murphy
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Kevin Finan
11.00 am	Ava McGinn
12.30 pm	Marie Canning
7.00 pm	Marian Boyle



**'Do This In Memory' - First Communion Programme:** The theme of the second 'Do This in Memory' video for the P4's is the Feast of Christ the King as this feast day is celebrated today, 22nd November. Click on the link below to watch this video... we hope the students enjoy it and they are able to complete the task. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qG71Y2uRl1M>.

**Fr Paul and Fr Patrick will celebrate Mass for P4 pupils every Wednesday at 10.00 am beginning on 25th November as they prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion and Mass for P7 pupils every Thursday at 10.00 am beginning on 26th November as they prepare to celebrate their First Confirmation during this academic year.** It would be great if pupils could watch these Masses via the Cathedral webcam. To watch these Masses live in your classrooms all you need to do is click on the link <http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>.

## **Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire: £20. Building Fund: £70. Children's Projects: £2,000. Matt Talbot Prayer Society: €20.**

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £3,751.**

**Parish Development Collection amounted to £707**

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 Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office on 028 71262894/71365712 or by email [steugenescathedral@btconnect.com](mailto:steugenescathedral@btconnect.com). Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.

**St Vincent de Paul (St Eugene's Conference)** wish to acknowledge with thanks a donation of £80.

**St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal 2020:** Christmas time is the busiest time for 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 their 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. If you have any questions or need any help please ring St Vincent de Paul on 028 71265489 or email [svp.derry@svpni.co.uk](mailto:svp.derry@svpni.co.uk).

**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/>

**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.

**The Messenger:** Messenger Publications are offering a free online copy. Please visit: [https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messenger\\_june\\_v11.3\\_low\\_res](https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messenger_june_v11.3_low_res). If you have any difficulty accessing the link or if you have any further queries, please email [c.henry@messenger.ie](mailto:c.henry@messenger.ie).

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