

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

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 www.steugenescathedral.com.

Sunday (24th 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 (25th – 29th 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 (30th 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: Mark 1: 14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

John's work is done; Jesus' work has begun and, significantly, his message echoes the message of John: 'Repent, and believe the Good News.'

John has carried out his ministry of repentance and salvation far from any seat of earthly power, choosing instead the wilderness as his pulpit, locusts and wild honey as his staple diet, animal skins to cover his nakedness. He is 'the thing itself', 'unaccommodated man'.

Today's Gospel witnesses Jesus gathering about him his first disciples. He doesn't seek them out among the rich and powerful, nor among the sophisticated and highly educated; instead he seeks out ordinary men, fishermen, men who work hard to earn a living. The word 'respect' means 'to look again' and this second look is deemed to see beyond the superficial first look to the less visible truth of a person. Jesus always looked again. He always saw the truth which lies in the human heart. Here he sees the purity of heart of these simple fishermen. He sees their true worth, and their true worth has nothing to do with earthly power or sophistication. He recognises their truth and they recognise his truth.

Jesus, may we always take the time and effort to 'look again' and seek the true worth of those around us rather than indulge in superficial judgements.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January: The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will finish tomorrow (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 \(irishteachers.org\)](http://www.irishteachers.org/Week-of-Prayer-for-Christian-Unity-2021).

Catholic Schools Week - 24th to 31st January 2021: the theme this year is **Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience**. Each evening at 7.00 pm, Monday to Thursday, in the Cathedral Hall, Bishop McKeown will be in conversation with different people about Catholic Education. You can join the discussion via webcam <http://steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StEugenesCathedral/>.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Patrick Pearse Daly

William O'Reilly

Bernie Johnston

May they rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Maeve Walsh, Jim O'Hea, Catherine Taylor (nee McColgan), Catherine Gallacher, Janie Gallacher and Morgan Walsh. May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family

Eléa Clare Ming



Readers for next weekend – 30th/31st January

06.15 pm Mary Murphy

07.30 pm Caolán Orr

09.30 am Barry McDaid

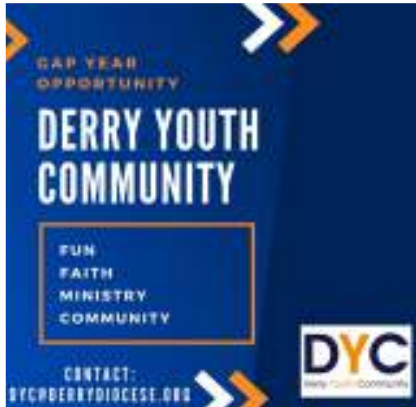
11.00 am Geraldine Ui Meallain

12.30 pm Marie Canning

07.00 pm Anna Begley



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?

An advertisement featuring an elderly man with glasses sitting in a chair and holding a tablet. The tablet displays the logo for 'GSAP' (Greater Shantallow Area Partnership), which consists of two hands shaking. The background is a solid blue color.

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 or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.



The next Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 1st February at 7.30 pm

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: £40. St Vincent De Paul: £10, £100. Cathedral Funds: £100, €100.**

Last Week's Collection amounted to £1,106.

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. 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 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.

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.

The Messenger: Messenger Publications are offering a free online copy. Please visit: 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.

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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: 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.