

Sunday, 25th October 2020

Please join us via the Webcam for:

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 (25th October)

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 26th October – 30th October)

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 (31st October)

10.00 am Mass

Vigil 6.15 pm Mass

Vigil 7.30 pm Mass

Reflection on today's Gospel: Matthew: 22: 34-40

“On these two commandments hang the whole Law.....”

Today's short Gospel is crystal clear in terms of all we need to know if we are to gain eternal life: love God above all else and love one's neighbour as oneself. Love is the beginning and end of everything. We can only know God through love. To profess love for God while hating one's neighbour renders that profession of love for God null and void. Loving one's neighbour, who is all humankind, means withholding judgement; exercising forgiveness, understanding, compassion and generosity to others. It means living lives which are exclusively love-centred. It means liberating ourselves from a state of compulsive servitude to this world and living out God's dream for each and every one of us.

However, we are imperfect beings: we can be egocentric, judgemental, hungry for power and control, in thrall to the world and its lures, and, as such, we fail over and over again to live love-centred lives. We despair and give up. It's too much for us. We can never succeed. Well, we can never succeed on our own, that's true. We are totally reliant on the love, mercy and grace of God which is ours for the asking. This is what is meant by the words of Jesus: “God in us; we in God.” When we truly place God at the centre of our lives and open ourselves to his compassionate love, we can feel that powerful love flowing through us, through us and out to the whole of humankind; poor, suffering often misguided humankind, ourselves; and only then shall we recognise the truth that the goal of all religion is to lead us back to the place where everything is one.

October Mission Month - A Series of Presentations on Mission Today: Throughout October, Month of Mission, the Derry Diocesan Mission Team is offering a series of presentations on what mission means in today's society. Each presentation is free and will be available online through Zoom. They will consist of a short film, discussion on the topic and a chance to ask questions. Guest speakers: Martina Purdy, Elaine Kelly, Noel Bradley, Oliver Barrett and Marriage Encounter Ireland. For further information, visit derrydiocese.org

Family Rosary Crusade: Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the **Family Rosary Crusade**.



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.

Funerals: The recent 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 encourage 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 face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory). 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:

Patrick Condren

Anna Grumley

James Kivelehan

May they rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Meta McKendrick, Kathleen Toland, Sean and Myra McCaul,

May they rest in peace.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Meara Norah McKenna

Aniyah Hope Duffy

Ella Marie Friel

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 steugenesc@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene’s Cathedral Facebook page.



Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena continues after 7.30 pm Mass on Thursday, 29th October. 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, www.watchmcnmedia.tv or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

**Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena –
Meditation of the Day for Thursday, 29th October**

Mother, Untier of Knots, generous and compassionate, I come to You today to once again entrust this knot in my life to you and to ask the divine wisdom to undo, under the light of the Holy Spirit, this clutter of problems.

No one ever saw you angry; your words were so charged with sweetness that the Holy Spirit was manifested on your lips. Take away from me the bitterness, anger and hatred which this knot has caused me. Give me, O dearest Mother, some of the sweetness and wisdom that is all silently reflected in your heart. And just as you were present at Pentecost, ask Jesus to send me a new presence of the Holy Spirit at this moment in my life. Please ask the Holy Spirit to come to me!

Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for me.

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>.

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Readers for next weekend (31st October/1st November 2020)

06.15 pm	Mary Murphy
07.30 pm	Marian Boyle
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Piaras O Meallain
12.30 pm	Anna Begley
7.00 pm	Stephen Orr



Course on 'Death and the Afterlife' on Wednesday evenings on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November after Night Prayer facilitated by Fr Farren via the Cathedral Hall webcam at www.steugenesecathedral.com

St Eugene's Cathedral will host 'First Light-Reflection and Remembering' organised by the **Derry & Strabane District Council** at 7.30 pm on Monday, 2nd November. This Choral performance will be followed by the 7.30 pm Mass.

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire: £20. Sight Savers: £20. Smile Train: £20. Charity of Adm's Choice: £20. St Vincent de Paul: £25. Building Fund: £60. Cathedral Funds: £40.**

Thank you for your generosity to the Mission Sunday Collection last weekend which amounted to £5,281.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £637.

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 steugenes@btconnect.com. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.

St Vincent de Paul (St Eugene's Conference) wishes to acknowledge with thanks donations of £100 and £20.

Diocesan Mass for deceased children and young people: The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral on Sunday, 8th November at 7.00 pm. You can join this Mass 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. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or telephone 028 7126 4087.

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.

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 next intake will be Autumn 2020. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Volunteers needed for Foyle Hospice Charity Shops: Do you have a few hours to spare per week? Contact Rachael Osbourne at 028 71351010 or email rachael@foylehospice.com.

The Net is now available online, on 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. 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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