

Sunday (26th September)

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

6.00 pm Benediction

Monday to Friday (27th September to 1st October)

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 (2nd October)

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

Face Coverings: 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 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.



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
on Tuesday beginning
after 10.00 am Mass
until 7.30 pm Mass.**

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.



A short reflection on today's Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name
Once again through Scripture we can bear witness to Jesus as a powerful teacher and an exemplar of a life being lived out with uncompromising truth and fidelity to the will of his heavenly Father. In today's Gospel John tells Jesus that he has tried to stop people from performing miracles in Jesus' name because they were not, as John puts it, 'one of us'! Jesus' response to his disciple teaches us the dangers of harbouring notions of exclusivity, of separating ourselves from others on the grounds that they don't merit somehow to be included in our 'inner circle'. Jesus once again insists that it is what lies in the heart which is important, not whether one is 'in' or 'out'. Jesus also teaches by his response that sharing the Good News rather than holding fast to the 'inner circle' is the will of his Father. Jesus, in his own person, eschews any form of narcissism or exclusivity, or, indeed, the cult of personality.

In today's Gospel Jesus also insists that we be aware of the things we harbour in our lives which cause us to sin, and remove them if we are to enter into eternal life rather than eternal darkness. Again he uses the image of the child as a symbol of innocence and trusting faith, and he warns anyone who would seek to destroy that innocence and faith that it would be better for that person 'to be thrown into the sea with a great millstone around his neck'.

Jesus, may we seek to be transformed in our lives by your word and your actions. May we strive to remove from our lives all that causes us to sin so that we can enter into the eternal life promised to all who walk in your footsteps.

Jesus, may we turn our backs, as you did, on notions of elitism and exclusivity, as well as on narcissism and coldness of heart. May we reach out always to those in need of our support, understanding and love, and may we do this in your name. Amen.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

William (Bill) Davis

Noreen McCafferty

Ann McLaughlin

Emmett Dillon



May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Margaret McMahon, Hugh Duffy, Margaret Rogan, Lawrence Downey,
Charles McErlean, Mary O’Kane, Michael and Mary Ellen Downey.

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God’s family

Ronan Joel Eamon D’Oria –Friel

Daithí Conor Mooney

Brooke Mia Nketia –Dumont

Fiadh Sarah Cusack



Readers for next weekend – 2nd/3rd October 2021

06.15 pm	Mary Murphy
07.30 pm	Oran Gartland
09.30 am	Ava McGinn
11.00 am	Geraldine Ui Meallain
12.30 pm	Kevin Finan
07.00 pm	Anna Begley



Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Martina Gallagher and Ryan McCleave

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



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.

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**.



Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena will begin after 7.30 pm Mass on Thursday, 30th September and will continue for the following eight Thursdays - finishing on Thursday, 25th 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.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots candles are on sale in the Parochial House - £2.50 each.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena – Meditation of the Day for Thursday, 30th September

Dearest Holy Mother, Most Holy Mary, you undo the knots that suffocate your children, extend your merciful hands to me. I entrust to You today this knot and all the negative consequences that it provokes in my life. I give you this knot that torments me and makes me unhappy and so impedes me from uniting myself to You and Your Son Jesus, my Saviour.

I run to You, Mary, Untier of Knots because I trust you and I know that you never despise a sinning soul who comes to ask you for help. I believe that you can undo this knot because Jesus grants you everything you ask for. I believe that you want to undo this knot because you are my Mother. I believe that You will do this because you love me with your eternal Motherly love.

Thank you, dear Mother.

Mary, Untier of Knots, pray for me.



SEASON OF CREATION. “A Home for All?: Restoring Our Common Home”

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi), celebrating the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

For ideas, initiatives, prayers, liturgies and news articles on the theme please see the diocesan social media channels and derrydiocese.org/season-of-creation.

*“Rivers do not drink their own water;
trees do not eat their own fruit;
the Sun does not shine on itself and
flowers do not spread their
fragrance for themselves.
Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.
No matter how difficult it is....
Life is good when you are happy;
but much better when others
are happy because of you.”*

Pope Francis

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 steugenest@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral.

**The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in
St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Monday, 4th October**

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.



Work is progressing on the new Prayer Garden, which is located behind the Grotto in the grounds of St Eugene's Cathedral. When completed the Prayer Garden will be a place to come to pray and remember all those who since March 2020 when there were restrictions on attending wakes and funerals. Fifty-one rose bushes will be planted to remember those who died from each parish in the Derry Diocese.

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps Gamblers Anonymous can help: call them on 028 7135 1329.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks a donation for **Trócaire:** £5, £20, £20. **St Vincent de Paul:** £10. **Flowers:** £60. **Building Fund:** £100. **Cathedral Funds:** £1,000, £20, £100.

**The priests of the parish thank you for your generosity
to the stipend collection taken up last weekend.
Parish Development Collection amounted to £802.**

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 Euenes 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.

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. **Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2021.** If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

The rescheduled 2021 SCALP WALK for Concern will take place today (Sunday, 26th September). Participants are asked to start at any time between 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm and to maintain safe distancing throughout. The starting point is signposted from Burnfoot. It is a 5km walk, uphill, from Henry McLaughlin's farm. Please be prepared for changeable weather. All proceeds will go to Concern Worldwide Afghanistan Appeal. Donations can be made on site or at the Concern Book Shop, Ferryquay Street, Derry.

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service donation sessions at the Guildhall Building, Derry on Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th October from 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm. Please note that donation sessions are now by appointment only; to book an appointment, please call 08085 534 653 between 10.00 am and 4.30 pm.

Beyond the Bruising': An oasis hour for those seeking serenity as they live with fractured relationships. Available on zoom. Saturday, 9th October at 11.00 am. For details contact thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy: The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University has reopened for the new academic year. They are a vibrant community of faith and friendship at the heart of campus where students feel welcome, listened-to, valued and supported. For more on their liturgy schedule, events, facilities and amazing Café, visit qubcatholic.org.

Eden Place Arts Centre is now open. All courses are 10 weeks in duration and will cost £45 and will begin on week beginning 27th September. Visit www.edenplaceartscentre.com.

The Every Voice Festival, managed by Allegri Arts Organisation and based in the North West of Ireland is a community-focused festival whose main objective is to celebrate local heritage, culture and the arts while promoting Derry City and Strabane District Council as a tourism

destination. This year the festival marks 1500 years since the birth of Colmcille, patron saint of Derry, through music and prayer. This concert was filmed in the beautiful settings of St Columb's Cathedral, St Columba's Church Long Tower and Áras Cholmcille. It features Long Tower Folk Group, St Columb's Cathedral Choir and St Eugene's Cathedral Choir as well as a performance from an inter-denominational choir of community singers from throughout Derry and Donegal. The concert celebrates the city's shared heritage and early Irish Christianity. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7YfQdIIGxY0>

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday, 26th September and Sunday, 3rd October with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org. Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289.

Dromantine Retreat Centre: The following Retreat and Workshops will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA: **'Called by a New Name'** Retreat – Refocus, recharge and reconnect in a post-pandemic world. Sunday, 3rd October, 5.00 pm – Friday, 8th October, 9.30am. Cost £420/€490. **'Broken Open'** Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow. Friday, 19th November, 5.00 pm – Sunday, 21st November, 2.00pm. Cost £200 / €230. Enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964. Email: admin@dromantineconference.com



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

Aid for the Children of Yemen: Fr Neal Carlin's new book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is now on sale at €10/£10 and can be purchased by contacting goldenagecentre@hotmail.com. All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. On Saturday, 9th October, **The Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2.00 pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr Patrick Kenny, Fr Gerry McCloskey, and Dr Blythe

Kaufman. On Sunday, 10th October the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30 pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

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 Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793 or email marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org or contact Briege O'Neill, the Safeguarding Coordinator at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ, tele (028) 71362475 or email safeguarding@derrydiocese.org or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.