

Sunday (27th February)

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

Monday and Tuesday (28th February and 1st March)

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

**Ash Wednesday, 2nd March 2022**

**Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.  
Masses at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm.**

**Ash Wednesday - A Day of Fast and Abstinence**

There is an obligation to fast  
(one main meal and two light meals in the course of the day) and to abstain from meat.

The law of fasting obliges all Catholics (except the sick) between the ages of 18 and 59 years.  
The law of abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14 years.

Ash Wednesday - Friday (2nd March to 4th March)

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, **Lunch-time Mass at 1.00 pm** and 7.30 pm

Saturday (5th March)

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

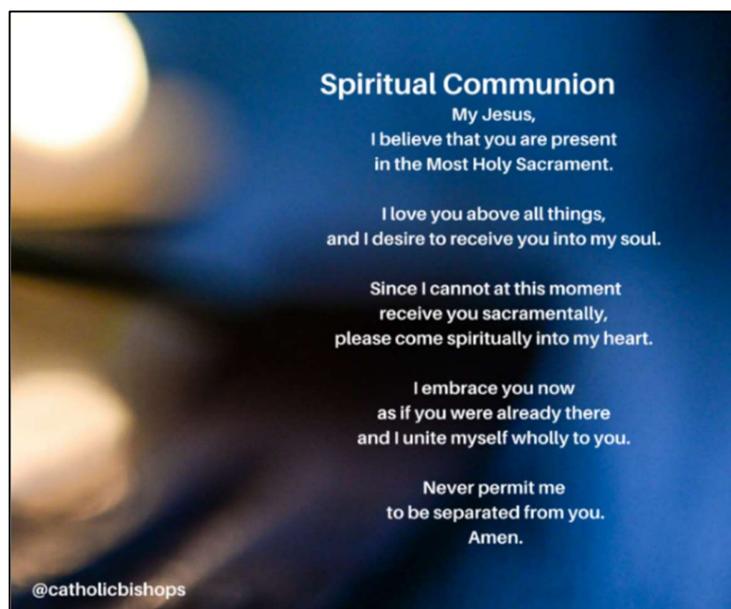
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Sundays from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm and  
Tuesdays from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm.**



**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](http://www.churchservices.tv), [churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral](http://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral) or the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com).



**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](http://www.steugenescathedral.com) and choose the link **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM**

**A short reflection on today's Gospel**     *Luke 6:39-45*

*Can the blind lead the blind?*

Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel, if we open ourselves to its truth, reaches into the most hidden part of our being: that part of us which we keep hidden away in the shadows; that part of us which hates in others the very thing we hate in ourselves. Since Adam blamed Eve rather than take responsibility for his own sin, humankind has shown more than a tendency to bury, deep in the shadows of their being, those parts of themselves of which they are ashamed. This is what Jesus, from whom nothing is hidden, meant when he called us hypocrites, condemning in others the very faults which we ourselves are guilty of.

Before we concern ourselves with the 'mote' in the eye of another, we need to have walked the path of truth ourselves: the truth of who we are, the truth of our own transgressions, and the truth of our failure to 'own' the whole of our being, warts and all.

'From the fullness of the heart, the mouth will speak.'

Only when we walk the path of truth will we be able to prostrate ourselves before Jesus and offer thanks for his forgiveness, his compassion and his understanding entering our souls and illuminating our lives; then we can wholeheartedly offer that same compassion, that same forgiveness and understanding, to others. If we walk the path of truth which banishes our hidden shadows with its bright and kindly light, we will never have the temerity to judge others for merely reflecting our own sins back at us. Amen

**Anniversaries**

Bridget Duffy, Noel McDowell, Charlie Curran and Declan Curran.

May they rest in peace.

**Baptism**

**We welcome as a member of God's family**

**Millie Aoibh McCafferty**



**Readers for next weekend – 5th/6th March**

06.15 pm	Roisin Rice
07.30 pm	Carmel McConnelogue
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Maria Hickey
12.30 pm	Marie Canning
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

## LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March 2022

As we approach the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent, the Church invites us to pause and walk not only with our Blessed Lord but also together as a parish community. The journey which we are about to begin leads to the joyful celebration of God's unconditional love revealed in his Son as he gave himself up on the cross so that we might share in the paradise he promised to the repentant thief on the cross.

**Morning Prayer of the Church** at 7.45 am Monday to Friday beginning on Ash Wednesday.

**1.00 pm Lunch-time Mass (Monday to Friday)** beginning on Ash Wednesday.

**Late Opening on Mondays – 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th, 11th April:** To celebrate the sacrament of Confession and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Eucharist from 8.00 to 10.00 pm.

**Tuesdays: Why is my presence at Mass important?** Fr Paul will lead a series of talks from the Cathedral Hall beginning on Tuesday, 8th March, from 7.00 pm to 7.25 pm.

**Wednesdays: Pray the Stations of the Cross** at 1.30 pm

**Thursdays: 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.

**Fridays: Pray the Stations of the Cross** at 6.30 pm

**'How Fit is Your Soul programme':** To get physically fitter, you would go to a coach, receive a training plan and follow it to improve your fitness. Well the 'How Fit is Your Soul Programme?' is for those who want to become spiritually fit. It will benefit you whether you pray much, or little, or maybe not at all, at the moment. You will receive a plan and weekly guidance via phone or email to implement practical ways to improve your prayer life and become closer to Jesus. Please contact Emmett Mullan at (028) 71262894 or emailing [Emmett.mullan@derrydiocese.org](mailto:Emmett.mullan@derrydiocese.org) for further information.

**Bishop Donal McKeown – Video Podcasts:** Bishop Donal will record a weekly podcast every Sunday during Lent commencing on Sunday, 6th March at 8.00 pm. The podcasts will explore a range of topics and will be available on our website, YouTube, and Facebook.

*'Walk with Me' – A Journey of Prayer for 2022 (Alive Publishing)  
is available for purchase in the Sacristy - £1.00 each.*



## Forty Hours Adoration

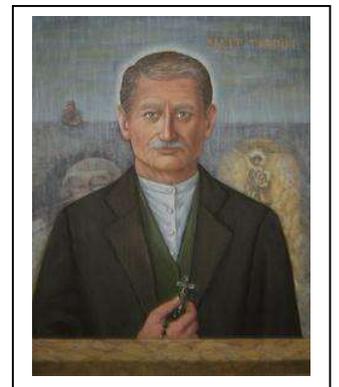
**The Forty Hours Adoration** begins next Sunday, 6th March after the 12.30 pm Mass. Donations of flowers for the Altar would be much appreciated and can be left in the Parochial House next Friday and Saturday.

**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](mailto:steugenes@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, 7th March**

**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.

## 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.



**The Prayer Garden**, which is located behind the Grotto, 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. The Garden will not be officially dedicated until a later date, however, everyone is welcome to come and pray or reflect.

### 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.**

**Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarians and Priests:** On Tuesday, 1st March at 8.00 pm there will be an opportunity for men to join in on a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from a priest and from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie) or alternatively by visiting [vocations.ie/zoom](https://vocations.ie/zoom) The Zoom session should end by 9.30 pm at the latest. There will be a short time spent watching YouTube videos on priesthood and vocation, and a Questions & Answers session with the seminarians and the panel.

**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](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com).

**Can't Stop Drinking?** Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222.

**Gamblers Anonymous:** Is gambling affecting your life? Gamblers Anonymous can help. Telephone 71351329.

**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](http://www.calmsstresscentre.org).

**Forthcoming events in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca:**

- **Novena to Sleeping St Joseph: Friday 11th to Saturday 19th March.** Mass each evening at 7.30 pm (except Sunday, 13th March – Mass at 7.00 pm). Booking necessary for attendance at this novena, or can be viewed via the webcam (YoutubeTermonbacca).
- **Day Retreat in honour of St Joseph** on Saturday, 19th March from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Booking necessary.



Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together. This Synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. 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.

Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather – clergy, religious and laity together- to listen to each other. The “goal” of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

**Please visit the Diocese of Derry website at [www.derrydiocese.org/](http://www.derrydiocese.org/)**

# Synod 2021 2023



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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.**



# Sionad 2021 2023



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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 gcroithe;

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.**



## Starting conversations in our parishes



"We have to look at where the Lord is leading us in order for us to be effective in making new disciples for the Lord"

**Pope Francis is inviting the faithful all over the world to come with him “on a journey” as a “Synodal Church”. The word ‘synod’ means “walking together” and “indicates a way of being together as Church and ‘discerning’ how best to spread the Gospel amidst the challenges of life in the 21st century.”**

This Synodal Process entitled, *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission* coincides with the start of the two-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland which will lead, in time, to a National Synodal Assembly in Ireland.

We pray that the next two years will be a time of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a consultative conversation. This will allow all people - both within the Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Catholic Church in Ireland – past, present and future – so that we can prepare for a National Synodal Assembly in the coming years.

Bishop Donal explains this is the start of our Synodal Journey: *"We have set ourselves in Ireland a five year period, to look together in a prayerful context where God is leading His Church"*

In this video, <https://youtu.be/Lhky65OFfEQ>, Bishop Donal McKeown reminds us of the purpose of the Church and outlines the prayerful consultation process of Synodality, of walking together, of listening, of being led by the Holy Spirit to understand where the Lord is leading us.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for **Trócaire**: £20.

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,202.**

**Parish Development Collection amounted to £887.**

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:

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Account Number:	55192935
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Thank you for your continued support to the parish.



**ACCORD DERRY Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme** (*limited to 15 couples per course*). Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://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](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512.

**Employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal:** Applications are invited for an **Operations Manager** which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and Application Pack contact Mary at +353 7198 61518 or [mary@loughderg.org](mailto:mary@loughderg.org).



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