

Second Sunday of Christmas (2nd January)

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 (3rd and 4th January)

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

Wednesday (5th January)

Mass at 8.00 am and 10.00 am

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Vigil Masses for the Feast of the Epiphany at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm

Feast of the Epiphany, Thursday (6th January)

Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday, 5th January: Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

Thursday, 6th January: Masses at 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

There will be a collection for Parish Missionaries Overseas at all Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany. This collection will be used to support priests and nuns from the parish in their missionary work in different parts of the world. If you wish to nominate a priest or nun who has family connections in the Parish for financial support, please email their name and contact details to steugenes@btconnect.com.

Friday (7th January)

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 (8th January)

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: 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.

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-eugenes-cathedral or the parish website at 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 and choose the link **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM**

A short reflection on today's Gospel: John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

God speaks and everything comes into being: all of creation has its source in God. John's powerful Prologue to his Gospel spells out clearly this amazing fact. It is no wonder that we cannot bear to live without God in our lives; no wonder that the human heart is without rest until it rests in God. We may deny this; we may struggle with it; we may try to hide from it, but the truth will always pursue us relentlessly until we turn, look into its beautiful face, and embrace it.

'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.'

Jesus, witnessed so powerfully and passionately by John the Baptist, is the Word of God made flesh, and with the express purpose of bringing us closer to the Father, lived among us with grace and truth, as unrecognised by closed minds then as now, teaching us the ways of God and guiding us on our journey home. Jesus is the living Word of God and his life on earth is the revelation of God to us. He is the light of the world, and as we know, light is not so much what we directly see as that by which we see everything else.

Jesus, may we live with minds and hearts open to the Word. May we rejoice in the fact that everything in existence is an expression of the Word. May we try always to emulate the power and the passion of John the Baptist's witness as we take every opportunity to go out and proclaim the Good News of God's infinite and compassionate love for us, his children.

Jesus, you are the light of the world and it is by your light that our Father is clearly revealed to us. May we never be tempted to stray from the bright beauty of your light into the soulless darkness of unbelief. Amen

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Peter O'Hagan (Junior)

Matilda McKinney

Ellen (Nellie) Barr

Paula Bradley



May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Charlie Gallagher, Rose Tucker and James Sharkey.

May they rest in peace.

Readers for 5th/6th January – Feast of the Epiphany

06.15 pm	Mary Feeney
07.30 pm	Claire O’Kane
09.30 am	Anna Peake
11.00 am	Oran Gartland
12.30 pm	Anna Begley
07.30 pm	Angela McCallion

Readers for next weekend – 8th/9th January

06.15 pm	Maria Hickey
07.30 pm	Oran Gartland
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	Anna Begley
12.30 pm	Marie Canning
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

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 or private message St Eugene's Cathedral.



The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm tomorrow (Monday, 3rd January)

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.



Prayers at the Crib: A prayer card, poster and a booklet with a series of prayers and scripture for use at the Crib at home or in the church is available to download, to print or view on a mobile device at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/christmas>

The 12 Days of Christmas: A family prayer booklet has been specifically compiled with families in mind. The Gospel for each day of Christmas is accompanied by a Gospel reflection and prayers. The booklet can also be downloaded at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/christmas>

Christmas Prayers for Children: Thoughts, ideas and resources to help children and families to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and to celebrate and share the gift of the Baby Jesus with others available at: <https://catecheticalcentre.org/category/christmas/>

The Diocesan Vocations Committee has cancelled the Holy Hour for Vocations on Friday, 7th January in St Mary's Church, Creggan due to current Covid restrictions in Northern Ireland.

The Prayer Garden, which is located behind the Grotto, has now been completed. The Prayer Garden 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.

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.

The **Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre** Confirmation Preparation Programme will take place from the 10th -14th January, to support parents, schools and parishes as they prepare the children in this very important stage of their faith journey. Linking with *Filled With Joy*, pupil workbook and *Disciples of Jesus*, parent booklet (available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre) the programme will consist of,

- Four sessions, 10.00 am -12.00 am on the catecheticalcentre.org/webcam/. Each day the sessions will include catechesis on different aspects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, prayer, creative activities and music.
- A support pack for the four sessions which will be emailed to schools and available on the Catechetical Centre Website
- Short Video reflections on the gift of the Holy Spirit and the impact Confirmation has made on different people



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, Magnus Monaghan, through the parish office or speak to him after Mass at 12.30 pm.

Mary's Meals- Double the Love campaign runs until 31st January 2022, all donations up to a total of £1.6 million will be matched by a generous group of private donors. Every little act of love will go that little bit further during this period to help us reach the next child waiting, so please consider supporting this campaign and praying for its success. There are many ways to get involved including choosing one of their Mary's Meals gift cards or setting a place at our Big Family Christmas table- find out more at www.marysmeals.org.uk.



**The priests of the parish thank you
for your generosity to the Christmas Box Collection.**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for **Trócaire: £5,000. Cathedral Funds: £5, £20. Upkeep of the Church: £2,000.**

Last week's Collection amounted to £4,655.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £742.

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 Eugene's 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

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