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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th February 2022

Sunday (6th February)

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

6.00 pm Benediction

Monday - Friday (7th February to 11th February)

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

Monday - Wednesday (7th February to 9th February)

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday (12th February)

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**

MINDFULNESS
with MARY MURPHY

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Monday 24th January, 11.00am
Wednesday 26th January, 11.00am
Monday 31st January, 11.00am
Wednesday 2nd February, 11.00am
Monday 7th February, 11.00am
Wednesday 9th February, 11.00am

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A short reflection on today's Gospel *Luke 5:1-11*

They left everything and followed him.

Today's Gospel is rich in its depths of meaning. Jesus chooses to address the crowd facing them from Simon's boat, unusual in itself. After he has finished teaching the gathering, Jesus suggests to Simon and the other fishermen that they should row out into deep waters and put out their nets. This was the prelude to the miraculous haul of fish caught when they complied with Jesus' directive, despite having already laboured all night and caught nothing.

The Gospel today witnesses the start of the beautiful relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter. Jesus sees beyond the roughcast appearance of the fisherman straight into his passionate, loving, flawed heart and knows that this man standing in front of him is the rock on which he will build his church on earth. He knows that this man, Simon Peter, will, when the time comes, live and die for him. Now, when Peter, having listened to Jesus' teaching and witnessed the miraculous haul of fish, falls to his knees and cries out his unworthiness, Jesus responds with, 'Do not be afraid, from now on you will be a fisher of men.'

And they left everything and followed him.

Jesus, with your help, may we endeavour to live our lives with truth and openness. May what we do and how we act never be fear-based but full of the courage of our conviction that we live and die in you only.

Jesus, may we never be afraid to launch out into the deeper waters of spiritual risk rather than stay in the shallows of reason alone.

Jesus, give us the courage to leave our attachments to the things of this world and follow your way into eternal life. Amen.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Dolores McCafferty

Jean McAteer

Anita Robinson

Monica Doherty



May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Teresa Kelly, Denis Crumlish, Josephine Cullen, Willie Cullen, Danny Gillespie, George Kilkie and Derrick Tucker.

May they rest in peace.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Bría McAteer

Noah Jack

Aoibhí Cáit Curran

Sienna Lillie Coyle



Readers for next weekend – 12th/13th February 2022

06.15 pm	Claire O’Kane
07.30 pm	Helen Sweeney
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Niamh Kehoe
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Children from the schools in the parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation during this coming week. This is a very important sacrament in their lives and it is also a very special day in the life of the parish.

Over the past year the children have been preparing for this day with the help of dedicated teachers and are ready to take this new step in developing their faith. It is also an opportunity for all of us to consider the meaning of our own Confirmation and what it asks of us.

Confirmation demands that we take responsibility for our faith. Even though the children who receive the sacrament are not yet

adults they are making a commitment to God to accept and live their faith; the faith into which they were baptised and can now profess for themselves. They are also asking the Spirit of God, not the spirit of the world, to be their guide for the rest of their lives. We pray for the children at this time. We pray for their sponsors who have a serious responsibility as well. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is an occasion of joy for all of us and we await this great sacrament to strengthen the spiritual life of our young people.



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, 7th February)

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.



The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 15th February and a candle will be lit for everyone who has intentions for the St Dymphna Mass. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them.

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.

A Holy Hour for Vocations, led by the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, will take place in St Mary's Church, Creggan at 8.00 pm on Friday, 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Hour may also be followed at www.creggan.chapel/webcam.com.



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/**

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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 Naoimh,
agus sinn/muid ag teacht le chéile i D'ainm.

Agus Tusa amháin mar threoraí againn
socráigh 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 dtrialfaimid le chéile chun na beatha síoraí
gan dul ar strae ó bhealach na firinne 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 Mhíic,
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: £100. Mary's Meals: £25, £100. St Vincent de Paul: £25, £20. Building Fund: £100. UNICEF: £20. Cathedral Funds: £30. Afghanistan: £50.**

The Priests of the Parish thank you for your generosity to the Stipend Collection taken up last weekend.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £957.

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

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

FOUND: Sum of money found in the vicinity of St Eugene's Cathedral on Wednesday, 2nd February. Please contact Parochial House during office hours.



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

Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday, 10th February at 7.30 pm in the Raddison Blu, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

RNID is resuming its free drop-in support session for hearing aid users in Old Bridge House (the old Waterside Health Centre), Glendermott Road, Derry on Wednesday, 9th February from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The socially distanced drop off and pick up service provides new batteries, cleaning and retubing of ear moulds for NHS hearing aids. Hearing aids must be placed in a labelled envelope with name and contact details. They will be collected at the entrance by a volunteer and brought inside for maintenance. Users can wait in their car or return later to collect hearing aids. Hearing aids can also be dropped off by friends or family members. The sessions are run by trained volunteers and funded by the Health & Social Care Board. For more information visit www.rnid.org.uk or contact Mary Cruickshank; email mary.cruickshank@rnid.org.uk or call 07918 767640.

Youth 2000 are holding a St Valentine's Ball 2022 on Saturday, 19th February. The evening will include dinner, a raffle, a band and DJ and an opportunity to meet many new people from across Ireland. The evening will begin with the celebration of Holy Mass at 4.00 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. From there, the ball will commence at 7.00 pm nearby in The Armagh City Hotel. The event is strictly for persons aged 18 and over and ID will be required. Tickets cost €55 and can be purchased only on www.youth2000.ie.

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 or 028276 38512.

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.

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.



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