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**Sunday, 8th November 2020**

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***Please join us via the Webcam for:***

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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](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).

**Sunday (8th November)**

**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 9th –13th November)**

**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 (14th November)**

**10.00 am         Mass**

**Vigil 6.15 pm     Mass**

**Vigil 7.30 pm     Mass**

## Reflection on today's Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-13

*I do not know you.*

Unpreparedness is the core meaning of today's Gospel, unpreparedness for the unexpected appearance of God in our lives. Jesus effectively uses the teaching aid of the parable to illustrate his important message. The parable relates the story of five imprudent young maidens who are excluded from the wedding feast because of their failure to give their whole minds to the task which has been entrusted to them. They have failed to be alert; to be aware; to pay attention. They have failed to prepare for the unexpected, in this case the late arrival of the bridegroom whose way to the wedding feast they were meant to light with their lamps. He arrives in the dead of night; the imprudent maidens have run out of oil; they run to the merchants to replenish their lamps, but when they arrive back they find the doors to the wedding feast locked against them. They have left it too late.

Today's Gospel teaches a salutary lesson. To be true disciples of Jesus, we must constantly be aware of, and alert to, the unexpected arrival of his Father. Light is a symbol of enlightenment, and darkness, or suffering, is a powerful teacher. We learn the most in the midst of suffering. Let us always be prepared to shine the light of our faith in the darkness of our suffering. Then the tears shall be wiped from our eyes and the doors to the wedding feast will open before us and Love's outstretched arms will embrace us and lead us to the seat which has been reserved for us at the bridegroom's table.

**Funerals:** The 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 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.

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Ann Quinn**  
**Gillian Keaveney**  
**Michael McCaul**



May they rest in peace.

## Anniversaries

George Holmes and Ruby Duffy.

May they rest in peace.

## *Remembering Our Dead*

‘By virtue of the communion of saints, the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist on their behalf’. This is how the catechism reminds us of our need to pray for the dead throughout the year but we remember them in a special way during the month of November.

This has been a very difficult year especially for those who have had so many restrictions on family funerals.

As we wait for the time when we can come together as a parish community for Mass, we have created a sacred space at Our Lady’s Altar.

At all Masses throughout November we will pray for the deceased family and friends of each home in our parish especially those who died during the past year and who are remembered at Our Lady’s Altar.

There is a box at Our Lady’s Altar for you to put the names of your deceased family and friends so that they can be remembered at all Masses during November.

**Bishop McKeown will celebrate Mass and lead the Rosary each Friday during November** for the deceased family and friends of each home in the Diocese especially those who died during the past year. Live streaming 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).

**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 this evening (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](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). If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) or telephone 028 7126 4087.

### **Decree extends indulgence for the faithful departed throughout November**

The Apostolic Penitentiary announces modifications to the Plenary Indulgence for the deceased during the month of November.

Many of the Church's pastors have requested an adaptation to the requirements to obtain the Plenary Indulgence for the deceased in the month of November. Thus, "by the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis", the Apostolic Penitentiary released on Friday some changes to the normal practice. The Decree containing these modifications was signed on 22nd October, the liturgical memorial of Pope St John Paul II.

### **Plenary Indulgence during month of November**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1st to 8th November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

### **Plenary Indulgence for Feast of All Souls' Day**

Regarding the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls' Day, 2nd November, this year, it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by "devoutly visiting a church or an oratory", along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed, and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence.

### **The homebound**

For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful". In this case, the condition of being "completely detached from sin" and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

The Decree suggests that such prayer take place before an "image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary". Among the various prayers that are recommended are "prayers for the deceased, Morning or Evening Prayer from the Office of the Dead, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for the liturgy of the Dead, or completing a work of mercy by offering to God the suffering and discomforts of one's own life".

*by Sr Bernadette Mary Reis, fsp*

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html>

**Course on 'Death and the Afterlife'** continues on Wednesday evenings (11th, 18th and 25th November) after Night Prayer facilitated by Fr Farren via the Cathedral Hall webcam at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com)

**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 [steugenescathedral@btconnect.com](mailto:steugenescathedral@btconnect.com) or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.

**This year due to Covid, St Joseph's Boys' School** will be unable to open their Mass of Remembrance to the public. The Mass will be streamed on Social Media and the details of the date and time will be on social media and local church bulletins. If you wish to add a name of a Past Pupil, Staff Member or Governor to the list of people to be remembered please contact the school office on 02871262923 before 3.30 pm on Friday, 13th November.

**Mass for deceased pilgrims, staff and friends of the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown on Wednesday, 18th November, at 7.30 pm. Numbers will be restricted in keeping with Covid-19 restrictions. This Mass will be livestreamed on [steelstownparish.com/webcam.htm](http://steelstownparish.com/webcam.htm).

**Prayer resources and activities for families for November:** The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. To view all the available resources, visit [www.catecheticalcentre.org](http://www.catecheticalcentre.org).

## **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.

## **Baptism**

We welcome as members of God’s family

**Caius Dominic Eoin McCloskey**

**Keegan James Browne**



**Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena** continues after 7.30 pm Mass on Thursday, 12th 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. Please join us via webcam at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv), [www.watchmcnmedia.tv](http://www.watchmcnmedia.tv) or the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com).

### **Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena – Meditation of the Day for Thursday, 12th November**

Mother Most Pure, I come to You today to beg you to untie this knot in my life ..... and free me from the snares of Evil. God has granted you great power over all demons. I renounce all of them today, every connection I have had with them and I proclaim Jesus as my one and only Lord and Saviour.

Mary, Untier of Knots, crush the Evil One’s head and destroy the traps he has set for me by this knot. I thank you, dearest Mother.

Most Precious Blood of Jesus, free 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>.

**Readers for next weekend (14th/15th November)**

06.15 pm	Therese Ferry
07.30 pm	Majella Coyle
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	Claire O’Kane
12.30 pm	Eilish Friel
7.00 pm	Marian Boyle



**Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Cathedral Funds:** £10, £10. **Building Fund:** £30.

**Thank you for your generosity to the Retired Priests Collection last weekend.**

**Parish Development Collection amounted to £679.**

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](mailto:steugenes@btconnect.com). Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.

# Derry Diocesan Trust

## Part Time Housekeeper for Leckpatrick Parish

Part Time Temporary 3 month Contract (possibility of extension)

This is a part time position with the hours stipulated below:

8 hours per week with possibility of extension to 14 hours

## Part Time Cleaner for Derry Diocesan Office

Part Time Permanent Contract

5 hours per week

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 02871262302 or email: [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org). Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) no later than 5.00pm on 18.11.2020.

*Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.  
Derry Diocesan Trust welcome applications from all men and women  
and from members of all communities.*

**Lough Derg November Memorial Service for deceased pilgrims and benefactors** - live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo on Sunday, 22nd November at 7.00 pm - [www.churchservices.tv/pettigo](http://www.churchservices.tv/pettigo). To enrol a departed loved one please contact by email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or phone 0(0353) 71 9861518 or write to Fr La Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 YC60.

**Can You Foster?** Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be: long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support. To learn more please phone 028 90652288 or visit our website <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/foster>.

**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](mailto:svp.derry@svpni.co.uk).

**The Net** is now available online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://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.

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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: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.