

The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday (9th January)

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

6.00 pm Benediction

Monday - Friday (10th to 14th 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 (15th 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: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

‘I am baptizing you with water but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

John the Baptist's passionate allegiance to the ministry entrusted to him by God and made manifest in the powerful eloquence of his preaching, convinces many of his followers that he is the promised Messiah. John's response to their assumption is beautiful in its clarity, its truth, and its humility. It prepares his followers for the greatness which is to come in the person of Jesus, the true Messiah, the Son of God and the Saviour of humankind, the One who will baptize, not with water, but with the Holy Spirit and with Fire.

There follows the baptism of Jesus by John on Jesus' own insistence.

Jesus, the sinless one, insists on being baptised by John and by doing so, becomes one with the kingdom of God on earth. He becomes one with humankind in this as in everything else: suffering, grief, terror, loneliness, rejection, death. And his heavenly Father lovingly and dramatically acknowledges His Son's courage.

Jesus, we kneel humbly before the magnificence and courage of your sacrifice on the altar of our salvation. May we always honour the promises made at our baptism to be faithful to the powerful love beating at the heart of your ministry. Let us seek and find the pure and innocent heart of the child which lies sleeping within us, waiting for us to awaken it and let it lead us joyfully through the green and fresh pastures of our true home.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Kathleen McGowan

Leonard McKinney

Sarah (Sadie) Meehan

Sean O’Kane



May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Seamus Downey, Michael O’Donnell, Collette Kelly, Georgina Doherty and Laurence Moran.

May they rest in peace.

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Catherine Burke and Mark McCloskey

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



Readers for next weekend – 15th/16th January

06.15 pm	Claire O’Kane
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Kevin Finan
07.00 pm	Anna Begley



The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 18th January 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.

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



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, 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.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8 week online programme facilitated by the Living Church office. The programme will give you a way to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power.

There are three groups available;

- Wednesday Morning at 11am beginning Wed 12th Jan
- Wednesday Evening at 7pm beginning Wed 12th Jan
- Monday Evening at 7pm beginning Monday 17th Jan

Come and Join us!!

“UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE” with Jeff Cavins is an eight-week programme being offered by the Living Church Office (Down & Connor Diocese). It is offered as a good opportunity for those interested in deepening their knowledge of their faith, understanding the bible and its timeline, and learning how to approach reading it. Three separate times are being offered:

Wednesday Morning, 11.00 am, starting Wednesday, 12th January

Wednesday Evening, 7.00 pm, starting Wednesday, 12th January

Monday Evening, 7.00 pm, starting Monday, 17th January

To register for any one of these, please complete an online form <https://forms.office.com/r/g3FWFK5x8w> or if you have any queries please e-mail a.steen@downandconnor.org. Course participants will receive a resource pack and connect online for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.

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.

*Thank
you*

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for **Trócaire:** £10, £10. **Sight Savers:** £20, £5. **Missions:** £20. **UNICEF:** £20. **St Vincent de Paul:** £20, £30, £100, £50, £10, £25, £40. **Water Aid:** £20. **Afghanistan:** £20, £40. **Cathedral Funds:** £100. **Mary's Meals:** £25.

Last week's Collection amounted to £4,332

Parish Development Collection amounted to £817

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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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 Briega 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.