

Vol. 48 No 11 - Fourth Sunday of Lent, 14th March 2021
Covid-19 Shut-down by the Northern Ireland Executive

The Northern Bishops have discussed the evolving situation. In the light of the Executive's extension of the current restrictions, and on the basis of the continued and unequivocal public health message that people should continue to stay at home, the Northern Bishops have agreed that the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should continue, for the time being, to take place without the physical presence of the faithful. Marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies and drive-in services may continue (subject to strict safety guidelines and regulations) with arrangements being made for live-streaming, where possible.

The next NI Executive review of current lockdown provisions will be taking place on Thursday 18th March. The Northern Bishops have agreed to further assess the situation immediately after that date in the cautious expectation that, from Friday 26th March onwards, and in preparation for Holy Week, the faithful may safely gather once more for the celebration of Mass, with all necessary risk assessments having taken place and with all necessary precautions and mitigations in place.

St Eugene's Cathedral will open after Mass for individual prayer.

Face Coverings: We ask all adults and children aged 14 and over to please wear a face covering (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.

Please join us via the Webcam:

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, churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenescathedral or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

Sunday (14th March)

Masses via Webcam at 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.

Lenten Programme – Care, Hope and Pray

Monday (15th March):

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass via Webcam at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30pm

The Angelus & Rosary at 12.00 noon

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer via Webcam at 8.00 pm

Tuesday (16th March)

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass via Webcam at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30pm

The Angelus & Rosary at 12.00 noon

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00 pm

Wednesday, 17th March – Feast of St Patrick

Tuesday (16th March): Vigil Masses via Webcam at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm

Wednesday (17th March): Masses via Webcam at 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

Thursday and Friday (18th and 19th March):

Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am

Mass via Webcam at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30pm

The Angelus & Rosary at 12.00 noon

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer via Webcam at 8.00 pm

Monday and Friday: Gospel Encounter at 5.00 pm

Thursday: Stations of the Cross at 5.00 pm

Tuesday: Covid Conversations with Bishop McKeown livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall and on Facebook at 7.00 pm.

Wednesday: Local Vocal with Margarett McNamee each Wednesday at 4.00 pm livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall and on Facebook.

Friday: Exploring a selection of poems with Mary Murphy each Friday at 11.00 am livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall and on Facebook.

Saturday (20th March)

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

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Easter Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. Cost £2.00 each.

Reflection on today's Gospel: *John 3:14-21*

Evil hates the light; truth loves the light.

Today's beautiful Gospel reveals to us the true nature of God. It has been said that our view of God often says more about us than it does about God: our view of God as vengeful, judgemental and angry, out to consign those of us who offend against him to a hell of indescribable pain, merits an honest examination of our own nature: its terrors, its prejudices and its judgementality. Today's Gospel states clearly and unequivocally that God is a God of love, who sent his Son to save the world, not to condemn it. An essential part of Jesus' message is to inform humanity about the true nature of God: God as Divine love which radiates out to us, unrelated to our worthiness. Jesus himself was often accused of consorting with sinners, of being their friend. Jesus was indeed the friend of those the world described as sinners because he saw into their hearts and knew them to be also anguished, remorseful, suffering human beings yearning for the compassion, the love and the forgiveness he offered them freely.

Today's Gospel also reminds us of our tendency to hide from God in deliberate darkness rather than face Him in the light. Jesus came into the world as the light of the world, but we cannot see his beautiful face or hear his saving message if we favour the darkness of unbelief over the light of truth.

Jesus, thank you for revealing to us the true nature of God. May we live our lives in the glorious light of that revelation and may we never hide from the face of God in the darkness of unbelief.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Dermot Sharkey

Robert (Roy) McCarrick

May they rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Frank McMahon, Eddie Given, Jack McIntyre, William McIntyre, Nora and Peter Toland, Ciaran Dobbins, Julia Finan, Willie and Moya Harkin.

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family

Rían Don McGlinchey

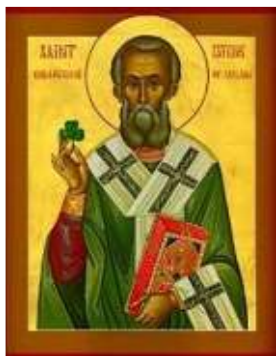
Caleb Christopher Missick

Oisín Anthony Doherty

Lasairfhiona Grace Friel



The Feast of St Patrick (Wednesday, 17th March)



St Patrick brought the Christian gospel to Ireland in a way nobody else did, leaving behind a permanent memory that has united Irish people over the centuries and across the five continents of the world. On the feast of St Patrick, we pray that we will remain strong in love and faithful to the way of Christ.

Tuesday (16th March): Vigil Masses via Webcam at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm

Wednesday (17th March): Masses on via Webcam at 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

Prayer taken from St Patrick's Breastplate

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

Readers for the Feast of St Patrick

Holyday 16th /17thMarch

06.15 pm	Mary Feeney
07.30 pm	Barry McDaid
09.30 am	Anna Begley
11.00 am	Piaras O Meallain
12.30 pm	Charlie McDermott
07.30 pm	Claire O'Kane

Readers for next weekend – 20th/21st March

06.15 pm	Helen Sweeney
07.30 pm	Marian Boyle
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	Ava McGinn
12.30 pm	Marie Canning
07.00 pm	Niamh Kehoe

The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated via webcam at 7.30 pm on Tuesday (16th March) 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.



Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families like Awut and Ajak's in South Sudan need your support now more than ever.

Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire box at the back of the Cathedral.
2. Online at www.trocaire.org
3. By phone: 0800 912 1200 (NI) or 1850 408 408 (ROI)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

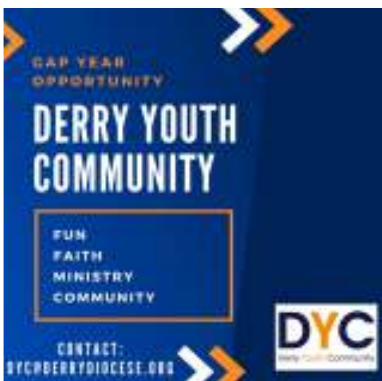
The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: This Prayer Society has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. As 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 steugenes@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene’s Cathedral Facebook page.



Derry Youth Community

- Are you aged between 18-25 years old?
- Deciding what to do in the future (September 2021)?
- Thinking about a Gap Year?
- Want to do something faith based?

Blessed of Carlos Acutis



Carlo Acutis, an Italian Catholic teenager, was beatified in Assisi, Italy on Saturday, 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 Carlo and prayer cards which you are welcome to take.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Building Fund:** £100.
Cathedral Funds: £100.

Last Week’s Collection amounted to £2,240.

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 Eugenes 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 understanding and your continued support to the parish.

Mini-Lenten Retreat in preparation for Holy Week: In preparation for the Easter Triduum, 'The Hook of Faith' is happy to offer a 'Mini-Lenten Retreat in Preparation for Holy Week' on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March. The retreat will be held on Zoom and will be led by Fr Billy Swan. Each conference begins at 8.00 pm. The three conferences will anticipate the Triduum and will therefore focus on the Eucharist (Tuesday, 23rd); the Cross and the Mystery of Suffering (Wednesday, 24th); the Resurrection, Joy and Hope (Thursday, 25th). To take part, send an email to: thehookoffaith@gmail.com. All are welcome.

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Aid for the Children of Yemen: Fr Neal Carlin's new book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is now on sale at €10/£10 and can be purchased by contacting goldenagecentre@hotmail.com. All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen.



Knock Shrine to host special online faith discussions during Lent under the title ‘Living Christian Faith – Lenten Conversations’. The conversations will explore a different theme each week and guest speakers will discuss some of the important questions we all face in living out our faith. The talks are streamed at 8.30 pm each Thursday during Lent at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live or on Facebook @knockshrine.

Strive is a good relations programme for young people aged 14 to 24 led by Include Youth. It is a youth led programme, Strive is a cross community, cross cultural and cross border programme that engages young people in transformative good relations, citizenship and personal development work. Youth Initiatives run the Strive programme in Derry and are presently recruiting for the final year of the Peace IV programme. If you are interested, contact us on 07510931490 or find us on Instagram youthinitiativesderry or our YIderry facebook page.



Census 2021: The census happens only once every ten years. Next week all households in Northern Ireland will receive a census pack with details on how to complete. Your pack will arrive in an envelope which will contain either an access code for you to complete online or a paper questionnaire. If you receive an online code, you can request a paper questionnaire by phoning the contact centre. If you receive a paper questionnaire there will be a code at the top which will allow you to complete online. As soon as you receive your pack you can complete your census. To find out more visit www.census.gov.uk/ni or call us for free on 0800 328 2021. For updates follow us on Facebook and Twitter @NICensus2021.

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27th-28th March. This 2-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 028 276 38512.



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

Course Dates

July 6th/7th 2021

August 10th/11th 2021

Sept 14th/15th 2021

Oct 12th/13th 2021

Nov 9th/10th 2021

Dec 7th/8th 2021

The Net, the monthly publication sharing the fruits of faith in the Derry Diocese, is now available on the Diocesan website and Facebook Page.

The Messenger: Messenger Publications are offering a free online copy. Please visit: https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messenger_june_v11.3_low_res. If you have any difficulty accessing the link or if you have any further queries, please email c.henry@messenger.ie.

St Eugene's Cathedral is monitored by CCTV cameras and by two live streaming cameras. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv or www.watchmcnmedia or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.

The Diocese of Derry Privacy Notice is displayed on the parish website and Cathedral notice board or you may obtain a copy from the Parish Office.

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.