

Sunday (28th November)

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

6.00 pm Benediction

Monday to Friday (29th November to 3rd December)

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

12.00 noon The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

5.15 pm Mass Monday to Friday during Advent

8.00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer

Saturday (4th December)

Mass at 10.00 am, Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 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.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Sundays from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm and
Tuesdays from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm.**



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.

Season of Advent: 28th November to 24th December

St Eugene's Cathedral - Advent Programme:

Monday to Friday: Morning Prayer of the Church will be prayed at 7.45 am beginning tomorrow (Monday, 29th November).

Monday to Friday: Mass will be celebrated at 5.15 pm during Advent beginning tomorrow (Monday, 29th November).

The 5.15 pm Mass each Thursday during Advent will be a Rorate Mass. The Rorate Mass has a long tradition in the Church. The name comes from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon, *Rorate cali desuper*, Latin for "Drop down dew, ye heavens". This is a Votive Mass in honour of Our Lady for the season of Advent, celebrated by candlelight early in the morning or in the evening. Our Lady shows herself in a special way as our leader through Advent to Christmas. The Mass begins in darkness – candles will be provided. The Cathedral lights will be switched on when the Glory is sung.

Late Opening on Mondays – 29th November, 6th, 13th and 20th December: To celebrate the sacrament of Confession and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Eucharist from 8.30 pm to 10.00 pm.

Lectio Divina every Tuesday during Advent: – Fr Ignacy invites you to join him for reflections of the Sunday scripture readings from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm in the Cathedral Hall beginning on Tuesday, 30th November.

Conversations on Wednesdays with Bishop McKeown during Advent at 7.00 pm livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall. Bishop McKeown will be in conversation with Marguerite Hamilton from the Columba Community at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 1st December.

On Thursdays during Advent the Rosary will be prayed for all families beginning on Thursday, 2nd December.

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**.

"How Fit Is Your Soul?" Programme: The 'How Fit Is Your Soul' Programme is an online programme from St Eugene's Cathedral taking place during Advent. This is for anyone who is interested in reflecting on and developing their prayer life, whether you would like to start praying, pray more or experience new ways to pray. For more information, please email emmett.mullan@derrydiocese.org or phone St Eugene's Parish office on 028 71262894/71365712.

Family Prayer Service for your home during Advent has been created by the Diocese, in conjunction with the Northern Pastoral Network, for family prayer at home during the season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.



The word 'Advent' means 'coming' or 'arrival'. The season of Advent marks the time we prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Advent starts today (Sunday, 28th November) and spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

Family Prayer Service for your home during Advent

In this booklet you will find a Family Prayer Service and activity suggestions for the four Sundays of Advent as we journey towards Christmas and the arrival of the Son of God to a stable in Bethlehem.

The booklet can be viewed on a computer, tablet or mobile. It can also be printed at home.

It is our sincere hope that this resource will be a spiritual support to everyone during the season of Advent.

<https://www.derrydiocese.org/publications/advent/advent-prayer-family-book-2021.pdf>

Based on the Advent theme, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God.' the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a variety of creative resources to help home, school and parish enter into this time of preparation before Christmas. The resources can be found at <https://catecheticalcentre.org/primary-school-resources/advent-2021-blessed-are-the-pure-in-heart-they-shall-see-god/>

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

If you have family away from home this Christmas and would like them to receive a Christmas card from the parish, please put their names and full postal address in the box at the back of the Cathedral or email steugenes@btconnect.com before 8th December.



A short reflection on today's Gospel. *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap.

In today's Gospel according to Luke, Jesus lists the signs which will herald the end of the world. 'That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap,' Jesus warns us. He warns us to watch, to stay awake. It is significant that the Church begins the new liturgical year with a Gospel reading which describes the calamitous ending of the world. Endings, we should remember, are often the birthing places of new beginnings. The ending described in today's Gospel promises, according to Jesus himself, the beginning of a new world of eternal bliss for all who are faithful to his truth. But if we are to share in his Father's world of eternal bliss we must listen to Jesus and follow his teachings; we must walk to Calvary with him; we must carry his cross and suffer with him; we must die to this world with him; and none of this can happen if we do not stay awake, always awake and alert to the world's attempts to distract us from God's perfect plan for us.

We are created by God for love. Our souls yearn to be united with the perfect Love which breathed life into us. There is no rest for us until we rest in that perfect Love. Distracted by this world, we think we need material proof for everything that exists, but in truth, it is the promise of eternity to which our souls respond; it has been said that it is dreams which drive us and it is hopes which make things happen. It is the mystery which calls to us. God knows us better than we know ourselves, and in the purity of His knowledge of us he draws us to him by His promise of eternity, by the ineffable mystery of His being and by His presence, pregnant with silence, deep in our contemplative souls.

Jesus, may we waste no time but be forever vigilant, forever alert, forever faithful to your truth, so that when you finally come for us we are ready for you to gather us in your arms and wrap us in the warm cloak of your love. Amen

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Charlotte (Lottie) Brady

Julia Burns



May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Martin McGonagle, Chris Francis and Lorraine Moran

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family

Jude Matthew Gregory Logue

Robyn Mary Owen



Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Lauren Barr and Ben Murray;

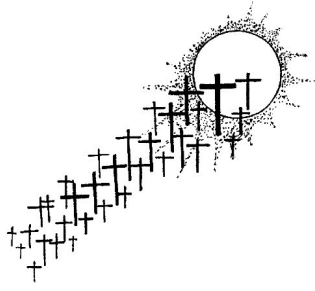
Michaela Timoney and Joseph Cunningham;

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



Readers for next weekend – 4th/5th December

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| 06.15 pm | Anna Begley |
| 07.30 pm | Marian Boyle |
| 09.30 am | Barry Mc Daid |
| 11.00 am | McGinley Readers |
| 12.30 pm | Roisin McGarrigle |
| 07.00 pm | Liz McMonagle |



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.

As we wait for the time when we can come together without restrictions as a parish community for Mass, we have the names of those who died during the past year (23rd October 2020 to 27th October 2021) displayed at the 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 also a basket at Our Lady's Altar to put the names of your deceased family and friends so that they can be remembered at all Masses during November.

Family prayer at home – 'November A Month To Remember' – This booklet contains prayers for November, a family prayer service for use at home and information about a remembrance event at Knock Shrine. This booklet may be of particular interest to families and those who are housebound. All these resources can be found at Diocese of Derry website: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/november-family-prayer-at-home>.

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.

Cathedral Voices is for people living with dementia and their families, friends and carers. This is a pilot programme which we are delivering here in St Eugene's Cathedral led by Margarett McNamee. It is a time to come and listen to music, have a cup of tea and a chat.

Dates:

Thursday, 2nd December @1.30 pm-2.30 pm

Thursday, 9th December @1.30 pm-2.30 pm

Thursday, 16th December @1.30 pm-2.30 pm

Booking is essential as places are limited. Call 02871262894 or email: emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org

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 on Monday, 6th December

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.



St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal 2021: If you are looking for help St Vincent de Paul are here to help you in whatever way they can. Please ring us on 028 71265489 or online <https://svp.ie/get-help/request-help-online.aspx>

Christmas time is the busiest time for the SVP 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 that instead of buying a physical toy or items of food, please buy a voucher or make a donation.

The Annual Church Collection will take place on Saturday, 11th and Sunday, 12th December 2021. Derry Area also have a fundraising page for donations on our SVP website; [Current fundraisers - St Vincent De Paul \(svp.ie\)](#)

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.

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.

9 Day Rosary Novena for Ireland beginning on Tuesday, 30th November and ending on Wednesday, 8th December. People all over Ireland are invited to pray the Rosary together each evening at 9.00 pm. On the final evening at 9.00 pm on Radio Maria the Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the final Rosary live. If you are gathering to pray in groups we encourage you to gather safely adhering to local Covid 19 regulations.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks a donation for **Trócaire: £300. Smile Train: £20. St Vincent de Paul: £200. £10. UNICEF: £20.**

Sunday Collection amounted to £4,007
Parish Development Collection amounted to £842.

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:

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| 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.

The Mystery Unfolds: Advent Oasis mornings offered by Thornhill Ministries (Saturday 11th December: 11.:00 am – 12.00 noon). Led by Fr Paschal, each gentle hour helps us touch into the mystery of life and God-with-Us. To register and for zoom link contact 07736832458 email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

Service of Light: The '*North West Bereaved by Suicide*' Support Group is holding its annual Service of Light, on Sunday, 5th December, at 5.30 pm in the Foyle Search & Rescue HQ, Prehen, Derry.



Derry Diocesan Trust

External Job Advertisements for publication in parish bulletin, website, facebook etc

| Position | Location | Closing Date |
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| Junior Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator (Youth) 20 hours per week (inc. evenings and weekends) with possibility of extension to 35 hours per week 1-year Fixed Term Contract with possibility of extension | Parish of Templemore: St Eugene's & St Columba's, Derry City. | 02.12.2021 |

| Position | Location | Closing Date |
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| Housekeeper 10 hours per week (with possibility of extension to 12 hours per week) | Long Tower Parochial House, 6 Victoria Place, Abercorn Road, Derry, BT48 6TJ | 02.12.2021 |

For a job description and application form please:

Write: Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP

Email: payroll@derrydiocese.org

Telephone: 028 7126 2302

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

Viatores Christi invite you to their Free Online Conference: Sharing of Key Learnings on Inclusive Volunteering; ensuring the inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. You are invited to attend the Free Online Conference of the VIVID: T EU AVI Funded Project on Disability-inclusive Development on Wednesday. 1st December starting at 10.00 am. This project was focused on ensuring Inclusion of persons with Disabilities in volunteering. The conference will include a roundtable discussion about the role of leadership in disability inclusion, a showcase of free accessible training resources that anyone can use in their day-to-day work to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities. You can register for the event through <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vivid-t-project-sharing-of-key-learnings-at-accessible-online-conference-tickets-205641498257>

Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday, 9th December at 7.20 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. **Subject to change in accordance with government advise**

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 2022: Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.

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.



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

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps Gamblers Anonymous can help: call them on 028 7135 1329.

Lough Derg online shop offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke Gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available – Fr La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit www.loughderg.live/shop Telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518 *Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.*

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre Confirmation Preparation Programme will take place from the 10th -14th January 2022, 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

Priory Institute Online 'Theology' Open Evening: The Priory Institute invites you to attend a short introductory lecture on theology to find out if studying theology with them is right for you. This Open Evening takes place on Thursday, 2nd December, at 7.00 pm. For further information, or to register, visit : <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-evening> or [Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) or telephone 003531 4048124. The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures from the comfort of your own home.

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy: The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University has reopened for the new academic year. They are a vibrant community of faith and friendship at the heart of campus where students feel welcome, listened-to, valued and supported. For more on their liturgy schedule, events, facilities and amazing Café, visit qubcatholic.org.

Radio Maria Ireland <https://www.radiomaria.ie/radio-maria-ireland/> is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies.

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.

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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 Briege 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.