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[First Sunday of Advent \(29th November\)](#)

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 30th November to Friday 4th December\)](#)

7.45 am **Morning Prayer of the Church**

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 \(5th December\)](#)

10.00 am **Mass**

Vigil 6.15 pm **Mass**

Vigil 7.30 pm **Mass**

New restrictions by the Northern Ireland Assembly effective until Thursday, 10th December include that Churches must celebrate Mass without a congregation except for Funerals and Weddings (which are limited to 25 people). Churches can stay open for private 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.

Season of Advent: 29th November to 24th December

St Eugene's Cathedral - Advent Programme 2020:

Morning Prayer of the Church will be prayed at 7.45 am, Monday to Friday beginning tomorrow morning, (Monday, 30th November).

Rosary and Night Prayer at 8.00 pm Monday to Friday.

On Tuesdays during Advent the Rosary will be prayed for all families beginning on Tuesday, 1st December.

On Wednesdays during Advent Fr Patrick will lead a Gospel Encounter after Night Prayer beginning on Wednesday, 2nd December.

Cathedral Hall Webcam Programme – Advent 2020:

Mondays during Advent: Live Music by Anne Marie Hickey and Trevor Burnside from 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm beginning on Monday, 30th November.

Wednesday, 9th and 16th December: St Mary's College pupils will read scripture, poetry and sing songs.

Thursdays during Advent: 'Preparing for Christmas in Strange Times' - this course will take place on Thursday, 3rd, 10th and 17th December at 8.00 pm.

Fridays during Advent: Mary Murphy will host a short series of reflections on, and reminisces of Christmas. The three reflections will begin on Friday, 4th December and continue on Friday, 11th and 18th December at 11.00 am. via webcam from the Cathedral Hall.

Prayer resources for Advent: A series of Prayer resources for Advent has been created by the Diocese, in conjunction with the Northern Pastoral Network and the Catechetical Centre, for family prayer at home during the season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. These resources contain lots of creative ideas and tips to help families and parishes during **Prayer resources for Advent** the Season of Advent.

A family prayer booklet has been compiled specifically with families in mind. The Gospel for each Sunday of Advent is accompanied by a family activity, prayers and a reflection. The booklet can be downloaded at this link: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/advent-prayer-service-for-use-at-home>

Family activities for Advent including prayers, how to create a Jesse Tree, an Advent Wreath and lots more are available to view on the Catechetical Centre website at: <https://catecheticalcentre.org/family-resources/preparing-our-hearts-for-christmas-advent-resources/>



Reflection on today's Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.

A superficial reading of today's Gospel might easily interpret it as threatening: it can induce the fear that if we do not watch out for God's coming we can be caught 'on the hop', as it were, and incur His everlasting displeasure. But God is always with us; He is always present in our lives. It is we who are not always present to God. When Jesus told us that he had come to give us life and give it to the full, he meant us to ponder his words deeply. Living life to the full means being alive to the presence of God in every moment we breathe; it means being fully awake, fully alert to how we are living our God-given lives. It means seeing God's plan for us in all of our experiences, joyful and sorrowful. It means we can never accuse God of not listening to us; we can only accuse ourselves of not listening to God.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Ann Loughrey

May she rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Sheila Harvey and Martin McGonagle. May they rest in peace.

Remembering Our Dead

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.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Caíden Sean McIvor

Callum Christy Whoriskey

Éireann Siobhán Kearney



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.

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 before 8th December.

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 or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.



**The next Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in
St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Monday, 7th December via webcam.**

Readers for next weekend (5th/6th December)

06.15 pm	Mary Feeney
07.30 pm	Majella Coyle
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	Piaras O Meallain
12.30 pm	Charlie McDermott
7.00 pm	Anna Begley



Fr Paul and Fr Patrick will celebrate Mass for P4 pupils on Wednesday at 10.00 am as they prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion and Mass for P7 pupils on Thursday at 10.00 am as they prepare to celebrate their Confirmation during this academic year. It would be great if pupils could watch these Masses via the Cathedral webcam. To watch these Masses live in your classrooms all you need to do is click on the link <http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>.

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** £200, £200, £20. **Building Fund:** £40. **St Vincent de Paul:** £100, £50, £50. **Cathedral Funds:** £30, £50. **St Thérèse:** £20.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,696.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £787.

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. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.

St Vincent de Paul (St Eugene's Conference) acknowledge with thanks donations of £1,000 and £50.

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal 2020: If you are looking for help St Vincent de Paul are here to help you in whatever way they can. Please ring St Vincent de Paul on 028 71265489 or online <https://svp.ie/get-help/request-help-online.aspx>.

Christmas time is the busiest time for the 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 St Vincent De Paul 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.

The Annual Church Collection will take place on Saturday, 11th and Sunday 12th December 2020. St Vincent de Paul also have a fundraising page for donations on their website; <https://www.svp.ie/get-involved/do-your-own-fundraising/current-fundraisers/fundraisers/derry-city-appeal.aspx>

Children in Crossfire's Advent Appeal has begun. You can pick up an Advent box at the back of the Church or donate online: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/advent-appeal>. This year's appeal will raise funds to help provide hand washing and sanitation facilities to 700 schools in Tanzania, especially vital right now. It costs only £20 to provide a whole school with hand sanitiser and cleaning supplies.

ACCORD Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme - 2021 Course Dates: 12th/ 13th January, 9th/ 10th February and 9th/ 10th March. Booking now online at www.accordni.com.

Sisters from the St. Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus) are launching the very first Online Christmas Market, so that people from all over the world can purchase Christmas presents and souvenirs made with love and continuous prayer. Please, click here to participate: <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>. Every item purchased at the Online Market is a donation towards one of the Convent's ministries.

The Net is now available online, on 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.

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.

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