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Sunday, 2nd May 2021

Sunday (2nd May)

Masses 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.

6.00 pm Benediction

Monday to Friday (3rd May – 7th May)

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 (8th May)

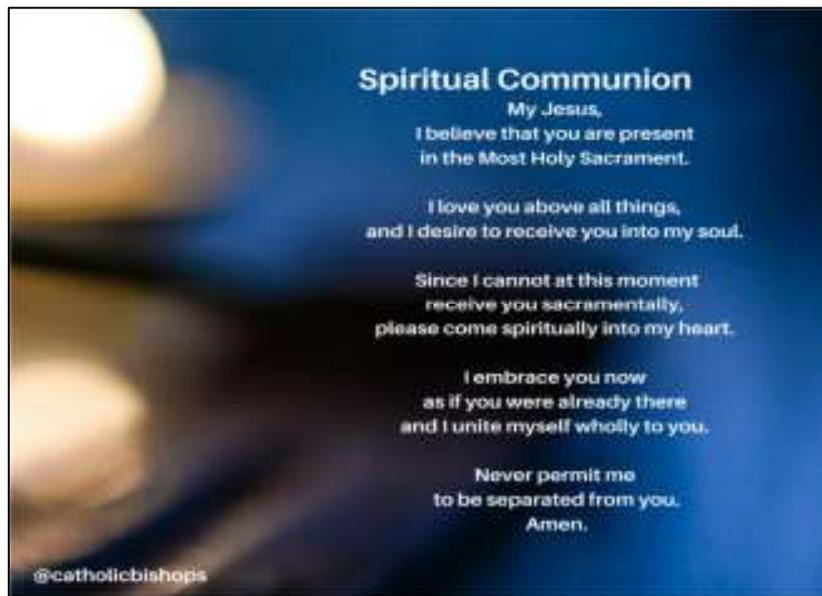
Mass at 10.00 am, Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

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.

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.



A short reflection on today's Gospel:

I am the vine, you are the branches. John 15: 1-8

In today's beautiful Gospel, Jesus, using the metaphor of the vine and its branches, instructs us clearly on how to thrive spiritually.

“Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty;

For cut off from me you can do nothing.”

Jesus is the vine, the ultimate source from which we derive the meaning of our lives; the energy we depend on to live out the truth. We are the branches which, if we are to thrive spiritually, must remain connected to that ultimate source: Jesus. If we cut ourselves off from Jesus we, like the branch cut off from the vine, will wither and die spiritually.

If we remain connected to Jesus as our ultimate source, we will become one with him; we will, as he directs, make our home in him as he makes his home in us.

“I no longer live, but it is Christ living in me.”

Jesus, may we always recognise you as the true source of our spiritual lives; may we always know that you are the energy, the meaning, which directs us and guides us on our journey to your heavenly Father. May we realise that it is only in becoming one with you that we shall experience true joy and peace. Amen.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Eilish Lynch

May she rest in peace.



Anniversaries

George Mullin and Kevin Brown.

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family

Dash William Reyes



Readers for next weekend – 8th/9th May

06.15 pm Claire O’Kane
07.30 pm Marian Boyle
09.30 am Kevin Finan
11.00 am Anna Begley
12.30 pm Charlie McDermott
07.00 pm Niamh Kehoe



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 **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM** link.

The Annual Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux 8th to 16th May 2021

**Theme: Holiness consists simply in doing God's will,
and being just what God wants us to be.**

The Little Way Novena will take place here in St Eugene's Cathedral from Saturday, 8th May until Sunday, 16th May. This will be an opportunity to pray for a special intention and to ask St Thérèse to intercede for us. It is a time when many people find great joy and healing. St Thérèse is a very powerful intercessor with God.

"I know of no other means to reach perfection than by love. To love: how perfectly our hearts are made for this! Sometimes I look for another word to use, but, in this land of exile, no other word so well expresses the vibrations of our soul. Hence we must keep to that one word: love."

(Extract from a Story of a Soul)



Due to current restrictions, tickets will be required. Tickets are available from the Parochial House and will be issued for block attendance at the same Novena Mass and/or Evening Prayer during the Novena ie a block ticket to attend the 7.15 am Novena Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please see timetable below.

Timetable of the Annual Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Opening Ceremony at 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm* on Sunday, 9th May

Novena Mass at 6.30 am*, 7.15 am, 8.00 am and 10.00 am - Monday to Friday, 10th May to 14th May.

Evening Service at 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm* - Monday to Friday, 10th May to 14th May.

Mass for those who have died at 8.30 am and 10.00 am* – Saturday, 15th May

Closing Ceremony at 3.00 pm* and 4.30 pm - Sunday 16th May

*(*seats are fully booked)*

St Thérèse candles will be on sale

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.

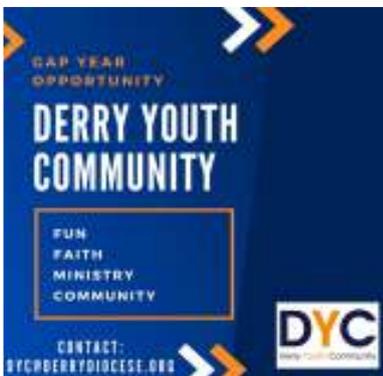
Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene’s Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer.



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.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene’s Cathedral at 7.30 pm tomorrow (Monday, 3rd May)

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?

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre - Confirmation Preparation Sessions: It has once again been a very different and challenging year for our Year 7 and 6th Class children, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bearing in mind concerns over having children well prepared to receive the sacrament, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has put together a programme 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 (which many schools and parishes already have and which are still available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre) the programme will consist of **four sessions, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th May from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon 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.

Celebrating Mary in the Month of May. May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/

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.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** €100, £10, £20. **St Vincent de Paul:** £20, £25. **Mary's Meals:** £25. **Building Fund:** £80.

The Priests of the Parish thank you for your generosity to the Stipend Collection taken up last weekend. Parish Development Collection amounted to £796.

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.

St Eugene's Conference of St Vincent de Paul acknowledges with thanks a donation of £50.

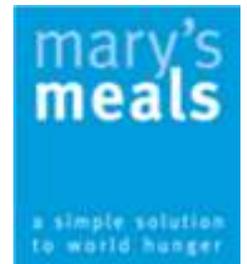


Donations received by Trócaire before 16th May 2021 will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m. These matched funds will help thousands of people in South Sudan to grow enough food to feed their families. It will also support strong women like Awut and Ajah in having their voices heard in

decisions affecting them. Donations can be left in the Parochial House or can also be made online at www.trocaire.org/donate or via NI freephone number **0800 912 1200** or via **online banking - bank details for Trócaire: Sort Code: 93.80.92 and Account number 8822 7020.**

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. **An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday, 7th June at 3.30pm.** If you are interested in attending this session or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Mary's Meals – Pray in May: This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, Mary's Meals invite you to join them in their prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. Prayer resources and further information can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay.



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.



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.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

- *Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)*
- *Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"*
- *Streaming on website, www.radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)*
- *'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)*
- *Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).*

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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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 Personnel (DLP) at 07596 500 793 / 07707 311 358 or at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern

Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.