

Sunday (12th September)

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 (13th – 17th September)

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 (18th September)

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
on Tuesday beginning
after 10.00 am Mass
until 7.30 pm Mass.**



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.steugenes-cathedral.com.



A short reflection on today's Gospel Luke 6: 6-11

Is it against the law on the Sabbath to save life?

In today's Gospel Jesus once again places compassion and love at the centre of his ministry. As the instrument of his heavenly Father he never deviates from these key principles of his Father's salvation plan. The Scribes and the Pharisees often hide behind their rigid laws and protocol at the expense of compassion. Jesus, throughout his ministry, is intent on restoring human dignity to those who are suffering by liberating them from life's cruel blows. If it's a question of the rule of love versus the rule of law, the rule of love will always win with Jesus.

Jesus, guide us as we strive to walk in your footsteps. May we never seek to hide behind protocol, habits or laws which clearly do not reflect the Gospel message, and may we be aware always that the key principles of that Gospel message are compassion and love. May our actions towards others always reflect this truth.

Jesus, you healed the man's withered, useless hand, a healing born of compassion and love for which you were excoriated by your enemies because it was carried out on the Sabbath. Your response to their sour objections was clear and unequivocal: 'Is it against the law on the Sabbath to save life!' In other words, it is never the wrong time to do good. Teach us, Jesus, to bring back to life this truth which may lie withered and useless in our hearts.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Denise Harkin

Fionnbarra Ó Dochartaigh

Fr Aidan Mullan

May they rest in peace.



The Death of Father Aidan Mullan Administrator of St Columba's Church, Long Tower

It is with deep sadness and a profound sense of loss that we announce the death of Fr Aidan Mullan.

An Omagh man, Fr Aidan attended the Christian Brothers School there before attending St Columba's College, Derry, as a boarder. He was ordained a Priest in 1976. He was a man gifted with a fine intellect which he employed generously throughout his life in the service of others, first serving as a Maths teacher at St Columba's College before later going on to be Vice Principal. A strong advocate of Catholic education, he chaired the Diocese of Derry CCMS board for a number of years.

Serving as a diocesan priest he ministered to the Glendermott, Dungiven, and Three Patrons Parishes. In September 2016 Fr Aidan was appointed as the new administrator of the Long Tower Parish, a position to which he devoted the rest of his life with great warmth, zeal and giftedness.

We mourn his loss as a man and priest of outstanding integrity who lived the Gospel values each day with faith, compassion and love. He leaves behind a strong legacy of Christianity in action and a deep-seated belief in the power of prayer to heal the world.

Funeral Arrangements

Removal from the undertakers to repose in St Columba's Church, Long Tower from 12.00 noon on Saturday until 2.30 pm on Sunday.

There will be Night Prayer at 9.00 pm on Saturday in St Columba's Church, Long Tower.

Removal from the Long Tower to repose in Sacred Heart Church, Omagh from 4.00 pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Church, Omagh, with interment immediately afterwards at St Mary's Cemetery, Drumragh.

Anniversaries

Susie Crowley. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family

Caolan Junior Anthony Keeney
Caolan Michael Melvin
Gabriella Eleanor McCartney
Fiadhna Erin Hamilton
Thérèse Margaret Herbert
Eoin Martin Roberts



Readers for next weekend – 18th/19th September 2021

06.15 pm	Thérèse Ferry
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Oran Gartland
11.00 am	Majella Coyle
12.30 pm	Roisin McGarrigle
07.00 pm	Anna Begley



Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Aisling Moore and Adam McCourt
and

Danielle Doherty and Lee Toland



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

Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry - Bishop Donal McKeown will lead an evening of prayer and intercession for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry here in St Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday, 16th September beginning with Mass at 7.30 pm followed by a Holy Hour. All welcome.

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, Maghnus Monaghan, through the parish office or speak to him after Mass at 12.30 pm.



SEASON OF CREATION. “A Home for All?: Restoring Our Common Home”

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi), celebrating the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

The Diocese of Derry is encouraging parishes, schools and families to reflect on what they can do to protect the environment around us all. Throughout the season, parishes are encouraged to promote environmental, liturgical or prayer projects: Nature walks, planting seeds, collecting rubbish or recycling are examples.

For ideas, initiatives, prayers, liturgies and news articles on the theme please see the diocesan social media channels and derrydiocese.org/season-of-creation.

***“Rivers do not drink their own water;
trees do not eat their own fruit;
the Sun does not shine on itself and
flowers do not spread their
fragrance for themselves.
Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.
No matter how difficult it is....
Life is good when you are happy;
but much better when others
are happy because of you.”***

Pope Francis

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**.

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 steugenesc@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.



St Columba's Long Tower Parish Retreat: 12th -15th September, led by Fr Pat Collins. Theme: Called and Sent 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.' **Mark 16:9-15.** Sunday, 12th September: Introduction, Evening Prayer and Talk at 6.00 pm; Monday, 13th September: Mass at 6.30 am and 10 am, Evening Prayer and Talk at 7.30 pm; Tuesday, 14th September: Mass at 6.30 am and 10 am, Evening Prayer and Talk at 7.30pm followed by Confessions; Wednesday, 15th September: Mass at 6.30 am and 10.am, Evening Prayer and Talk at 7.30 pm.

Work is progressing on the new Prayer Garden, which is located behind the Grotto in the grounds of St Eugene's Cathedral. When completed the Prayer Garden will be a place to come to pray and remember all those who since March 2020 when there were restrictions on attending wakes and funerals. Fifty-one rose bushes will be planted to remember those who died from each parish in the Derry Diocese.

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



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks a donation for **St Vincent de Paul: £20, £25. Cathedral Funds: £20.**

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,076.
Parish Development Collection amounted to £989.**

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.

Found: A sum of money was found in St Eugene's Cathedral. Please contact the Parochial House.

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. **Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2021.** If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

The Every Voice Festival, managed by Allegri Arts Organisation and based in the North West of Ireland is a community-focused festival whose main objective is to celebrate local heritage, culture and the arts while promoting Derry City and Strabane District Council as a tourism destination. This year the festival marks 1500 years since the birth of Colmcille, patron saint of Derry, through music and prayer. This concert was filmed in the beautiful settings of St Columb's Cathedral, St Columba's Church Long Tower and Áras Cholmcille. It features Long Tower Folk Group, St Columb's Cathedral Choir and St Eugene's Cathedral Choir as well as a performance from an inter-denominational choir of community singers from throughout Derry and Donegal. The concert celebrates the city's shared heritage and early Irish Christianity. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7YfQdIIGxY0>

Derry Hearing Aid User Support Service on Thursday, 16th September from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Carnhill Resource Centre, 42 Racecourse Road, Derry, BT48 8DA. RNID can provide new batteries, cleaning and retubing of earmoulds for NHS hearing aids. This is a socially distanced drop off and pick up service. Please follow the instructions below to help keep everyone safe. Hearing aids must be placed in a labelled envelope with name and contact details. They will be collected at the entrance and brought inside for maintenance. Users can wait in their car or return later to collect hearing aids. Hearing aids can be dropped off by friends or family members. For more information visit www.rnid.org.uk or contact Mary Cruickshank; email mary.cruickshank@rnid.org.uk or call 07918 767640.

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join them for an online Bereavement Information and Support Evening on 16th September at 7.00 pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. To join please register at <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc> or contact Anam Cara on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday, 12th September, Wednesday, 15th September, Saturday, 18th September, Sunday, 26th September and Sunday, 3rd October with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org. Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289.

Dromantine Retreat Centre: The following Retreat and Workshops will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA: **'Called by a New Name'** Retreat – Refocus, recharge and reconnect in a post-pandemic world. Sunday, 3rd October, 5.00 pm – Friday, 8th October, 9.30am. Cost £420/€490. **'Broken Open'** Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow. Friday, 19th November, 5.00 pm – Sunday, 21st November, 2.00pm. Cost £200 / €230. Enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964. Email: admin@dromantineconference.com



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

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.

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- 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).*

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