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Sunday, 13th June 2021

Sunday (13th June)

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 (14th June – 18th June)

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 (19th June)

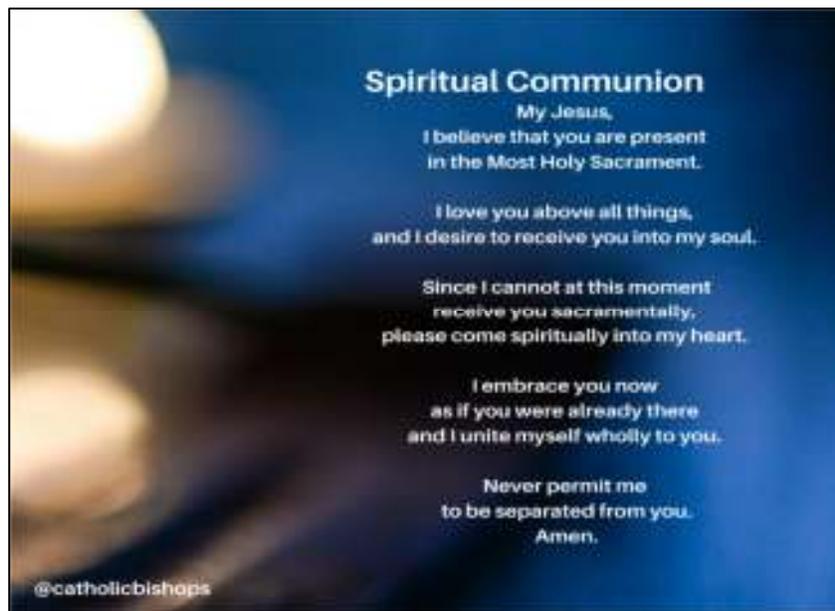
Mass at 10.00 am, Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

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: Mark 4: 26-34

The Kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all

Today's enlightening Gospel witnesses Jesus using the medium of the parable to convey a sense of the kingdom of God.

The farmer puts the seed into the ground and waits. The seed quietly embraces the process of growth: first the green sprout, then the leaf, then the spike, and finally, the grain. The process is complete and the seed is now ready for harvesting.

The mustard seed is tiny, but again, embracing the process of growth, it becomes the largest of trees, its spreading branches offering shelter to the birds.

Today's Gospel offers us hope in an age which is crying out for hope, an age which seems to invite hopelessness. Today's Gospel tells us that the kingdom of God will prevail and will triumph despite the fact that to the unseeing eye, nothing good appears to be happening on earth; all seems stagnant; but the truth is that the seed sown by God and nourished into growth by his beloved Son will manifest in a gloriously rich harvest.

The tiny, insignificant- looking mustard seed may invite no interest, but it will quietly grow into a mighty protective tree. We are attracted to what is big, to what appears to be important, powerful, to what we see celebrated by the world. The parable of the mustard seed invites us to look at 'smallness' differently. If we gravitate only towards what appears powerful in the eyes of the world, would we have listened to Jesus had we been alive in his time on earth?

Jesus, may we never lose hope that the kingdom of God is alive and flourishing if we but look for it with eyes new-washed in your grace and your wisdom. May we turn those same eyes away from worldly notions of greatness and look with wonder and awe on the tiny mustard seed and marvel at what it is already becoming.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Rosaire McLaughlin

Pat McMenamin

May they rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Grainne Maguire, Denis Doherty, Phyllis Doherty and Joan McLaughlin.

May they rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family

Freddie Leo Feeney

Shea Edmond Patrick McIntyre

Killian Joseph O'Hagan



Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Danielle McDermott & David Doherty;

Alaina McKenna & Paul Irwin;

and Ciara Deery & Séamus McMacken

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





The St Dymphna Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm tomorrow (Tuesday, 15th June) 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

Readers for next weekend – 19th/20th June 2021

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| 06.15 pm | Mary Feeney |
| 07.30 pm | Anna Begley |
| 09.30 am | Rosemary Finan |
| 11.00 am | Kay McGinn |
| 12.30 pm | Roisin McGarrigle |
| 07.00 pm | Marian Boyle |



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 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.

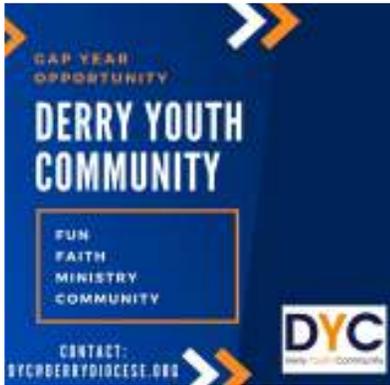
To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from.

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 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 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: **Flowers:** £100, £20.
Cathedral Funds: £30. **Building Fund:** £100, £45.

Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,052.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £793.

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 Euenes 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.

Diploma in Pastoral Theology: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will run on the basis of 6 in-house days and 18 evening sessions per year for two years. The main aim of this course is to equip people for skilled and supervised active lay ministry within a parish or church community. The course is knowledge and skill-based and grounded in experiential learning. During the course, participants will:

- study and reflect on Christian life and ministry,
- combine pastoral theology and the acquisition of skills with supervised experience in pastoral placements,
- develop the skills of theological reflection, so as to enable them to relate theology and ministry to everyday life,
- engage in ongoing formation of social, organisational, communication and leadership skills.

Closing date for submission of applications is Wednesday, 30th June 2021. Full details are available at: derrydiocese.org/news/diploma-in-pastoral-theology

Lough Derg 2021: Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to “*Do Lough Derg from wherever you are*” on 3rd to 5th July. The outdoor *Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path* will also be available as the summer goes on. Please contact Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org for further information.

Irish Volunteer Agency Creates Online Global Network: Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a new Online Discussion Forum that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website www.vcvolunteers.ie

Volunteers Needed for the Foyle Hospice Charity Shop, Waterloo Place: Do you have a few hours to spare a week? Would you like to join a fantastic team of volunteers? Meet new friends? Learn new skills? And most importantly have fun while helping and supporting your local hospice. If this is something that would interest you, please get in touch with Rachael Osbourne, Volunteer Co-ordinator, Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, 028 71351010 or email rachael@foylehospice.com.

Northern Ireland Adoption & Foster Care is hosting four virtual Fostering Information Events for those interested in finding out about becoming a foster carer for an unaccompanied / separated child or young person. These events are open to anyone across NI. Social workers who work alongside these children and young people will be available to answer any questions you may have. Dates and times: Tuesday, 15th June - 1.00 pm; Wednesday, 16th June - 1.00 pm; Thursday, 17th June - 6.00 pm; Friday, 18th June - 10.00 am. The sessions last 45 minutes – 1 hour. To sign up, tel 0800 0720 137 or email your name, contact details and postcode to info@fostering.hscni.net

Derry Hearing Aid User Support Service: 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. **Third Thursday Quarterly – 17th June, 16th September and 16th December from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Carnhill Resource Centre, 42 Racecourse Road, Derry, BT48 8DA.** For further information email Mary.cruickshank@rnid.org.uk or phone 07918 767640 or visit their website at rnid.org.uk.



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

Course Dates

June 22nd/23rd 2021

July 6th/7th 2021

August 10th/11th 2021

Sept 14th/15th 2021

Oct 12th/13th 2021

Nov 9th/10th 2021

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for [11th-12th September 2021](#). 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 [028276 38512](tel:02827638512)

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.

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.