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**Sunday (13th September)**

**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 to Friday (14th – 18th September)**

**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 (19th September)**

**10.00 am              Mass**

**12 noon              The Angelus and Rosary**

**Vigil 6.15 pm      Mass**

**Vigil 7.30 pm      Mass**

## **Reflection on today's Gospel:** Matthew 18: 21-35

To be forgiven, you must forgive.

Forgiveness lies at the heart of today's Gospel. It has .been calculated that forgiveness comprises two thirds of Jesus' teaching, a fact which must surely reveal how crucial it is to our salvation that we forgive those who do us harm.

The king in the parable in today's Gospel isn't necessarily a good man: he is capable of imprisoning, torturing and enslaving those who anger him, but even he is not immune to the pitiful pleas of the servant who cannot pay him back the enormous amount of money he owes him. In an act of extraordinary and unexpected generosity, the king releases the servant from his entire debt. Now one would expect this servant to behave in like manner towards the unfortunate person who happens to owe him a small debt. But no! He has the debtor thrown into prison and cruelly tortured. When this reaches the ears of the king he is enraged and punishes the ungrateful servant accordingly.

Jesus is making two related things clear in this parable. The first is that compared to the corrupt king, God is inordinately generous and forgiving: if the king can find it in himself to forgive a debt, then how much more will God forgive!

Secondly, Jesus enjoins us firmly and unequivocally to forgive each other as many times as we are offended against. Otherwise how can we expect to be forgiven by God!

Forgiveness releases us from the heavy burden of resentment which corrodes our spirit. It alters our consciousness and introduces us to the possibility of transformation and to the inner goodness which acknowledges the presence of God within us.

The one who refuses to forgive imprisons his own soul and denies the beautiful energy which comes from the forgiving heart.

## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Seamus Meenan**

**Emily Walsh**

**Maureen Duffy**

**Brian McKeever**

**Rory Duffy**

**Kathleen McLaughlin**

**William Sharkey**

May they rest in peace.



## Anniversaries

Dolly McGill, Frances Duffy, Margaret (Peggy) Duffy and Thomas (Tom) Duffy.

May they rest in peace.

## Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

**Anna Kim McCallion**

**Kian Martin Gillen**

**Oliver Daniel Leonard**



## **Readers for next weekend (19th/20th September 2020)**

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| 06.15 pm | Mary Murphy   |
| 07.30 pm | Majella Coyle |
| 09.30 am | Kevin Finan   |
| 11.00 am | Helen Sweeney |
| 12.30 pm | Eilish Friel  |
| 7.00 pm  | Anna Begley   |



**Face Coverings:** At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship.

However, following recent consultations with public health authorities, the leaders of the four main churches in Ireland decided to recommend and encourage the use of face coverings at Masses and other liturgical celebrations.

Some people are exempt from the wearing of face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory, as outlined at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings> and <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/aac74c-guidance-on-safe-use-of-face-coverings>.

Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the Cathedral.



**“The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord” (Romans 14: 7).**

If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, or in the consecrated life, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

**God Our Father,  
we pray for all the First Communion Children  
as they prepare to receive you in  
Holy Communion for the first time.**

**Please keep them and their families  
in your special care.**

**Help them, O God, to always make room for you  
in their lives  
and to know that you are always with them.  
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**



**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](mailto:steugenescathedral@btconnect.com) or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.

**Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire: £40, £200, £100. Flowers: £30. Charity of Adm's Choice: £20.**

**Last week's collection amounted to: £3,601.  
Parish Development Collection amounted to: £672.**

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 [steugenescathedral@btconnect.com](mailto:steugenescathedral@btconnect.com). Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.

**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 2020. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2020** will be broadcast live today (Sunday, 13th September) at 3.00 pm from the Basilica at Knock Shrine. Grandparents and their families are invited to join online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch).

**The Net** is available now online on the Diocesan website, [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). As always, it covers a wide range of events, there are loads of interviews and photos, and plenty of news from parishes and people from all around the diocese. There is also a great section devoted to youth news and activities.

**The Messenger:** Messenger Publications are offering a free online copy. Please visit: [https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messenger\\_june\\_v11.3\\_low\\_res](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](mailto:c.henry@messenger.ie).

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