

## Sunday (15th August)

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 (16th August – 20th August)

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 (21st August)

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.**

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***Please join us via the Webcam:***

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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](http://www.churchservices.tv), [churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenescathedral](http://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenescathedral) or the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com).



### **A short reflection on today's Gospel: Luke 1:39-56**

*The Almighty has done great things for me.*

We learn more about Mary in today's Gospel than we do in the rest of Scripture. We learn that the young woman God has chosen to be the mother of His Son has a strength, a dignity and a courage remarkable for her age, and also remarkable for the times in which she lived when Israel was under the yoke of the Romans and women, as well as children and slaves, had no rights whatsoever. Yet this tender girl travelled, unaccompanied, from Nazareth to the mountain of Judah to be with her cousin in her time of need. Mary, an obedient, faithful servant of God, has accepted His will to bear the Saviour of mankind, and in so doing sets in motion the New Testament's glory of redemption and salvation. She has been exalted by God above all women and her immediate response to that exaltation is to hasten to be of service to her kinswoman. There is not a trace of self-importance or self-centredness in this beautiful young woman. What she has in abundance is courage, dignity, strength, and the gift of service to others.

When Elizabeth greets Mary with awe, the child in her womb leaping with joy, Mary's response is a wonderful paean to God and God's justice. She has been exalted, yes, and great gifts have been heaped on her, but she remains always the faithful servant of the Almighty. Her words are powerful as she speaks in prophetic tones of the humbling of the mighty and the overthrow of the lordly. Mary's song is a song of joy, of faith and of total trust in God's justice.

Mary, our mother, may we always be aware that service to others is a gift from God, born from His wish for us to show compassion, kindness and care for those in need. May we try to emulate your courage, your dignity and your strength, often in the face of a hostile world.

## The Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 15th August

### WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION?



The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass

has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

What does this all mean?

On 1st November, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.

Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

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## Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Fr Neal Carlin**

**Ita McKinney**

**Celine James**

**Eileen McConnell**



May they rest in peace.

## Anniversaries

Bridie Harkin, Sibeal Sharkey and Jimmy McFadden.

May they rest in peace

## Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family

**Jude John Alistair Cooke**

**Leo Duddy-McCreadie**

**Darcy Tracey Duddy**

**Jake James Rush**

**Cianán Alec McLaughlin**

**Fionn James Moss**

**Matthew Theodore Tracey**

**Clodagh McAllister**

**Donnacha Edward Black**



## **Readers for next weekend – 21st/22nd August 2021**

06.15 pm	Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm	Oran Gartland
09.30 am	Kevin Finan
11.00 am	Geraldine Ui Meallain
12.30 pm	Michael Wilson
07.00 pm	Anna Begley





**The St Dymphna Mass** will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 17th August 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

**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](mailto:steugenes@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.



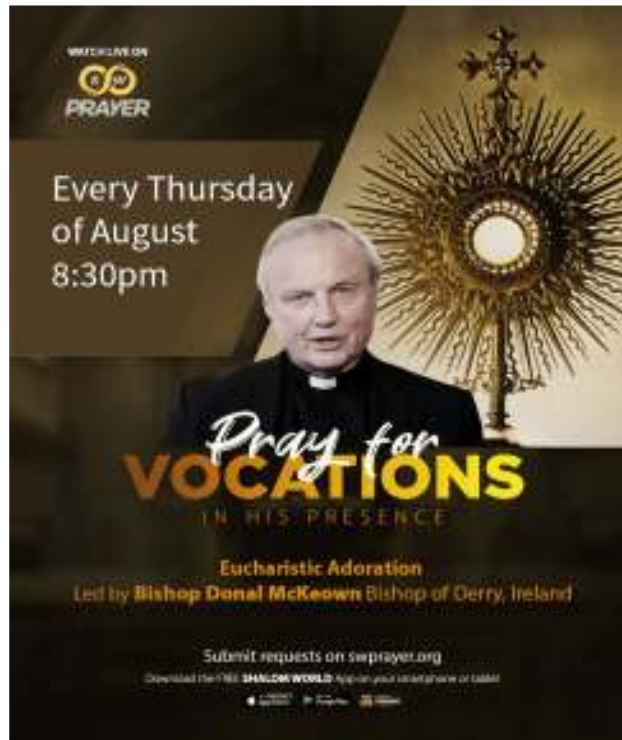
**Work is progressing on the new Prayer Garden.** which is located behind the Grotto in the grounds of St Eugene's Cathedral. When completed the Prayer Garden will be a place to come to pray and remember all those who since March 2020 when there were restrictions on attending wakes and funerals. Fifty-one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

## Pray for Vocations live with Bishop McKeown

Bishop Donal McKeown will lead prayers for vocations every Thursday of August at 8:30pm, live on SW Prayer channel ([swprayer.org](http://swprayer.org)).

Date: **Every Thursday in August 2021. Time: 8:30 PM.**

Where: **Join the live broadcast at 8.30pm at: [SW Prayer channel](#).**



Every Thursday during August, this live broadcast, led by Bishop Donal will focus on vocations. Join the broadcast at 8.30pm at this link: [SW Prayer channel](#).

### Send your prayer intentions

Worried? Stressed? Feeling helpless? No matter what you are going through, be assured that the Shalom World intercessory team is here to pray for you round the clock. Your intentions will be remembered during Bishop Donal's live broadcast, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, and Divine Mercy LIVE broadcasts. Send your prayer intentions to: [SW Prayer Requests](#)

### Online channel dedicated entirely to prayer

[SW Prayer](#) is Shalom World's all-new channel dedicated entirely to prayer. Here you will find daily celebrations of Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, daily recitations of the Rosary, and daily recitations of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. These celebrations and numerous other experiences of prayer are brought to you LIVE from parishes throughout the world.

[Submit prayer intentions](#), find an oasis in your busy day to pray Psalms, hear and reflect on the Scripture, and adore the living God. Shalom Prayer is your companion to eternity. At any time, you can submit prayer intentions which will be prayed during the celebrations of the Eucharist and prayer services.

## 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?



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks a donation for:

**Flowers: £100. Building Fund: £100.**

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,495**  
**Parish Development Collection amounted to £912**

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
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Branch:	Bank of Ireland, 15 Strand Rd, Derry, BT48 7BT

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

**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](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Certificate in Christian Thought:** Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00 am until 4.30 pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on: Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more. Full details are available at: [derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought](http://derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought).

**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](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie)

**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](http://marriageencounter.ie) or [028276 38512](tel:02827638512)



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



**Join Accord as a Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitator.** Accord Catholic Marriage Care CLG is recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord's facilitators come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds and are trained and work under supervision in accordance with best practice. The closing date for receipt of applications for this year is Friday, 27th August. Tel Aisling on 003531 505 3112 or email: [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie) for an application form. For more information, see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).



The Net, is now available online at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-july-august-2021>.

As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese.



# The NET

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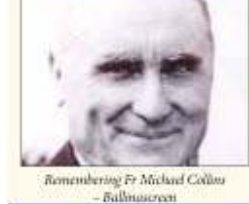
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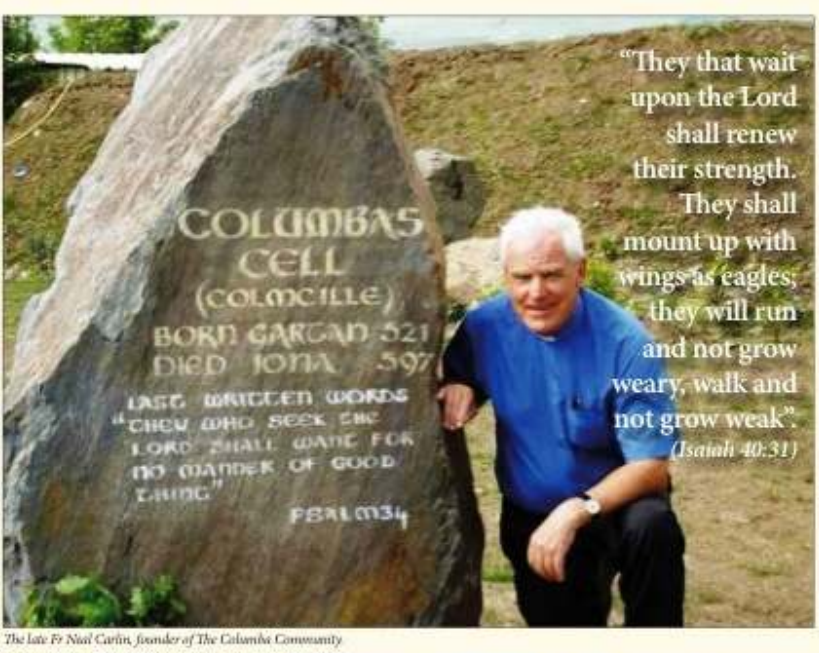
Fun the Flame - Buncrana



Youth Scholarship - Derry



Remembering Fr Michael Cöllau - Ballinascreen



The late Fr Niall Carrin, founder of The Columbas Community



Mass Rock celebration - Gnanaghan



Derry Search pilgrimage - Knock



Fr Stephen Kearney Award - Newtownstewart

**People in focus**



Emma Devine - Three Patrons



Fr Kevin Mallon PP - Drunquin



Fr Michael Canoy - Witterdale



Fr Mike Spain ord - Termonbhacca



Mgr Andy Dolan - Belleghy

Also featuring: Termonbhacca news for Youth 2020 Summer Festival, Youth writers action; Celebrating grandparents of the elderly; Great vision for future ministry of Carmelites in Derry; Statues of the Cross Road; Celebrating forty of arcades at Mass Rock; Preparing for the Season of Creation; Blessed to the Retreat; Children's Catechism Club; Quiz and much more.

**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.

**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:

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