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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th February 2022

Sunday (20th February)

Masses at 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm
6.00 pm Benediction

Monday - Friday (21st February to 25th February)

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 (26th February)

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Sundays from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm and
Tuesdays from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm.**



Face Coverings: To ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation, 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.

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

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-eugenes-cathedral or the parish website at www.steugenescathedral.com.



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**

A short reflection on today's Gospel *Luke 6:27-38*

Love your enemies

Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel is clear and unequivocal; it is also frighteningly difficult, in fact we may even think, impossible, to live out of. Jesus asks us to love our enemies, to do only good to those who harm us, to those who hate us and wish us evil. If we think about it, faceless enemies are easier to love and forgive than those we thought were our friends, those whom we thought loved us and who, nevertheless, have betrayed us. How hard is it to forgive those particular individuals their betrayals!

But that is precisely what Jesus asks us to do. He asks us to see love and forgiveness as more than just words. When we pray the 'Our Father', the prayer Jesus himself taught us, we say the words, 'and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'. Do we ever think about the implications of those words? Has their full meaning ever truly penetrated our consciousness? We turn to Jesus himself for illumination. On the cross, in agony, having suffered humiliations and torments, betrayals and derision, his response is to forgive his tormentors. Right up until the moment he drew his last breath Jesus was living fully and lighting our way to eternal life by his example.

If we aspire to be true disciples of Jesus, then we know that that is what we must do. Love and forgiveness are not just words. They are our way to God and eternal life. And it's not always an easy way. To love and forgive is to go against the shrill, outraged demands of the ego. It is to let go of that part of us which wants to cling on determinedly to hurt and resentment.

Jesus, may we, with your help, free ourselves from the negative effects of our reluctance to truly love and forgive all others.

Jesus, may we respond from the depths of our souls to the full meaning of the words in the beautiful prayer you taught us.

Jesus, may we see that love and forgiveness are one and the same in the eyes of God; they are His gift to us offered freely every moment of our lives. Let us offer the same gift to all others.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Mary Mackey

Patrick McBay

James (Jimmy) McCallion



May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Page, Mary Gallagher, Charles Gallagher, Michael Cullen and Marie Canning

May they rest in peace.

Baptism

We welcome as members of God's family

Rían Pádraig Gallagher

Samuel Patrick Doherty

Éala-Rose Mary O'Kane

Olivia Alison McGilloway



Readers for next weekend – 26th/27th February

06.15 pm	Claire O'Kane
07.30 pm	Liz McMonagle
09.30 am	Ava McGinn
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Roisin McGarrigle
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Anam Og is being launched at the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry, this Sunday evening (20th February), at 6.00 pm. It will include a time of prayer, formation and accompaniment for boys and girls who are celebrating or have recently celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation. Those aged 10 - 14 years are invited to come to the Carmelite Centre at Termonbacca this evening, Sunday, at 6.00 pm, to celebrate the great gift we have received through, prayer, formation, guidance and supporting each other in the adventure of faith. For further information, please contact Aoife O'Neill on 028 71262512 or Fr Patrick Lagan on 028 71262894.

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 71262894/71365712 or email steugenes@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral.

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

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.





Candle of Atonement

The bishops of Ireland have blessed and dedicated Candles of Atonement for use in cathedrals and parishes throughout the country on the Day of Prayer and thereafter during the celebration of Mass and other liturgies.

Introducing the Candles of Atonement in 2019, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, “In lighting these candles we will bring to mind our brothers and sisters, and their families, who have been left with a lifelong suffering as a result of abuse, whose trust was so deeply betrayed and whose faith has been so cruelly tested within the sanctity of the Church by perpetrators of abuse.

“I have been privileged to meet with victims and survivors of abuse and members of their families in the four provinces of Ireland. Many have spoken to me about the importance of prayer for survivors, and for the need for the Church to be open to justice, to atone and never forget them. I have been humbled by their courage and overwhelmed by their generosity of spirit.

www.catholicbishops.ie

The Prayer Garden, which is located behind the Grotto, names all the parishes of the Derry Diocese and includes prayers for those who died during the pandemic. Fifty-one rose plants have been planted to remember those who died from each parish in the diocese since March 2020 when there were restrictions on wakes and funerals. The Garden will not be officially dedicated until a later date, however, everyone is welcome to come and pray or reflect.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on **Sunday, 26th June 2022 at 6.00 pm.**

Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarians and Priests: On Tuesday, 1st March at 8.00 pm there will be an opportunity for men to join in on a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from a priest and from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing info@vocations.ie or alternatively by visiting vocations.ie/zoom The Zoom session should end by 9.30 pm at the latest. There will be a short time spent watching YouTube videos on priesthood and vocation, and a Questions & Answers session with the seminarians and the panel.

The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will resume this year, from 3rd – 8th July 2022. Cost: £689 per person sharing, with single room supplement £150. Price includes flights, transfers and full board. The pilgrimage will be suitable for pilgrims who do not require medical, nursing or personal assistance as, unfortunately, this cannot be provided this year. The intentions of the sick of the diocese can be taken to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, will be open for enquires and application forms on Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm, from 3rd March. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com.

Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222.

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Gamblers Anonymous can help. Telephone 71351329.

C.A.L.M.S. (Community Action for Locally Managing Stress) Mental Health Support Line is offering the following: providing support with anxiety, panic, insomnia, low mood, depression and stress; a listening ear; and relaxation/breathing techniques. The service is available via telephone or zoom free of charge. Tel 079 0704 0568 or 028 71268698 Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 5.00 pm or leave a message out of hours. Visit www.calmsstresscentre.org.



Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together. This Synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. This Synod is a process of journeying together by listening, dialoguing, praying, discerning and making decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather – clergy, religious and laity together- to listen to each other. The “goal” of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

Please visit the Diocese of Derry website at www.derrydiocese.org/

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We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the
Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.



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Seasaimid i Do láthairse, a Spioraid Naoimh,
agus sinn/muid ag teacht le chéile i D'ainm.

Agus Tusa amháin mar threoraí againn
socráigh Tú féin síos inár gcroithe;
Múin dúinn an tslí a chaithfimid dul
agus conas is féidir linn leanúint di.

Táimid lag agus claonta chun peaca;
ná lig dúinn ainriail a chur chun cinn.

Ná lig don aineolas sinn/muid a chur amú,
ná don chlaonpháirtíocht ár ngníomhartha a mhúnlú.

Lig dúinn teacht Ort inár n-aontacht
chun go dtrialfaimid le chéile chun na beatha síoraí
gan dul ar strae ó bhealach na firinne ná ón gceart.

Iarraimid é seo uile Ort,

Tusa a bhíonn ag obair de shíor agus i ngach uile áit,
i gcomaoin an Athar agus an Mhíic,
trí shaol na saol. **Amen.**



Starting conversations in our parishes



"We have to look at where the Lord is leading us in order for us to be effective in making new disciples for the Lord"

Pope Francis is inviting the faithful all over the world to come with him “on a journey” as a “Synodal Church”. The word ‘synod’ means “walking together” and “indicates a way of being together as Church and ‘discerning’ how best to spread the Gospel amidst the challenges of life in the 21st century.”

This Synodal Process entitled, *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission* coincides with the start of the two-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland which will lead, in time, to a National Synodal Assembly in Ireland.

We pray that the next two years will be a time of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a consultative conversation. This will allow all people - both within the Church and in society at large, to share their insights into the Catholic Church in Ireland – past, present and future – so that we can prepare for a National Synodal Assembly in the coming years.

Bishop Donal explains this is the start of our Synodal Journey: *"We have set ourselves in Ireland a five year period, to look together in a prayerful context where God is leading His Church"*

In this video, <https://youtu.be/Lhky65OFfEQ>, Bishop Donal McKeown reminds us of the purpose of the Church and outlines the prayerful consultation process of Synodality, of walking together, of listening, of being led by the Holy Spirit to understand where the Lord is leading us.

Derry Diocesan Trust

<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
Housekeeper 12 hours per week	Three Patrons Parish, Derry	21.02.2022

For a job description and application form please:

Write: Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP.

Email: payroll@derrydiocese.org

Telephone: 028 7126 2302

Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for **Yemen: £100. Building Fund: £100.**

Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,058.

Parish Development Collection amounted to £872.

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 Eugene's 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 continued support to the parish.

St Vincent de Paul (St Eugene's Conference) wish to acknowledge with thanks a donation of £635.



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

Catholic Engaged Encounter: A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9th/10th April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This two-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.

Employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal: Applications are invited for an **Operations Manager** which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and Application Pack contact Mary at +353 7198 61518 or mary@loughderg.org.

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