

## Sunday (27th March)

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

3.00 pm to 6.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00 pm           Benediction

**Bishop Donal McKeown –Video Podcasts on Sunday at 8.00 pm during Lent:** The podcasts will explore a range of topics and will be available on our website, YouTube, and Facebook.

## Monday (28th March)

**Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am**

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm 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

**8.00 to 10.00 pm - Late Opening on Mondays continue on 28th March and 4th, 11th April:**  
To celebrate the sacrament of Confession and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Eucharist.

## Tuesday (29th March)

**Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am**

Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm 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

**Why is my presence at Mass important?** Fr Paul's series of talks continue from the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday, 29th March, from 7.00 pm to 7.25 pm.



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on  
Tuesday from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm.**

## Wednesday (30th March)

**Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am**

**Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm**

**12.00 noon      The Angelus & Rosary**

**1.30 pm          Pray the Stations of the Cross**

**3.00 pm          Divine Mercy Chaplet**

## Thursday (31st March)

**Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am**

**Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm 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**

**Lectio Divina:** Fr Ignacy invites you to join him upstairs in the Sacristy area of St Eugene's Cathedral from 6.45 pm to 7.20 pm for reflections of scripture readings.

## Friday – 1st April

**Morning Prayer of the Church at 7.45 am**

**Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm**

**12.00 noon      The Angelus & Rosary**

**3.00 pm          Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**6.30 pm          Pray the Stations of the Cross**

**8.00 pm          Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary followed by Night Prayer**

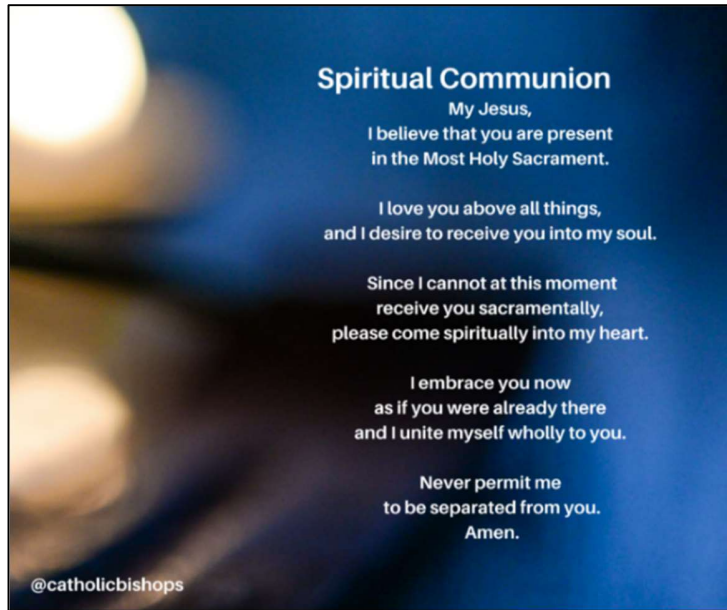
## Saturday (2nd April)

**Mass at 10.00 am, Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 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](http://www.churchservices.tv), [churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral](http://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenes-cathedral) or the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com).



**Monday (28th March) at 11.00 am: Mindfulness with Mary Murphy** livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall. Join via the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com) and choose the link **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM**

**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](http://www.steugenescathedral.com) and choose the link **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM**

## Diocese of Derry Daily Lenten Prayer

Loving Father,

To prepare for His mission of proclaiming Your  
kingdom to the world

Your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the  
quiet of the desert.

In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by  
that same Spirit,

to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I  
will seek opportunities for

daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of  
kindness.

With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of  
the passion,

death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord.  
Amen.

#LivingLent



### **A short reflection on today's Gospel**     *Luke 15:1-13, 11-32*

#### *The Parable of the Prodigal Son*

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is a story of compassion, forgiveness and profound understanding. It is a story of separation and reunion. It is a story of transcendent love. The father's love for his repentant son who has found his way home transcends any need he might have had for his errant boy to prostrate himself before him and humbly admit his guilt. It is sufficient that he has crawled his way home. The father's love is greater than his son's transgressions. Surely this parable gathers to itself all that is at the heart of the meaning of our existence: love itself. It has been stated that this is the most important parable in the Bible – that if there was no other, this parable would suffice to convey to us the extent of God's love for His creation.

Which son are we? Are we the son who has squandered his inheritance on excess and debauchery, and crawls home, broken and crushed? Or are we the older son who thinks that duty and obligation are legitimate substitutes for loving relationships, the son who treats love as a limited commodity? I'm sure, in honesty, we can see ourselves in both sons. But can we see ourselves in the father who has waited patiently for his son's return, his arms ready to embrace his child in compassion, forgiveness and profound understanding?

Great God, greater than our sins, may we grow in compassion, forgiveness and understanding. May we reach out with healing hands to touch those around us who are crushed and broken. May we learn to truly forgive others as you forgive us. May we learn that love is unlimited, infinite, and that, as repentant souls, we are washed daily in your love. Amen.

## **Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Martin Keaveney**

**Amber Rose O'Hagan**

**Angela Derges**

**Derek McCauley**

**Elizabeth O'Connor**



May they rest in peace.

## **Anniversaries**

Sean Carr, Nellie Strawbridge, Jim Taylor, Celine Taylor,  
Seamus Bradley and Don Doherty.

May they rest in peace.

## **Baptism**

**We welcome as members of God's family**

**Jaden Laurence Cameron**

**Oisin Liam Doherty**



## **Readers for next weekend – 2nd/3rd April**

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| 06.15 pm | Roisin Rice       |
| 07.30 pm | Helen Sweeney     |
| 09.30 am | Ava McGinn        |
| 11.00 am | McGinley Readers  |
| 12.30 pm | Roisin McGarrigle |
| 07.00 pm | Marian Boyle      |

**Easter Mass Bouquets** are now available from the Parish Office. Cost £2.00 each.



**Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU – and so does Saint Eugene’s Parish.**

**Pope Francis has called on the entire People of God to journey together. 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.**

**If you wish to participate, we invite you to consider the positive things that are happening in our Church and Parish today and to suggest ways in which we can improve and grow in our journey as a parish community together. Please complete the questionnaire via <https://forms.gle/oJk2mA5NRBTDcoq6> and return it by Wednesday 30th March at 5.00 pm.**

# Synod 2021 2023



For a synodal Church  
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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.**



# Sionad 2021 2023



I dtreo Eglais shionadach  
comaoin | rannpháirtíocht | misean

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

Agus Tusa amháin mar threoraí againn  
socraigh 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 dtriallfaimid le chéile chun na beatha síoraí  
gan dul ar strae ó bhealach na fírinne 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 Mhic,  
trí shaol na saol. **Amen.**

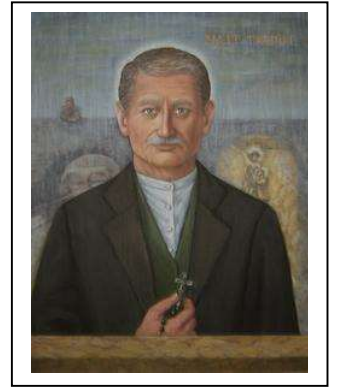


**The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction:** This Prayer Society has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. 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](mailto:steugenes@btconnect.com) or private message St Eugene's Cathedral.



**The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Monday, 4th April**

### **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 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.

### **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.**

**Easter Mass Bouquets** are now available from the Parish Office. Cost £2.00 each.



**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 Derry Centre to date has 42 graduates and 30 more students at different stages of the programme. **Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2022.** 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).

**Lectio Divina: Praying with the Scriptures this Lent** continues on Monday, 28th March, following the 11.00 am Mass in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh, you are invited to a one-hour time of Prayer with the Scriptures in the St Pio Centre, Galliagh, (11.45 am to 12.45 pm approx). The focus will be on the Gospel for each of the upcoming Sundays of Lent. The Gospel reading and instructions will be provided for each session.

**Stories of Hope:** You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Steelstown on Tuesday, 29th March at 7.00 pm to listen to Paul O'Hea share his personal journey of faith. There will be music and tea/ coffee afterwards.

**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](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com).

**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](http://www.calmsstresscentre.org).

**Can't Stop Drinking?** Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222.

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

**Donations for Ukraine** received here in St Eugene's Parochial House amounted £53,610 and €800. These donations have been forwarded to the Diocesan Office and will be transferred to the Archbishop of Lviv in Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Thank you**



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Trócaire:** £5, £100.  
**Cathedral Funds:** £20.

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,645.**

**Parish Development Collection amounted to £867.**

**The collection for Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation amounted to £3,541.**

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 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.

**Friday Penance during Lent 2022:** Penance is an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. It arises from the Lord's call to conversion and repentance.

We do penance:

- in memory of the passion and death of the Lord,
- as a sharing in Christ's suffering,
- as an expression of inner conversion,
- as a form of reparation for sin.

The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works). *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1438*

Declaring some days throughout the year (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) as days of 'fast and abstinence' is meant to intensify penances of the Christian, not to isolate them.

Lent is the traditional season for renewal and penance. In addition to the season of Lent, Catholics observe each Friday of the whole year as days of penance.

The link between Friday and penance is extremely ancient and is even reflected in the Irish word for 'Friday', An Aoine (the fast).

# LENT | A Better 2022 | Tomorrow

Religious Education Resource for Children

'The Lord's Prayer gives me courage,  
hope and strength in tough situations.'

(Thandekile)

**trócaire**

## Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- Making the Stations of the Cross
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.

[www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org)

**Give to Trócaire's Lent Campaign and through the UK Aid match programme, the UK government will double every pound you give now, or by 1st June 2022, up to £2million.**

The March issue of *Sharing the Good News* can be downloaded from the home page of [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).

**ACCORD DERRY Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (limited to 15 couples per course).** Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://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](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512.



*Steelstown Primary School & Nursery Unit*

*Celebrates 50th Anniversary Mass  
On  
Friday 29th April at 11am  
Followed by  
Celebratory Buffet Lunch in School*

*Invite to open to past Staff & Board of Governors &  
those who have worked with the school over the past 50 years.*

*If you would like to join us in our celebration on  
Friday 29th April,*

*Please email the school by Wednesday 23rd March 3.00pm  
[info@steelstown.derry.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@steelstown.derry.ni.sch.uk)*

*Or*

*Telephone the school office on 028 71 351830  
For an invite to be forwarded.*



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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 Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793 or email [marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org](mailto:marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org) or contact Briege O'Neill, the Safeguarding Coordinator at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ, tele (028) 71362475 or email [safeguarding@derrydiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@derrydiocese.org) or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.