

Priest on Duty: Fr. Philip Kemmy

Sunday 12th July

Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm
Baptisms ~ 2 pm and 3.30 pm

Monday 13th July

8 am Mass ~ Michael and Tessie McArdle RIP
10 am Mass ~ James and Kathleen Bradley RIP

Tuesday 14th July

8 am Mass ~ Special Intention
10 am Mass ~ ®
7 pm Mass ~ Andrew McCool RIP

Wednesday 15th July

8 am Mass ~ Michael Browne RIP
10 am Mass ~
7 pm Mass ~ Val McLaughlin RIP (Month's Mind Mass)
Confessions ~ After 7 pm Mass

Thursday 16th July

8 am Mass ~ Charlie and Nora Ward and Deceased Family Members RIP
10 am Mass ~
7 pm Mass ~ Bobby Orr RIP

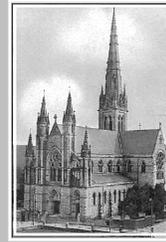
Friday 17th July

8 am Mass ~ Annie B. and Tess Ward RIP
10 am Mass ~ Sheena Dillon RIP
7 pm Mass ~ James 'Gouldie' McGettigan (Month's Mind Mass), Ellen Price, Philip McGettigan, Peter McGettigan, Maria McFadden, Ann Marie Spratt and John Donaghy RIP

Saturday 18th July

10 am Mass ~ ®
Vigil Masses: 6 pm and 7.30 pm
Confessions: 12 noon - 1 pm and after the 7.30 pm Mass
Baptisms: 3 pm and 4.30 pm

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**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
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Sunday 12th July 2020
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we enter phases 3 and 4 of the “re-opening” of society (although the Cathedral continued its life throughout!), we are becoming used to new ways of doing things. We all hope this will not last too long, but we must be practical and realise it is with us for a considerable time to come. It is unpleasant to have to encounter “rules and regulations” at every hand’s turn, and this is all the more so in the house of God. It would be good to remember that what we hope to achieve is to instill good habits that allow us prayerfully and peacefully attend Mass, other sacred rites and at prayer.

We hope that people will continue to engage as they have up to now, with a spirit of understanding and patience. We really appreciate how much you have tried to adjust and, God willing, it will help to ensure that we never again experience lockdown like we did these last few months. With a little common sense, a little bit of generosity of spirit and a little cooperation, we can learn to live with this situation and ensure the virus does not spread: “love thy neighbour as thyself”!

SUNDAY AND DAILY MASSES

Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6 pm and 7.30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm
Weekdays: Monday: 8 am [except Bank Holidays] and 10 am
Tuesday – Friday: 8 am, 10 am and 7 pm
Saturday: 10 am

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Please note the following for attending Mass on Sundays under current Covid-19 government restrictions:

- By adhering to the revised government guidance for places of worship, St. Eunan's Cathedral will move to **welcome all who have been allotted a place in the Cathedral from next weekend.** If you have received a notification, you may come **each week** to your allocated Mass.
- Because of the limited number of places, it is necessary to signal your Mass preference to the parish office and to receive a notification allocating you a seat at a particular Mass.
- So far, we have been able to meet the first preference of the vast majority of parishioners. However, the following Sunday Masses are almost fully allocated: Sunday 8 am, 9.30 am and 11 am.
- **There is still good availability for the following Sunday Masses:** Saturday 7.30 pm; Sunday 12.30 pm and Sunday 6 pm.
- **It is not necessary to have a seat allocated for weekday Mass.** Please leave **10 am Mass** to the elderly and those with underlying conditions.
- Please leave **Friday evening Mass** to the families of the deceased.
- Please leave **Month's Mind Masses** to the family of the deceased.
- Please follow this simple principal when taking a seat: **two people per pew, or one household.**
- Please observe the two metre rule when entering the Cathedral, going for Holy Communion or exiting the Cathedral, and at all times both inside and in the grounds of the Cathedral.
- Please **wear a mask in the Cathedral** unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so. This is for your own protection and out of consideration for those in the Cathedral with you.
- Please **do not attend the Cathedral** if you have a **cough, sneezing, or any signs of Covid-19.**
- **Please sanitise your hands upon entrance and exit.**
- Please **do not** congregate at the doors or in the Cathedral grounds.

FUNERALS

1. Funerals will take place from Monday – Saturday at 11 am.
2. There will be **no Sunday funerals** at the Cathedral for the time being.
3. The congregation should not exceed 50 mourners. The general principal of **close family and close friends** would seem reasonable in these circumstances and allow for some leeway within the figure of 50 mourners. For numbers greater than this, the families are required to provide stewards who can ensure that social distancing is adhered to for entry, exit and

seating. This should be discussed with the priest beforehand.

4. **Mourners are asked to be seated before the remains are brought in.** This will help avoid people gathering too close to one another outside the Cathedral gates. Please enter and take your place as soon as you arrive.
5. It is important upon entry and exit that people do not “crowd” – each household, couple or individual should leave at least 2 metres between them and the people in front of them as they exit. Please avoid “pinch points” as you exit the main door and go directly to your vehicle.
6. All present **should wear masks if at all possible.**
7. The basic principle for seating is: **those who share the same household can sit together; otherwise two people per pew** – only every third pew is available.
8. At the graveside, it remains important to maintain the two metre rule.

Baptisms

1. Baptisms are being celebrated separately for each child: Saturdays 3 pm and 4.30 pm; Sundays 2 pm and 3.30 pm.
2. We ask that **only** immediate family come for the celebration of the Sacrament.
3. Guests are asked to take their place in the pews below the baptistery without delay as they arrive. Two people per pew, or one household group.
4. Parents and godparents will be seated at the baptismal font.
5. If numbers exceed 20 guests, stewards should be provided to ensure social distancing upon entry, exit and seating.
6. Public health guidance requires that there be no unnecessary movement in public settings. Therefore, it will not be possible to have group photography or movement beyond the baptistery. One person should be asked to photograph the ceremony; these can then be shared with others present.
7. All present should wear masks if possible.

- **Marriage:** A separate protocol is made available for marriages with similar guidance, especially for seating and stewarding.
- **Confessions:** Confessions are being heard on the open sanctuary for the time being. People queuing should be careful to sanitise their place with the wipes provided whenever they leave a seat.
- **Sacristy Access:** To minimise risk to our sacristy and other volunteers, it **will not be possible to allow general access to the sacristy** for the time being. Please arrange Masses through the parish office, and arrange to meet with a Priest at the Parochial House.