

**The Little Way Novena – The Closing Ceremony**  
*“At the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love.”*



At 3.00pm today (Sunday) our Little way Novena will end with a ceremony of prayer and thanksgiving. We sincerely thank all who contributed to the success of the Novena; speakers, readers, singers, candle sellers and all who work in the Cathedral, Parochial House, and grounds. The evidence of faith and commitment has been so uplifting. Through the intercession of St Thérèse we have opened our hearts to God for our intentions. You are invited to bring a rose to the service this afternoon. The rose will symbolise your prayer at this time. St Thérèse candles will also be blessed during the ceremony.

**A short reflection on today’s Gospel** John 14:15-21

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate*

Today’s Gospel overflows with the kind of love for which every human being yearns: a tender, protective, reassuring love which soothes all anxiety and banishes all fear. This love radiates from Jesus as he continues to prepare his beloved disciples for life without him. Because he lives in them, he promises, his disciples will never be without him: they are, now and forever, one with him as he, Jesus, is one with his Father.

He will send them the Holy Spirit to fill them with the passionate truth of God and the courage to proclaim fearlessly that truth to others. Their minds will be filled with knowledge of God and their hearts and souls will know and live out of that knowledge.

And Jesus offers us the same loving reassurance. If we are one with Jesus, we are one with his Father; and for that oneness to be ours we must be committed to the teachings of Jesus. We must strive to live our lives through the purity of heart of a child; through the love which reaches out to the hungry and the homeless, to those who feel unloved and unwanted; the love which forgives and offers a hand to those who feel trapped in darkness.

Jesus, may we experience anew the passionate commitment to the truth we embraced at our confirmation, and may we always have the courage to proclaim that truth to others.

*Jesus may we always remember that we are one with you and the Father if we live our lives according to your teaching, never turning away from the suffering of others, always grateful for the blessings we enjoy. Amen*

**Sympathy**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Ristead MacGabhann  
Anne O’Kane  
Raymond Griffin***

**Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Kathleen Doherty  
Paddy & Annie Carlin  
John Flood  
Oonagh Konig  
Louisa Rubenstein***

**Readers for 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> May**

06.15 pm	Mary Murphy
07.30 pm	Claire O’Kane
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Kevin Finan
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

**Collection**

Last week’s collection: £5,112  
Parish Development: £1,187

***Thank you for your generosity***

**Thank you**

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Missions:** £110  
**Trocaire:** £50, £100, £20, £20, £20, £50  
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**Blessed Carlo Acutis Statue:** £10, £5, £20, £20  
**Smile Train:** £20, £40  
**Cathedral Funds:** £40, £10  
**Sightsavers:** £20  
**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** £150, £150, £150

**The St Dymphna Mass** will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

**A 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Concert** will be held in Saint Eugene’s Cathedral on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 8.30pm and will include the Cathedral Choir and Altnagelvin Hospital Choir. All are welcome.

Laudato Si’ Week 2023 will be celebrated globally from 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May with the film ‘The Letter’ – A Message for Our Earth”, marking the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis’ landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, addressed to all of us, on Care for Creation. This year’s theme, “Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity” focuses on the connectedness of all things and the need for a renewed commitment to environmental justice. The film aims to highlight the power of humanity united in action to stop the ecological crisis and its devastating effects on all creation; it shows *Laudato Si’* in action. **A showing of “The Letter” will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at 7.00pm, in St Eugene’s Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry. Please pre-book by calling the Parish Office on (+4428) 71262894, as spaces are limited.**

**The Columba Community's next Healing Mass at Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry, will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.** Mass will be celebrated by Fr Michael Sweeney, followed by individual prayer for healing with blessed oil. All welcome.

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**A Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church Creggan on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm for those sitting examinations.** All are welcome.

**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias**

**All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock** - The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 1.00pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Antrim/Derry. To book your seat telephone Patricia Casey: 075 93041040. Book early to avoid disappointment.

**The Pray for Life Novena** is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers which will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@ChooseLifeIRL](https://twitter.com/ChooseLifeIRL) on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**ACCORD NI Marriage Preparation Courses** – following dates available June 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> 2023 & July 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> 2023. Courses can be booked online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com). Both courses are virtual.

**The Centre Social Supermarket** is a wrap around project which helps residents in need through weekly check-ins and referrals. We can assist with food poverty, money management, education and training, mental health support, volunteering opportunities, social interaction and much more. Meet the team, call in for a chat to Pilots Row Centre, Rossville Street or give us a call on 02871 261916.

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