

The Little Way Novena – The Closing Ceremony

“I choose your Will only.”



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 20:19-23

Today's Gospel finds the fearful disciples huddled together behind locked doors in dread of the Jews finding them and killing them. The resurrected Jesus appeared and stood among them. He offered them no censorious or accusatory words for their abandonment of him when he needed them most; instead, twice, he wishes them peace. Peace is a beautiful word; its meaning goes way beyond the absence of war. True peace is experienced when our relationship with God is harmonious; when we see God in the faces of those we are told are our enemies. Peace has forgiveness, reconciliation, and unalloyed generosity of spirit at its heart. Peace is the beauty of dawn light and the quiet contentment of dusk, and it is this beautiful peace with which Jesus blesses his fearful disciples before instructing them in what they must do now. He breathes on them, opens their hearts and minds to the reception of the Holy Spirit and grants them the power to forgive or retain sin.

Jesus, open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit so that, like the disciples, we may be filled with knowledge of God, with joy in His love and forgiveness and with the courage to proclaim the Truth to others.

Jesus, empty our hearts of bitterness and a reluctance to forgive, and let us, like you, offer only peace to all others and thereby harbouring safely in our hearts that same peace, the peace which heals, restores, and offers us rest in the loving embrace of our Father. Amen

The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated here at St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm. 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.

St. Eugene's Cathedral Pilgrimage to Fatima – 19th -24th October 2024. Cost £770 per person sharing with a single room supplement of £150 (subject to availability). For more information, please contact Anne Marie Hickey on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Thomas McAteer

May he rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

John Ferguson
Margaret (Maggie) Ferguson
William McGeehan
Mary McGeehan
Grace Moran
Mary Kelly
Oonagh O'Kane Konig
Louisa Kerry Rubenstein

May they rest in peace

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

SVdP: £50
Trócaire: £40
Sight Savers: £20
Gaza: £20
Admin's Choice: £10
Cathedral Funds: £40
Mary's Meals: £2,000
Carlo Acutis Statue: £20
Donations for Flowers: £20

Collection

Last week's collection: £4,917
Parish Development: £1,132

Readers 25/26 May

6.15 pm	Thérèse Ferry
7.30 pm	Amulya George
09.30 am	Michael McCaul
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Sophia Mason
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

Sick Visitation

Fr Shaun Doherty will attend the sick and housebound in his care during the coming week:

Tuesday: Fairman Place, Academy Terrace, Tutor Close, Northland Parade, Northland Crescent, Edenmore Street, Glenbank Road, Glenbank Gardens, Marlborough Road, Marlborough Avenue, Marlborough Street, Creggan Road, Helen Street, Oakfield Crescent

Friday: Glenowen Park, Cashelmore Park, Hatmore Park, Turasmore Park, Ardglenn, Nassau Crescent, Rosemount Gardens, Osborne Street, Lawrence Hill, Joseph Place, Beechwood Avenue

St Eugene's Cathedral proudly presents Afternoon Tea with Daniel O'Donnell on Sunday 14th July at 3.00pm in St Mary's College. Tickets cost £35 and are available to buy at the Parish Office.

St. Eugene's Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage to Knock – 13th June 2024. We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Thursday 13th June. Price is £45 which includes transport and meals. As pre booking is required, please contact Anne Marie Hickey on amhickey@derrydiocese.org or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894 for a Booking Form.

LIFE Camp 2024 – Calling all pupils currently in Primary 3 – 7. Week 1– Monday 1st – Friday 5th July and Week 2– Monday 8th July – Friday 12th July. Cost for each week is £40. To register go to www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp

Cemetery Sunday - The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 30th June 2024 at 3.00 pm.

Fr. Liam Donnelly -60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. To mark this special occasion, Fr. Liam will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 21st June at 7.00pm in Church of Our Lady Mercy, Lavey. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Lavey Club. Everyone is invited to attend.

Adoption – Could you be part of a child’s journey? The Western Trust is holding a Virtual Information event about Adoption on Tuesday 28th May, 3.00 – 5.00pm. This will be held online via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join the online event, please contact Colette McCann Social Worker on 07879803297 or 028 82835114.

Silent Retreat will be held in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca from 3rd to 9th June. The theme is “If you but knew the gift of God...” and will be preached by Fr Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity. Cost is £350 full board. For more information/to book contact Helen at 00353 86 1678027 or email hellywilliams@gmail.com / www.foyerofcharity.ie. This would be a privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, Who is Love.

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock Saturday 1st June. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. There will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St John's Centre. Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1.00 pm in the Basilica. Stations of the Cross outside at 2.00pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the main celebrant of the 3.00pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

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Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns regarding the Safeguarding of children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596500793 or at mariegormley@derrydiocese.org or contact the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ or PSNI (Police Service of Northern) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty