

**The Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux**  
*“I choose your Will only”*



“Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.”

*(Extract from a Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St Thérèse)*

The annual Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux will take place at St Eugene's Cathedral from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024. This will be an opportunity to pray for a special intention and to ask St Thérèse to intercede for us. It is a time when many people find great joy and healing. All are very welcome.

**The Novena begins with a Mass with Anointing of the sick at 7.30pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

**The Opening Ceremony will take place at 6.00pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May with Bishop Donal Mc Keown.**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May there will be Novena Masses at 6.30am and 10.00am each morning and an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30pm.**

The speakers each evening at 7.30pm are as follows:

**Monday (13<sup>th</sup>) Sr Gilchrist**, is a Cistercian Nun in Tautra in Norway. She will speak to us about God's will.

**Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup>) Keith Graham**, is from the Waterside and will speak to us why he is a Catholic.

**Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup>) Sr Lucia**, is a Nun in the Order of St Basil and she will speak to us about working from the Front Line in the war in the Ukraine.

**Thursday (16<sup>th</sup>) Joseph Kim**, from North Korea will speak to us about his journey of escape from North Korea to freedom.

**Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) Archdeacon Robert Miller**, our neighbour will speak to us about choosing God's will.

**Saturday (18<sup>th</sup>)** the 10.00am Mass will be celebrated for all those who have died.

**The Novena Closing Ceremony will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm with the blessing of roses and candles.**

**St Thérèse candles will be on sale at the back of the Cathedral.**

**At the statue of St Therese there will be a petition box to place your petitions for this Novena.**

**National Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** – We pray for those chosen by the Lord to serve the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry that, like the disciples in today's gospel, they will accept the Lord's commission to "...go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

**First Holy Communion** - Congratulations to the boys and girls from Rosemount Primary School who celebrated their First Holy Communion here in St Eugene's Cathedral during the week. May this special day be their first step in a life-long love of the Eucharist.

**A short reflection on today's Gospel John 15: 9-17**

Today's Gospel is a shining miracle of clarity and truth. Jesus leaves us in no doubt about the true meaning of our lives. We were created by Love and we were created to love, to love our Creator and to love His creation. These are the two great commandments at the centre of our existence, the two great commandments which give true meaning and purpose to our lives. To live out of these two great commandments is to know the peace which the world cannot give, the peace with which Jesus blessed his beloved disciples: 'the peace which passes all understanding'. It is to know and experience true liberty of mind, heart and soul: liberty from the hatred which sickens love, liberty from jealousy, greed, duplicity of heart and mind. It is the peace which is a true foretaste of heaven, which is heaven's gate itself.

In today's Gospel Jesus enjoins us to 'remain

in his love'; in other words, to abide in his love, to take up permanent residence in his love. It is not to flit in and out of his love. It is to 'remain' despite the frequent invitations by the world to abandon the truth and take refuge in a house built of lies.

Jesus, may we hold fast to the truth of the purpose and meaning of our existence here on earth, which is to love: to love God and to love each other.

**The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated in here St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.** The Matt Talbot Prayer Society was 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. 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. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email [vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com) or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

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

**St. Eugene's Cathedral Pilgrimage to Fatima – 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:amhickey@derrydiocese.org) or phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894.

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership Information Session 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024.** The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. An information session via ZOOM will be held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 3.30pm**. If you require any further information, or wish to register for the information session, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**May McGrellis**  
**Majella Canning**

May they rest in peace

### Collection

Last week's collection: £5,051  
Parish Development: £1,052

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

**Admin's Choice:** £10  
**Children in Crossfire:** £150  
**Water Aid:** £20, £5  
**Cathedral Funds:** £20, £10  
**Trócaire:** £100, £100  
**Smile Train:** £30, £50, £5, £50  
**Gaza Appeal:** £10, £20  
**Mary's Meals:** £25  
**SVdP:** £25  
**Sight Savers:** £50  
**Flowers for the Altar:** £100, £20

### Readers for 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> May

06.15 pm	Mary Morrison
07.30 pm	Stephen Orr
09.30 am	Kay McGinn
11.00 am	McGinley Readers
12.30 pm	Roisin McGarrigle
07.00 pm	Marian Boyle

### Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Robert McAnaney**  
**Bridie Kilkie**  
**John Flood**  
**Danny McDevitt**  
**Paddy Ross**

May they rest in peace

### Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

**Abigail Maria Herbert**

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Please remember: Godparents (1 male and 1 female over the age of 16)

**Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty**

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

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