

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 continues this evening (Sunday 12th May) at 6.00pm with Bishop McKeown giving the opening talk during the Devotions.

Monday 13th to Friday 17th 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 (13th) Sr Gilchrist, is a Cistercian Nun in Tautra in Norway. She will speak to us about God's will.

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

Wednesday (15th) 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 (16th) Joseph Kim, from North Korea will speak to us about his journey of escape from North Korea to freedom.

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

Saturday (18th) the 10.00am Mass will be celebrated for all those who have died.

The Novena Closing Ceremony will take place on Sunday 19th 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 being called to become the future "apostles" of this diocese, sent to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of our parishes. We ask God's blessing on our seminarians and on the men who are discerning their vocation, particularly those who are hoping to begin their formation next January.

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.

A short reflection on today's Gospel Mark 16:15-20

It is the loving, transforming, revolutionary message Jesus has 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation'. These are among the final words of Jesus to his apostles, delivered with the urgency of the impassioned who has little time to spare.

And what is the Good News his apostles must proclaim to all creation? It is the loving, transforming, revolutionary message Jesus has been proclaiming during his entire ministry. It is the doctrine which, if we embrace it, will free us from cynicism, denial, fear and despair, and awaken us to profound truth, humility and greater care for one another.

It is liberation of the mind, the heart and the soul. It, and it alone, offers peace to the individual, to communities, to the whole world. A rejection of Jesus' revolutionary message of love, and love alone, plunges us into the darkness of wars, into the inhumanity of which we are capable, into suffering and the murder of innocence.

This leaves us with the question which needs an answer: to whom have we brought the Good News today?

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.

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 20th 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.

Diocese of Derry three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg led by Bishop McKeown – Friday 26th to Sunday 28th July. Cost: £80 including transport from/to Derry. Pre-booking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org or phone the Diocesan Office on 028 71262302 for a booking form.

As part of their school chaplaincy project St Joseph's Boys School will be having a family mass to celebrate the end of their 'Family Together' programme next Sunday 19th May at 11am in St Eugeenes Cathedral. This programme for year eight pupils, consisted of family activities over a period of six weeks which included making family trees and mottos, family walks and baking etc. All are welcome to attend.

Altnagelvin Hospital Choir – 30th Anniversary Concert will be held on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm in Christ Church, Infirmary Road. Music by Chilcott and Poulenc. Admission £10, payable at the door.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Martha Roddy McCarron
Gerard Radcliffe
Una Fleming

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Mary Jane O'Doherty
Seamus McCallion
Molly Griffin
Maggie Kelly
Celine Cassidy
Jim O'Donnell

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Seán James Wilson
Jacob Johnstone Boyd
Aoife Amy McLaughlin

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

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

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate **Claire Newton and Terry Montgomery** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

Collection

Last week's collection: £5,367
Parish Development: £891

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Trócaire: £100, £60, £100
Gaza Appeal: £20, £50
Admin's Choice: £5
Cathedral Funds: £40
Smile Train: £50
Flowers for Altar: £30

Readers for 18th /19th May

06.15 pm	Helen Sweeney
07.30 pm	Liz McMonagle
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	St Joseph's School
12.30 pm	Kevin Finan
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

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