

SSPX Resistance Ireland - note from Bishop McKeown

SSPX Resistance is a group holding Masses within the territory of the Diocese of Derry. Given their presence here in the Diocese of Derry, I find it necessary to stress the following:

- The priests associated with SSPX Resistance Ireland are not in full communion with the Catholic Church and they do not accept the full teaching authority of the Church.
- The priests of SSPX Resistance Ireland administer sacraments, but do so illicitly—that is, without the necessary faculties and approval of the Church.
- The Catholic Church has no supervision whatsoever of the priests or ministers of SSPX Resistance Ireland, who have no connection with the Diocese of Derry in terms of Safeguarding practices and policies and are not overseen by the Bishop of Derry.

Considering this information, I urge all the faithful to remain steadfast in communion with the Church, united with the Holy Father and the bishops who share in full communion with him. Let us continue to pray for the unity of the Church and for those who have distanced themselves from full communion, that they may one day be reconciled.

Bishop Donal McKeown

Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood – We ask God's blessing on those being called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will have the faith and trust of Abraham and St Patrick, and that they will listen to Jesus, the Son of God, the Chosen One.

Lenten Programme 2025

- Monday to Friday:** Daily Mass at 8.00am, 10.00am, 1.00pm and 7.30pm
7.45am Morning Prayer of the Church
- Mondays:** 5.00pm -7.00pm Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Tuesdays:** 7.00pm “Exploration into Theology – *Reading the Signs of the Times*” with Fr Brian Brady in The Cathedral Hall.
- Wednesdays:** 6.30pm Guided Meditation in the Mother Teresa Chapel
7.00pm “Reasons for Hope” - Talk by Fr Paul Farren in the Cathedral
- Thursdays:** 1.30pm Stations of the Cross led by Parish Schools
8.00pm Holy Hour of prayer, adoration, reflection and music with Fr Shaun Doherty in the Cathedral
- Fridays:** 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
- ‘Fish Fridays’ - as this is the day when Jesus was crucified you are invited to give up meat on the Fridays in Lent in remembrance of His sacrifice for us.

Monday 17th March – Feast of Saint Patrick. St Patrick brought the Christian gospel to Ireland in a way nobody else did, leaving behind a permanent memory that has united Irish people over the centuries and across the world. On the feast of St Patrick, we pray that we will remain strong in love and faithful to the way of Christ.
Mass times – 7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 7.30pm

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Gerard Doherty
Frank McMahon
Connell Harkin (Senior)
Fr Connell Harkin
Christine Ann Cullen
Margaret Cunningham
Justin Morrow
Nora Toland
Peter Toland

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

Loughlain Edward Kennedy
Runa Jade Roddy
Romi Carlyle

To book a Baptism contact the
Parish Office 02871 262894

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

Collection

Last week's collection: £ 5,832
Parish Development: £ 1,020
Holy Land Collection: £2,247

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Flowers for Altar: £20, £5, £100
SVdP: £20, £10
Cathedral Funds: £5, £25
Mary's Meals: £200
Save the Children: £40
Sight Savers: £40, £25
Trócaire: £50
Smile Train: £40, £25
Water Aid: £25

Readers 22nd /23rd March

06.15 pm Roisin Rice
07.30 pm Stephen Orr
09.30 am Kay McGinn
11.00 am Mc Ginley Readers
12.30 pm Ursula Doherty
07.00 pm Marian Boyle

The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated here at St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 18th March 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.

Songs of Ireland Afternoon Tea, Saturday 29th March at 1.00pm in St Eugene's Cathedral Hall. Join a host of singers and musicians for Afternoon Tea with music and verse. Pre Booking required. Price £25 To book call to the Cathedral Parish Office or Tel: 02871262894.

LIFE Camp 2025 (Living - In - Faith – Everywhere) LIFE Camp is a voluntary organisation staffed by teachers, students and experienced volunteers. It takes place in St. Mary's College, Northland Road, Derry. We are calling all pupils currently in P3 – P7. Week 1: Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th July and Week 2: Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July. Cost for Week 1 is £35. Cost for Week 2 is £40. To register go to www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp

Lenten Challenge & Invitation - The 2025 Lenten message of Pope Francis is a challenge and an encouragement for us to journey in hope together. Our Holy Father encourages us - as he always does - to move out of our comfort zones and to engage with others. This is all the more essential in “a world which seems to have lost its heart”. Abstaining from alcohol is one way of offering hope and support to those who are living under the shadow of addiction. A Pledge for Lent can be taken in a parish Pioneer centre or via www.pioneerassociation.org.

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

Children in Crossfire would like to thank everyone who contributed to their Advent Campaign. St Eugene’s Cathedral Parish have raised £1,565.70. This will go a long way in providing vital healthcare, education, nutrition and safe water for children living in extreme conditions in both Tanzania and Ethiopia.

From Friday 28th- Sunday 30th March Fr Stephen Quinn OCD will lead a weekend silent retreat in Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca. Lent is a perfect time to take a step away from the hustle and bustle and learn to make time to meet God in silence and contemplation. The weekend costs £90 which includes all meals and accommodation. It is open to everyone. For queries/booking contact Aoife on 02871262512 or email termonbaccaderry@gmail.com

March is Foyle Hospice Make a Will Month. During the month of March local solicitors very kindly agree to waive their usual Will writing fee in return for a suggested £100 donation to Foyle Hospice. A list of participating solicitors can be found at www.foylehospice.com or by calling Kathleen at the Foyle Hospice on 02871 359888. The purpose of Make a Will Month is to encourage people to write their Wills, whilst also raising much-needed funds for Foyle Hospice. Money raised will ensure Foyle Hospice can continue to deliver high quality specialist palliative care and end of life care to those in our community with life-limiting illness.

Mary’s Meals -Emergency in Southern Africa. Southern Africa is experiencing its worst drought in 100 years, with an estimated 21 million children in the region suffering from malnutrition. To help Mary’s Meals keep providing life-changing meals and reach more children in need, please keep our work in your prayers and consider donating to this appeal. 10p provides a school meal. Find out more at www.marysmeals.org.uk or freephone 0800 698 1212.

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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 Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.