

The Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux
“At the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love.”

“God would never inspire me with desires which cannot be realized;
so in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint.”

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



The Little Way Novena continues this evening (Sunday 7th May) at 6.00pm with Bishop McKeown giving the opening talk during the Devotions.

Monday 8th to Friday 12th 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 (8th): Marion Carroll who was cured from Multiple Sclerosis in Knock in 1989.

Tuesday (9th) Tim Shriver, Chairman of the Special Olympics since 1996 and the founder of Unite.

Wednesday (10th) Eunan McMullan who was a barrister in Belfast and is now a Friar in Assisi.

Thursday (11th) Alexander McLean, founder of Justice Defenders which is based in Uganda and seeks to improve the lives of people imprisoned in Africa.

Friday (12th) Brendan McGinn, Principal of Mary's College in Derry.

Saturday (13th) the 10.00am Mass will be celebrated for all those who have died. Names of the dead will be placed before the altar for this Mass.

The Novena Closing Ceremony will take place on Sunday 14th 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 is a petition box to place your petitions for this Novena.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral. It was a time of great joy and hope.

150th Anniversary - Knitting Jesus for Children - Are you a knitter? Have you any spare odds and ends of wool? We would like your help with a special project! We would like children coming to Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral to receive the gift of a little Jesus to take home with them, to bring to Mass, to help them come to know Jesus better, to pray each day to him and to stay close to him. We don't mind what colour of wool used. You may have your own patterns, but we can also provide one. If you think you can help with this project, please contact tferry@derrydiocese.org or telephone 02871264087.

A short reflection on today's Gospel

Today's Gospel witnesses Jesus as Beloved Teacher preparing his charges for their future ministry without him: without the security of his physical presence. He is throwing open the windows, as it were, and urging them towards independent flight. But first he arms them with the truth. He knows they are fearful. These are not highly educated, confident men, but Jesus knows their hearts are pure, and it is always the truth which resides in the heart which Jesus sees and values.

The Gospel today is both powerful and beautiful. It recognises our longing and deep yearning for union with God and offers us the beautiful consoling truth of that union in one of the many rooms in God's house. Through Jesus, and only through Jesus, we are one with the Father. The separateness which devastates us is no more. Our true self has its natural home in God: when we yearn for our true selves, we are yearning for God.

Jesus is the Way. His is the road we must travel if we are to achieve eternal life. We must walk with him through his ministry of love and healing; through his suffering his death and his resurrection.

Jesus is the Truth. There is no other way to his Father, our God, except through his Truth. Love is his Truth the love which heals, forgives and saves.

Jesus is the Life. He is eternal life, which is ours if we walk with him on his Way, living his Truth, right to the transformation with which we are gifted by death as we shed our mortal coil and walk through the gates of eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: 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. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically everyday by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30pm. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please phone 028 71262894/71365712 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org.

On Saturday 13th May to mark the 106th Anniversary of the first Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, there will be a candlelight Rosary at 9.00pm in St Columba's Church, Long Tower preceded by adoration of The Blessed Sacrament after the 6pm Vigil Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

During May, the month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary's Meals invites you to pray for its life-changing work, carried out in her name. We currently provide nutritious daily school meals to 2.4 million children in 18 of the world's poorest countries. These meals bring children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and hope of a better future. Could you commit to praying each day of May for the children receiving Mary's Meals, the volunteers and all who support this work and those children still waiting? Further information and prayer resources for individuals, groups and schools can be found at www.marymeals.org.uk/prayinmay

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Joe Coyle
Anna Kelly

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Bridie Kilkie
Molly Griffin
Mary Ann Moore
Danny McDevitt

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

Dakota Rose Doherty
Ben Sean Campbell

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate the couple who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

Aimee Gorman & Daniel Truesdale

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

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Turkey & Syria Appeal: £300
Red Cross: £20
SVDP: £25, £40
Mary's Meals: £25

Collection

Last week's collection: £5,984
Parish Development: £985

Thank you for your generosity

Readers for 13th/14th May

06.15 pm	Amulya George
07.30 pm	Marian Boyle
09.30 am	Barry McDaid
11.00 am	St Joseph's College
12.30 pm	Sophia Mason
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Roni Zacharias

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