

# St Eugene's Cathedral Newsletter

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**The Annual Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux  
8th to 16th May 2021**

**Theme: Holiness consists simply in doing God's will,  
and being just what God wants us to be.**

"I know of no other means to reach perfection than by love. To love: how perfectly our hearts are made for this! Sometimes I look for another word to use, but, in this land of exile, no other word so well expresses the vibrations of our soul. Hence we must keep to that one word: love."

*(Extract from a Story of a Soul)*



Due to current restrictions, tickets have been issued for attendance at the Opening Ceremonies, Novena Masses (6.30 am, 7.15 am, 8.00 am and 10.00 am), Evening Devotions, Masses for the Dead and the Closing Ceremonies.

From Monday to Friday there will be Novena Masses each morning and each evening there will be Evening Devotions.

This evening (Sunday, 9th May) during a time of prayer and devotions **Bishop McKeown** will speak.

At the Evening Devotions, Monday to Friday, there will be a guest speaker and a time for silent prayer in the presence of the Eucharist.

Guest speakers are as follows:

Monday evening (10th May) is **Maire Lyndsay**, former Principal of St Mary's College, Derry.

Tuesday evening (11th May) **Jim Deeds**, Parish Development Co-Ordinator and Training and Facilitation Officer with the Living Church Office, Diocese of Down & Connor.

Wednesday evening (12th May) **Fr Michael McGoldrick**, a Carmelite priest in the Carmelite Priory & Retreat Centre, Termonbacca.

Thursday evening (13th May) **Yvonne Rooney**, the Derry Diocesan Youth Director.

Friday (14th May) **Archdeacon Robert Miller**, Archdeacon of Derry and Rector of the grouped parishes of Christ Church, Culmore, Muff and St Peters.

St Thérèse is a very powerful intercessor with God. Asking her help can bring great healing and peace in life.

**Masses for the Dead on Saturday, 15th May.**

**Closing Ceremonies and Blessing of Roses on Sunday, 16th May.**

**St Thérèse candles are on sale at the back of the Cathedral and from the Parochial House.**

### **Timetable of the Annual Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux**

**Opening Ceremony** at 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm\* on Sunday, 9th May

**Novena Mass** at 6.30 am\*, 7.15 am, 8.00 am and 10.00 am - Monday to Friday, 10th May to 14th May.

**Evening Service** at 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm\* - Monday to Friday, 10th May to 14th May.

**Mass for those who have died** at 8.30 am and 10.00 am\* – Saturday, 15th May

**Closing Ceremony** at 3.00 pm\* and 4.30 pm\* - Sunday 16th May

*(\*seats are fully booked)*

## Sunday (9th May)

Masses at 7.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am, 12.30 pm and 7.00 pm

*Please note: Local Radio Station Drive 105 will broadcast the 12.30 pm Sunday Mass live.*

## Monday to Friday (10th May – 14th May)

Novena Masses at 6.30 am, 7.15 am, 8.00 am, 10.00 am - due to current restrictions, tickets have been issued for attendance.

12.00 noon      The Angelus & Rosary

3.00 pm         Divine Mercy Chaplet

Novena Evening Devotions at 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm- due to current restrictions, tickets have been issued for attendance.

## Saturday (15th May)

Novena Masses for the Dead at 8.30 am and 10.00 am - due to current restrictions, tickets have been issued for attendance.

Vigil Masses at 6.15 pm and 7.30 pm.

**Face Coverings:** St Eugene's Cathedral ask all adults and children aged 14 and over to please wear a face covering at Masses and other liturgical celebrations ie Funerals, Baptisms, First Communion, Weddings (unless they are exempt from wearing mandatory face coverings). Medical advice is that wearing face coverings is first and foremost about protecting others.

Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the Cathedral.

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***Please join us via the Webcam:***

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We invite you to join us via webcam in St Eugene's Cathedral by watching our live streaming which can be viewed online at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv), [churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenescathedral](http://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-eugenescathedral) or the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com).



### **A short reflection on today's Gospel:**

*If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love. John 15:9-17*

Today's Gospel establishes love as the beginning and end of everything. Jesus remains in God's love by obedience to God's commandments, and we remain in Jesus' love by obedience to his commandments. Our route to perfect love is through Jesus to God. Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Only by loving one another can we effect, through Jesus, that union with God which in the depths of our souls we yearn for, and for which there is no earthly substitute.

Jesus, we are fragile, flawed beings. We are egoic creatures who, even with the best will in the world, fail again and again to live out the Gospel message of love. We need your help. Jesus, strengthen our resolve to love others as you love us.

Jesus, let the example of your life on earth remind us that true love manifests itself in action. Make us aware at all times that while there is poverty, homelessness, suffering and need in the world, humankind is failing in love. Remind us that if we live outside of love, we can never know God.

Jesus, remind us that true love and its component of friendship can only exist in a sphere of trust and openness; true love knows no hierarchies, no callous using of others, no favoritism, no tables

of deserving. As you rest in our hearts, may we experience the joy with which the knowledge of true love gifts us.

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

**Eddie Horner**

May he rest in peace.



### Anniversaries

Molly Griffin and Bridie Kilkie.

May they rest in peace.

### **Baptisms**

**We welcome as a member of God's family**

Caolán Ryan Donnelly

Rose Isabel Radcliffe



### **Readers for next weekend – 15th/16th May**

06.15 pm Mary Feeney  
07.30 pm Stephen Orr  
09.30 am Rosemary Finan  
11.00 am Kay McGinn  
12.30 pm Oran Gartland  
07.00 pm Anna Begley



**Friday at 11.00 am: Exploring a selection of poems with Mary Murphy** livestreamed from the Cathedral Hall. Join via the parish website at [www.steugenescathedral.com](http://www.steugenescathedral.com) and choose the **CATHEDRAL HALL WEBCAM** link.

**The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction:** This Prayer Society has been 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. As we know addiction takes many forms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, to other less acknowledged addictions.

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.

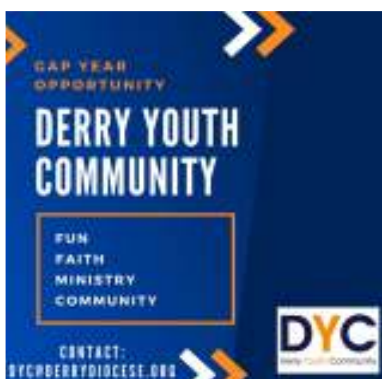
Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in St Eugene’s Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer.

To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please phone St Eugene’s Cathedral at 028 71262894 or email [steugenes@btconnect.com](mailto:steugenes@btconnect.com) or private message St Eugene’s Cathedral Facebook page.



**The St Dymphna Mass** will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 18th May and a candle will be lit for everyone who has intentions for the St Dymphna Mass. 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.

### Derry Youth Community



- Are you aged between 18-25 years old?
- Deciding what to do in the future (September 2021)?
- Thinking about a Gap Year?
- Want to do something faith based?

**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre - Confirmation Preparation Sessions:** It has once again been a very different and challenging year for our Year 7 and 6th Class children, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bearing in mind concerns over having children well prepared to receive the sacrament, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has put together a programme to support parents, schools and parishes as they prepare the children in this very important stage of their faith journey. Linking with *Filled With Joy*, pupil workbook and *Disciples of Jesus*, parent booklet (which many schools and parishes already have and which are still available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre) the programme will consist of **four sessions, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th May from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon on the [catecheticalcentre.org/webcam/](http://catecheticalcentre.org/webcam/)**. Each day the sessions will include catechesis on different aspects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, prayer, creative activities and music.

**Celebrating Mary in the Month of May.** May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at [catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/](http://catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/)

### **Blessed Carlos Acutis**

Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian Catholic teenager, was beatified in Assisi, Italy on 10th October 2020. He documented Eucharistic miracles around the world and catalogued them all onto a website that he created himself in the months before his death from leukaemia. Carlo was known for his cheerfulness, his care for others, his computer skills and his deep devotion to the Eucharist, saying it was his “highway to heaven”. There is a display in the Cathedral dedicated to Blessed Carlo Acutis and prayer cards which you are welcome to take.



Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks donations for: **Flowers: £60.**  
**St Vincent de Paul: £20. Sight Savers: £10. Building Fund: £60.**

**Last Week's Collection amounted to £4,929.**  
**Parish Development Collection amounted to £805.**

There is a box at the back of the Cathedral for weekly parish envelopes and contributions for the upkeep of the Cathedral. **Please note cheques should be made payable to St Eugene's Cathedral.** If you would like to make your weekly envelope contributions by online banking or standing order, please find St Eugene's Cathedral's bank details below:

Account Name: St Eugenes Church No 1 A/C

Account Number: 55192935  
Sorting Code Number: 90-49-74  
IBAN: GB45 BOFI 9049 7455 1929 35  
Branch: Bank of Ireland, 15 Strand Rd, Derry, BT48 7BT

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support to the parish.



Donations received by Trócaire before 16th May 2021 will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m. These matched funds will help thousands of people in South Sudan to grow enough food to feed their families. It will also support strong women like Awut and Ajah in having their voices heard in

decisions affecting them. Donations can be left in the Parochial House or can also be made online at [www.trocaire.org/donate](http://www.trocaire.org/donate) or via NI freephone number **0800 912 1200** or via **online banking - bank details for Trócaire: Sort Code: 93.80.92 and Account number 8822 7020.**

**The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership.** This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. **An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday, 7th June at 3.30pm.** If you are interested in attending this session or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**Mary's Meals – Pray in May:** This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, Mary's Meals invite you to join them in their prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. Prayer resources and further information can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay).



**Aid for the Children of Yemen:** Fr Neal Carlin's new book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is now on sale at €10/£10 and can be purchased by contacting [goldenagecentre@hotmail.com](mailto:goldenagecentre@hotmail.com). All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen.





**ACCORD DERRY Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme**  
*(limited to 15 couples per course)*. Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com).

**Course Dates**

*July 6th/7th 2021*

*August 10th/11th 2021*

*Sept 14th/15th 2021*

*Oct 12th/13th 2021*

*Nov 9th/10th 2021*

*Dec 7th/8th 2021*

**The Net**, the monthly publication sharing the fruits of faith in the Derry Diocese, is now available on the Diocesan website and Facebook Page.

**Radio Maria Ireland** is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

- *Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)*
- *Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"*
- *Streaming on website, [www.radiomarie.ie](http://www.radiomarie.ie) (subscribe and donate here also)*
- *'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)*
- *Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).*

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**If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church** please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Personnel (DLP) at 07596 500 793 / 07707 311 358 or at 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.