

The Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux
“My peace consists in remaining little.”

“It is not the greatness of our actions that matters, but the love with which we do them.”

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

At 3.00pm today (Sunday), our Little Way Novena will conclude with a ceremony of prayer and thanksgiving. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Novena — our speakers, readers, singers, candle sellers, and all who work in the Cathedral, Parochial House, and grounds. The witness of faith and commitment throughout the Novena has been truly uplifting.

Through the intercession of St Thérèse, we have opened our hearts to God and entrusted to Him our intentions. You are warmly invited to bring a rose to this afternoon’s service as a symbol of your prayer at this time. St Thérèse candles will also be blessed during the ceremony.

A short reflection on today’s Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

In today’s Gospel, the risen Jesus meets His disciples on the mountain and gives them their mission: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.” Even after witnessing the Resurrection, some of the disciples still doubted. Yet Jesus still entrusted them with the work of building His Church. This reminds us that God does not wait for perfect people before calling them to serve Him. He works through ordinary people who are willing to follow Him in faith.

Jesus also gives a beautiful promise: “I am with you always, yes to the end of time.” As we face the challenges and uncertainties of daily life, we are never alone. The Lord walks with us, strengthens us through prayer and the sacraments, and sends us out to share His love by the witness of our lives. May we have the courage to live as faithful disciples and to bring the hope of the Gospel to others.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: On Ascension Sunday we celebrate World Communications Day. We pray for those who will be called as priests to preach the Gospel, to communicate the Good News of God's love as God reveals it to us in His Word and in the person of Jesus Christ.

The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Eugene’s Cathedral on Tuesday 19th May 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.

St. Eugene’s Cathedral 3 Day Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo 6th – 8th September 2026. Cost £300 per person sharing. For more information and full itinerary contact Anne Marie Hickey, Pastoral Coordinator on amhickey@derrydiocese.org, phone the Parish Office on 028 71262894 or call into the Parish Office.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Saturday 6th June 2026. Buses will leave St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry, at 8.00am: cost £50, which includes dinner in Knock House Hotel following the conclusion of the Mass in the Basilica. For further information, please contact Karen in the parish office at St Eugene’s on 028 7126 2894 or by email at cathedral@derrydiocese.org. Full schedule to follow.



Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

*Meta Harkin
Pauline Kelly
Clare Hunter
Jim McDaid
Marie Cowan*

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*Eileen Kyle
Peter Kyle
William McGeehan
Mary McGeehan
Dermot Francis
Grace Moran
Gertrude Hegarty
Mary Kelly*

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God’s family:

*Céad Caolán Dunnion
Mary Teresa Sweeney
Grace Kathleen Gorman
Rossa William Cusack*

Collection

Last week’s collection: £6,307
Parish Development: £1,255

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Cathedral Funds: £60, £40
Sr Orla’s Charity: £50
Gaza Appeal: £20
Sight Savers: £10, £40, £50, £50
Smile Train: £40, £50, £50
Mary’s Meals: £60, £100
Trôcaire: £10

Readers for 23rd / 24th May

06.15 pm	Roisin Rice Cutter
07.30 pm	Niamh Kehoe
09.30 am	Rosemary Finan
11.00 am	St Mary’s College
12.30 pm	Kevin Finan
07.00 pm	Anna Begley

As the pilgrims of St Eugene’s Parish begin their pilgrimage to Assisi this weekend, we ask that they keep us in their prayers. We pray that God will remain with them throughout this holy journey and guide them always according to His will. May He shelter them under His protection by day, grant them the light of His grace by night, and, as their companion along the way, bring them safely to their destination.

May Carlo Acutis, whose life of faith and devotion continues to inspire so many, pray for our pilgrims and lead them ever closer to the heart of Christ.

St Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

Diocese of Derry Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026: The Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday 24th July to Sunday 26th July 2026. Cost: £95 / €110 including bus transport. You are welcome, of course, to use your own means of transport. Booking form and full details available at: derrydiocese/lough-derg

Job Opportunity - Derry Diocesan Trust: Caretaker, St Joseph's Hall, Omagh: 20 Hours Per Week. One-year fixed term contract (with possibility of extension). Days and times in agreement with Parish Priest and to facilitate operational needs of the parish and may include evening and weekend work. For job description and application pack please telephone (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to: Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 29 May 2026. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

The Sisters from the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus based in Waterford will lead a ladies weekend retreat in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry, entitled 'In the Upper Room with Mary', from Friday 22nd- Sunday 24th May, Pentecost weekend. The cost of the weekend including accommodation is £90. For booking and queries call Aoife on 02871262512 or email termonbaccaderry@ocd.ie

The Columban Young Adults is a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. The next event will be a talk and meditation on Marian Devotion on Thursday 21st May, 7.00pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and finish with light refreshments.

Lough Derg will host their Day of Friendship and Prayer this Wednesday, 20th May. This special annual event promotes Christian unity. The day begins at 10am, finishing at 3pm on Station Island, an oasis of calm & peace with over 1500 years of history. Admission fee of €25 includes boat fare, refreshments and lunch. Advance booking is essential. www.loughderg.org info@loughderg.org tel. 0(0353) 71 9861518.

DEEDS - Supporting The Carer Series. The third talk in our supporting the carer series focuses on how to get a social worker, accessing care and support available for carers. This is a great opportunity! For more information, contact Eilish on 02871 373870 or eilish@olt.ie

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Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns with regard to the Safeguarding of children within the Church please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on +447596500793 or email: dlp@derrydiocese.org.

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