

The Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux

“When I am charitable, it is Jesus alone who acts in me.”

“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 end with a ceremony of prayer and thanksgiving. We sincerely thank all who contributed to the success of the Novena; speakers, readers, singers, candle sellers and all who work in the Cathedral, Parochial House, and grounds. The evidence of faith and commitment has been so uplifting. Through the intercession of St Thérèse we have opened our hearts to God for our intentions. You are invited to bring a rose to the service this afternoon. The rose will symbolise your prayer at this time. St Thérèse candles will also be blessed during the ceremony.

A short reflection on today's Gospel John 13:31-33, 34-35

Judas separates himself from the light of Jesus' presence and goes out into the darkness of greed and betrayal. After Judas leaves, Jesus turns to his friends to prepare them for what lies ahead of him, and them. He will not be with them much longer. They must prepare for his departure from their earthly lives by listening with their hearts as well as their ears to his words now.

Jesus makes an over-arching truth clear to his beloved apostles. God is an infinite outpouring of love and only those who live in love live in God. Only through love do we know who God is and only through love do we know who we are. The apostles are told by Jesus to love one another as he has loved them. They will be known to be his followers in time to come by the love they bear one another. Love is the warm beating heart of the Good News.

Jesus, it is in you, the Son of Man, that God has been glorified. May we listen to your words with our whole being, and with your words safely ensconced in our hearts, may we live our lives with love.

Jesus, we know that love is often an act of will. May we will ourselves to love others at times when our egos are urging us in the opposite direction.

Jesus, may we never forget that only by living in love do we live in God.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: We pray for the men called to serve as priests in our diocese, that they will live and preach Jesus' "new commandment" of love for all God's people and, in this way, be known as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 20th 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.

Prayer to Our Lady of Mental Peace

Mother of tranquillity, Mother of hope, Our Lady of Mental Peace. We reach out to you for what is needful in our weakness. Teach a searching heart that God's love is unchanging, that human love begins and grows by touching God's love.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Annie Doherty
Adrian Thompson
Bobby Villa**

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**John Flood
William McGeehan
Mary McGeehan
Peter Kyle
Eileen Kyle
Grace Moran
Frank O'Neill
Gertrude Hegarty**

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

Ollie Matthew McIntyre

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Collection

Last week's collection: £5,447

Parish Development: £1,216

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Gaza: £100 £20

Trócaire: £100 £10

Cathedral Funds: £10 £30 £20

Sight Savers: £20

Smile Train: £25 £20

Water Aid: £20

Mary's Meals: £20

Readers for 24th /25th May

06.15 pm Mary Morrison
07.30 pm Amulya George
09.30 am Rosemary Finan
11.00 am St Eugene's PS
12.30 pm Kevin Finan
07.00 pm Marian Boyle

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025 to Knock Shrine, led by Bishop McKeown, will take place on Sunday 15th June, commencing with Rosary at 2.00pm, followed by Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and concluding with Mass and Eucharistic Procession at 3.00pm. Confessions available throughout the day. Bus departs St Eugene's Cathedral at 8.30am. Evening meal included. Cost £50 per person and places confirmed on receipt of completed form. For further information please contact the parish office, St Eugene's Cathedral on 02871262894 or email the parish office at cathedral@derrydiocese.org
In conjunction with the pilgrimage, St Eugene's Cathedral, is running a two-night pilgrimage to Knock from 15th -17th June. Cost £280 per person sharing. For more information and full itinerary, contact Anne Marie on amhickey@derrydiocese.org, telephone 028 71262894 or call into the Cathedral Parish Office.

Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025: starts on Friday 25th July and concludes on Sunday 27th July. For those wishing to avail of transport, a bus will depart after 10:00am Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on the Friday; it will travel via Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost: £95/€110 (including transport). Pre-booking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org or phone the Diocese Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for a booking form.

Job Opportunity with Derry Diocesan Trust: **Parish Catechist - Three Patrons Parish, Derry City. Permanent post – 3-year Fixed Term Contract. 35 hours per week.** In addition to faith development work in the parish, the Catechist will establish and develop chaplaincy initiatives at the Derry Campus of University of Ulster. For more information and/or application pack, email recruitment@derrydiocese.org or telephone 028 7126 2302. 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 12noon on Friday 30th May 2025.

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The Department of Education seeks to appoint members to the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) along with appointments to the Diocesan Education Committee. For those who are interested, Information on this opportunity and an application pack is available by contacting DE as follows:

Website: Public Appointment Opportunities | Department of Education

email: egt1@education-ni.gov.uk or telephone (028) 9127 9461 or 9127 7684. The

closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm on Thursday 22 May 2025

All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine on Saturday, 7th June. Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8–10pm. Highlights include a Rosary making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1.00pm by Monsignor Steve Rossetti, USA. Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2.30pm, with Holy Mass at 3.00pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Music by Dana. A youth conference runs from 6-7.30pm. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: www.allirelandrosaryrally.com.

'Vulnerable to delight' - Seamus Heaney: Poet of Childhood. A lecture presented by Dr, Gary Wade (Adjunct Lecturer, University of Notre Dame, Sydney, Australia) will take place at St. Columb's College, Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 4:15 p.m. To book places please email: info@stcolumbs.derry.ni.sch.uk or telephone 02871 285000. Light refreshments served afterwards. All Welcome!

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Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns with regard to 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.

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty