

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before
evening Mass
Eve of Holydays & eve of First
Fridays: 10.30am. and before
evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at
8pm

BAPTISMS: One month's notice
Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members welcome!

**LOUGH DERG JUBILEE YEAR
OF MERCY** Pilgrimage Season opens
on Sunday 1st May tele 00353
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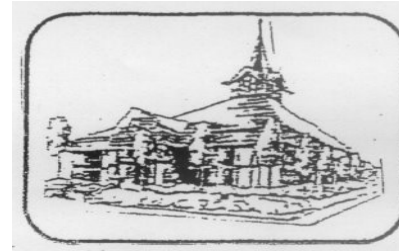
PRECIOUS LIFE Before you vote in
the Assembly elections on 5th May, we
are calling on you to make 29th April a
RED LETTER DAY for unborn
children. We need you, your family and
friends to contact candidates by phone,
email, facebook, twitter or just call into
their offices, and ask them one
question: If elected, will you defend the
right to life of all unborn children? For
more information on individual
candidates, please visit our website
www.preciouslife.com or phone
Precious Life on 028 9027 8484.

CONCERN WORLDWIDE

Bookshop in Ferryquay Street. second
hand books required -. open 10-4pm
Monday-Saturday.

**VOLUNTEER AT WHITE OAKS ACORN
ORGANIC FARM:** If you have an interest in
organic growing and have a few hours to spare,
why not spend them with us? Phone (00353)
(0) 74 9384866 or call with us to find out more
about our volunteering opportunities.

Affordable Live-in Homecare
provide live in carers for the elderly in
your area. If you are looking for a live-
in carer for your relative, please call
Mary or Tom on 00353 87
9916791. Our website



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A NEW COMMANDMENT

When we truly love one another, we are
experiencing something of the divine as
love comes from God, love is God and
God is love. Surely Jesus' command to
love one another was nothing new for the
disciples and those of their time; the
commandment is well known in the Old
Testament. But the love Jesus asks of the
disciples here (and of us) is to love as he
has loved and that is a controversial love



for some. It is controversial because Jesus' love is without restrictions
and without exclusions. It is a love of those we may not like, a love of
those it is hard to love. This love was too radical for some of the
religious leaders of Jesus time and ultimately led to his death. This
radically inclusive love is sometimes too much for Christians today also,
to love the sinner, to love those on the extreme margins of our society,
to love those who have hurt us, to welcome back those who have done
wrong, to include all at the table.

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is
welcome, loved and forgiven. (Pope Francis)

We can dream and work towards a world where this is a reality.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Melissa Harkin Farland Way who died during the week. May she rest in peace.



BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes:
Edward Cunningham
62 Cashelmore Park
Brodie John McCashin-Curran
1 Corrib Court
James Thomas Roddy
1 Foylesprings Rd.



ANNIVERSARIES
Nana O'Donnell, Molly Davis,
John Breslin, Bridie Phelan
Henry McMullan, Norah Lyons,
Paul Keogh

SUNDAY COLLECTION 17th April amounted to £2217.65 and €227.89 Thank you.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
600pm Gareth Coyle & family
12.30pm Becca Connolly & family

READERS FOR MAY
Vigil Mass Sister Paula
9.30am Bill Heaney
Jim Campbell
11.00am Joe Morrison
Edel Keogh
12.30pm Kathleen Corrigan
Louise McCloskey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for May
Vigil Mass Donal Dunne
Peter King William McGeehan
Ella Mc Callion

9.30am Sheila Dunne
Tadgh Coughlan

11.00 am Neil Barr, Ann Sands,
Frank & Sheila Keogh,

12.30p.m. Ann Heaney
Catriona McFadden, Angela Collins
Jeanette Gallagher, Rachel Gallagher

PETITION BOOK I have placed a book for petitions at Our Lady's Altar. Please feel free write your own prayers on it. These may later be included in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.

THE LITTLE WAY NOVENA IN ST EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL – 7th May to 15th May: The theme is 'How happy am I to see myself as imperfect and to be in need of God's Mercy'. The Novena will begin at the 7.30 pm Mass on Saturday, 7th May with the Sacrament of the Sick. Devotions and talk on Sunday, 8th May at 6.00 pm. Monday to Friday (9th to 13th May) Novena Masses at 6.30 am and 10.00 am each morning and an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30 pm. Saturday, 14th May 10.00 am Mass for those who have died. The Novena will close on Sunday, 15th May at 3.00 pm. All welcome

SINCERE THANKS from Sister Anne and Gerry Deeney to all who contributed in any way to the Easter Raffle in aid of the poor in Kenya, India, Brazil, Zambia, Peru and Chile, and by buying raffle lines, giving donations, etc. The total amount raised to date is £9662.29 plus €474 This money will be sent to the different sisters for their work. Mass is being offered for you all

WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE'S DRINKING? Al-Anon family Groups invite you to a Public Information Meeting on Saturday 21 May from 5.30 – 7.00pm in Studio 5, The Waterfoot Hotel, Waterside,

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE As part of a *Jubilee Pilgrimage* with the *Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help* to the Cathedrals of Ireland, the Icon will visit St Eugene's Cathedral, from Mon 2 May to Tue 3 May Opening Liturgy and Veneration of the Icon at 4.30pm on Mon 2nd. Concelebrated Mass 7.30pm, Holy Hour 9.00pm. Tue 3rd: Morning Prayer 7.45am, Mass 8.00am, Concelebrated Mass 10.00am, closing with Veneration until 11.00am.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL urgently requires good quality clothes and household furniture, especially bedroom furniture. Please contact 71265489 or 71268325 for collection.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES
HOLY LAND (half board)
From 9th-17th October 2016.
Cost: £1275.€1495. Deposit
£150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights
Jerusalem Flying directly
from Dublin

LOURDES (full board)
16th –21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511
Savings scheme now started in
the Parochial House each
Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

DRY THE TEARS' FLOWER FESTIVAL: Thornhill Ministries is holding a Flower Festival in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown on the weekend of 6 to 8 May. Light refreshments available. Donations towards the flowers and the work of Thornhill Ministries welcome.

MA IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP. Working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, the Derry Diocese offers the MA in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. If interested please contact Thérèse Ferry at the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre 02871264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.