

Divine Mercy Sunday

Resp. Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 11th Divine Mercy Sunday. The struggle for faith experienced by Thomas leads us to think on the meaning of faith in the risen Christ. We do not depend on physical experience of Christ, but know his presence in keeping God's commandments and as a gathered community, in the hearing of the word and in sacramental signs. So, the Christian community is a thankful one, always blessing God for a sure hope through the resurrection of Jesus.

First anniversary Mass for John and Philomena Vesey, at 10am.

Tuesday 13th St Martin, Pope and Martyr. Died in 655 from harsh treatment in exile and in prison. **Holy Communion** will be distributed in St Pius X Church, from 3 – 4pm.

Friday 16th First anniversary Mass for Eileen Farren, at 10am.

Mass this week: Monday-Friday, 10am; Saturday, 7pm; Sunday, 10am.

The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in St. Pius X Church, Merville, at 7.30 pm every day, from Sunday – Friday. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday, 2-9pm; Wednesday, 6-9pm.

Mass, The Rosary, and Adoration may be followed on the parish webcam.

We offer our **sympathy** to the families and friends of **Frankie Doherty**, Gulladuff, **Patrick McClenaghan**, Shilling Hill, and **Bernie O'Doherty (née Cavanagh)** Dublin, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Thank you for your generous financial support to the parish in the past week, which amounted to €3684.

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St Joseph, the "father in the shadows."

Continuing his meditation on St Joseph, Pope Francis sees the saint as someone who not only sacrifices himself, but who also gives himself, in trust, to the will of God. He offers St Joseph to fathers as a model of humble service to their children, a service which is characterised by the proper use of power and authority, tempered with charity and discussion. These qualities prevent fathers who sacrifice so much for their children from becoming unhappy, sad or frustrated. Pope Francis says that a father should respect his child's freedom, and encourage his child to become independent. Christian fathers do not possess their children; rather they act in the name of God the Father.

The diocese of Derry will celebrate a **Novena of Prayer for Vocations** from Saturday 17 April – Sunday 25 April (Good Shepherd Sunday). The resources for the Novena, which contain prayers for daily Mass, as well as devotional reflections for the Angelus, the Rosary, a daily Examen, and reflections on St Joseph will be available at www.derrydiocese.org and www.derryvocations.org Also, on the evenings of Monday 19 April – Friday 23 April, Bishop McKeown will interview a number of people on various aspects of vocation, followed by a daily Examen, Mass, and the Rosary, all of which will be broadcast on the diocesan websites mentioned above.

For the holiness of all those sent in Jesus' name as priests, deacons and consecrated religious to proclaim His victory over the world: Lord, hear us.