



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, *“Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”*, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses the Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Yet the Sisters of Grandchamp have offered us something uniquely precious: an opportunity to engage with a form of prayer that is both very ancient and yet at the same time so apposite for our times. The ancient rhythm of prayer found in many religious orders and their traditions teach us that when we pray, we pray not just on our own or with those who share the same physical space, but with the whole Church, the Body of Christ, of Christians in other places and in different times. This tradition of prayer and spirituality, despite the things that hurt and separate us, invites us into shared prayer and silence together. Surely a most precious gift in troubled times. Come with us this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and enter into a place of community and blessing. Simply “be” in this place and be carried by the prayer and the reality that it is God, in Christ and through the Holy Spirit, who carries us and accompanies us. Always.

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CELEBRATING Catholic Schools Week - 24 to 31 January 2021

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is

Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience.

As we live through an unprecedented time of challenge and uncertainty, our faith and our resilience can be tested. We can ask questions like ‘Will things ever be the same again?’, ‘When can we get back to normality?’, ‘Where is God in all of this?’ In response to this, we reflect upon how Catholic schools are communities of faith and resilience. In Catholic schools, we are called to support each other and to have faith in the promise of the Good News. Catholic schools are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of us with a capacity to give love and receive love. This love is bound in faith and is more resilient than any virus. While each Catholic school is such a community, every Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their wellbeing and offers them cultivation of a deeper, loving relationship with God. Jesus teaches us to love one another as he has loved us. This week, we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus’ teaching. This year we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. To launch Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Derry, Bishop Donal Mc Keown will celebrate Mass on Thursday 21st January at 10 am in St Eugene’s Cathedral, via the webcam. <http://steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html> The Mass can also be viewed on Saint Eugene’s Cathedral Facebook page.

No one could have foreseen during Catholic Schools Week 2020 how different life would be just twelve months later. Life for all of us has changed so much that it is not recognisable, comfortable or easy. Our focus on faith and resilience is to remind us of the powerful role our Catholic schools have in the lives of so many young people. It is a source of comfort, care, belonging and strength. It was so important for our students to return to school, not simply to get back into the academic life, but, more importantly, to reconnect with their friends and teachers – to experience community. We have focused the week around the three virtues – faith, hope and love – while acknowledging the challenges that we are all facing at this present time and the need to feel a sense of belonging in our community again. Our prayer for each and every person in our school communities is:

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in your presence, and purpose in doing your will.

John D. Rayner

THOUGHTS For Each Day of the Week

These reflections can be read and prayed each day at family prayer time in your home.

MONDAY Today is the first day of Catholic Schools Week 2021. Today's theme is about being a Community of Faith. When we think of the school, we think of a community of people. A Catholic school is a special community where we learn about God's love for us and the way Jesus teaches us to live. We learn to show God's love to others by being kind in our thoughts, words and actions. Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father ...

TUESDAY Today we are asked to think about our school as a Community of Learning. We learn many things in schools. We learn about things like maths, Gaeilge, science, music and art. We learn spellings and tables. But we also learn how to be a good friend. We learn how to be helpful and kind. Jesus' Golden Rule is to treat others as you would like to be treated. Today we learn to be the best we can be, being kind to ourselves, others and the world around us. Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father ...

WEDNESDAY Today we are asked to think about our school as a Community of Love. We especially think of our grandparents. They can be very important teachers who show us how to love, how to be caring and how to share. They can teach us about the past and about the importance of working hard and doing our best. They can teach us through love. In our Catholic school we try to show that love each day in kind thoughts, kind words and kind actions. Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father ...

THURSDAY Today we are asked to think about our school as a Community of Resilience. Resilience means how we cope with things even when they get tough. Sometimes we might feel sad or worried about something. A Catholic school is a place where everyone wants you to feel safe and happy. God wants us to be safe and happy. We can pray and talk to God about our worries. We can also learn ways to help with worries and to feel better. In our school you are never alone, and will always be cared for. Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father ...

FRIDAY As Catholic Schools Week comes to a close, we are asked to think about our school as a Community of Hope. We are all children of God, called to live like Jesus asked us. This year we will continue to make this school a loving place where everyone feels safe, welcome and cared for. We live in the hope that Jesus has shown us the way to live and we can hope to create a future where all people can know God's love. We can do this through our kind thoughts, kind words and kind actions. Lord, help us to live like you taught us to. Together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Father ...

Sacred Heart Church - Sunday Mass Times

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Vigil : Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday : 9.00 am, 11 am & 1.00 pm

All are welcome to join us via our webcam during this period of closure.

St Mary's Drumragh

Closed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Adoration every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 7.15 pm in the Sacred Heart Church (via webcam only)

Sacred Heart Church 7.30 pm Mass Intentions

Weeks Beginning Monday 17th & 24th January

Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Tuesday 25th

Thursday 27th

Eamon McCallion – 1st Anniversary

Patricia Gallagher – 1st Anniversary

Sally Patton – 1st Anniversary

Eric Carson – 1st Anniversary

Nan Mullan – Monthis Mind

Baby Aodha Rose Harkin – Memorial Mass

Padre Pio Devotions



Recent Deaths

We pray for the families of the following who died recently:

Jacinta Gilmore

Patsy Devlin

May they rest in peace.

Readers for January 2021

Sunday Masses

Vigil 6 pm - Aoife Mc Glinchey

9 am - Marion Mc Gaghran;

11 am - Clara Daly

1 pm - Breanna Breslin.

Weekday Masses

10am Mass - Kathleen O Hagan; Marie Gallagher

7.30pm Mass

Monday - Paddy Mc Mahon

Tuesday - Liz Durkan

Wednesday - John Mc Sorley

Thursday - Fiona Garrity

Friday - Sean Taggart.



Sacred Heart College

To all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils and their parents

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Friday 22nd January 2021

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