

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for June (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General – Christ, Present in the Eucharist: That believers may recognise in the Eucharist the living presence of the Risen One who accompanies them in daily life.

Missionary – European Christians: That Christians in Europe may rediscover their true identity, and participate with greater enthusiasm in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed: These will take place on the evening of Saturday 30th June directly after the Vigil Mass in the cemetery at St. Patrick's Church and at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, and the former St. Mary's Church, Broughderg after 11:00am Mass on Sunday 1st July. *Bring holy water with you*

Some Facts Regarding the Eucharistic Congress: Up to the 1920s the Eucharistic Congresses focused primarily on the Eucharist itself (liturgy, adoration, real presence, frequent communion etc.). From the 1920's there was a change of emphasis. While the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrifice of the Mass remained central to the Congress, there was also a growing emphasis on what it meant to be a Eucharistic people in the particular context of place and time. The theme of the 1932 Dublin Congress was *The Eucharist and Ireland*.

The last two Congresses were held in:

2004 – Guadalajara (Mexico) – The Eucharist: Light and Life of the New Millennium.

2008 – Quebec City (Canada) – The Eucharist: Gift of God for the Life of the World.

The 2012 Congress in Dublin:

-Will be the 50th International Eucharistic Congress

-Will mark the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of the Second Vatican Council.

The Pope decides the theme for each Eucharistic Congress, taking into account the recommendations of the theological commission established by the Bishop of the host diocese. We hope to know the theme by late spring or early summer. Once the theme for the Congress has been decided, a theological commission appointed by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in consultation with the episcopal conference, will prepare the conference document. This will be a short booklet, which will explore the theme and suggest ways in which it can be developed in the programme of evangelization and catechesis which will take place in each diocese in Ireland, and further afield.

A Congress logo will be designed and a Congress 'hymn' will be prepared to give expression to the theme.

Events at the last International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec included:

A daily celebration of the Eucharist

Talks, reflections and workshops on the meaning of the Eucharist and its implications for Christian living.

- A packed lunch shared by 13,000 participants
- Choral concerts and plays
- Dedicated venues for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- A gathering place for young people
- A Blessed Sacrament procession through the streets of Quebec City
- A closing Mass with a telecast from Pope Benedict.

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed. *The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee*

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:

Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile. (028) 8225 1116

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.

See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295

Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28th July. *Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival*

Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012: This will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June under the theme '*The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another*' and expects 25,000 pilgrims to participate each day, both from Ireland and from overseas.

It is an international gathering of people, which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.



These aims are achieved through a programme of pastoral preparation in the years leading up to the Congress and the actual week of the Congress that consists of a programme of Prayer, Eucharist, workshops, discussion groups, catechesis and testimonies, cultural events, a youth space, tours, exhibitions, a Eucharistic Procession, a massive closing ceremony in Croke Park and more.

For more information visit iec2012.ie

Prayers for your personal and family use at this time

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time

God our Father,
We your people of the diocese of Derry,
Turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done,
In good times and bad, since the days of
Saint Columba and Saint Eugene,
Saint Lurach and Saint Mura.
Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace,
With confidence in your love we ask your help.
Support and care for our bishops in their retirement,
Give courage and vision to those who are called on
To administer the diocese at this time.
Grant your wisdom and discernment to those
Charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.
We ask you this in the name of Jesus,
Your Son, our Lord.

**Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us,
Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us,
All you saints of the diocese pray for us.**
Fr. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

International Eucharistic Congress Prayer 2012

Lord Jesus,
You were sent by the Father to gather
together those who are scattered.
You came among us, doing good and bringing
healing, announcing the Word of salvation and
giving the Bread which lasts forever.
Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.
May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our
hope and open our minds, so that together with our
sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in
the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.
May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and
lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and
love, as witnesses of your resurrection.
In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our
Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all
praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy
Spirit and in the Church, now and forever. Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012

International Eucharistic Congress		Dublin	Sunday 10 th – Sunday 17 th June
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
Sunday 2nd September		Our Lady of the Wayside	
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish			
Wednesday 11 th July	Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October	
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed			
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (30th June and 1st July)			
Saturday 30th June	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 1st July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass	
Friday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)	

Tuesday's Child - Upcoming Events

An Evening with Elvis at The Empire Thursday 28 th June	Ireland's two top award winning Elvis tribute acts, Ciaran Houlihan aka Eireann Elvis and Tom Gilson aka GI Blues Elvis will perform at The Empire Music Hall, Belfast. Tom sings rock and roll hits from the young Elvis, while Ciaran sings hits from the Las Vegas era. Ah huh huh and tickets just £10
Get active and change the life of a child today Recently Tuesday's Child funds rescued 200 street children from city dumps in Nairobi and enrolled in primary school where they get breakfast, lunch and a chance to learn and grow. It doesn't take much to make a big difference. Want to organise your own event? Why not do something in your town or parish to help children in one of our projects around the world. Everything you raise, we give. No salaries, no administration cost, are taken from funds raised.	
Loose Change Campaign 2012: Having a Spring Clean? Please support our loose change appeal for children. Every pound or euro you raise we give. <i>Details on our websites at tuesdayschild.org.uk or tuesdayschild.org.uk</i>	

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 14:12-16, 22-26:

- The symbolic gesture of breaking and sharing bread and sharing the cup, that Jesus made at the Last Supper symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely?
- In his encyclical letter Deus Caritas Est Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented.' What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle?
- Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these experiences that you can bring with you to the Sunday Mass?

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The Deep End – Though We Are Many We Are One Body:

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi and for Ireland this year it is a special day as the 50th International Eucharistic Congress opens in Dublin.

Lots of preparation over the past few years has gone into this event as we play hosts to thousands of pilgrims from around the world and across the country who are gathering together. Some people may be unsure as to what this event is about, others are completely immersed in it.

Many will have joined with youth groups, parish groups, pastoral preparation programmes, while others will have questioned the entire process. Whether we stand on the periphery or have been counting down the days, this week is sure to bring us to a new point. We pray that it will bring people together in sharing, honest dialogue, celebration and exploration in hope for the future.

'Be broken for each other. Pour yourselves out for each other. This is what it means to become my Body on earth... And we recognise Him in the breaking of a burger bun and the pouring of a coke'. *Margaret Silf*

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Questions people ask:

- The theme of the Congress is Communion with Christ and with One Another. Communion with Christ I understand but what is Communion with One Another?
- If I am united with Christ in the Eucharist and you are similarly united, then we are united with one another, parts of the one body. Saint Paul wrote that all who share the same spiritual food share the same source of life: one bread, one body. At the end of Mass we are sent out on the mission to love and serve the Lord beyond the walls of the church. Communion is the challenge to live in community. I like St Augustine's address to communicants: you are the Body of Christ (through Baptism); receive the Body of Christ (Eucharist); become the Body of Christ (mission and challenge).

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 28:16-20:

- It is time for Jesus to return to his Father. He meets his disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, training, the death of a loved one. What was that like for you? Were there words spoken then that gave you direction for your future? Was there an occasion when words spoken then gave you direction for your future?
- Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on his/her way in life knowing you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her own way in life?
- Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be with them as in the past he would be with them in a new way right throughout their lives. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though s/he was not physically present with you?
- In parting with his disciples Jesus gave them a mission for the future. Where, when and how did you get a sense of the meaning and purpose of your own life? How does that sustain you now? Is there any way in which that purpose ties in with the mission given to the eleven to spread the Good News?
- Jesus promised to be with his disciples until the end of time. It is a promise he would fulfil through the gift of the Holy Spirit. That promise is also given to us. What helps you to be aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit with you on life's journey?

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To Young People: Aim at High Ideals! Be Saints!

Vatican City (2nd June, 2012) [VIS]

At around midday today, following the celebration of Terce in the Duomo of Milan, Benedict XVI travelled by car to the stadium of San Siro where he was greeted by a crowd of around 80,000 made up of young people who have recently received or about to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, members of their families and catechists.

"Assisted by your itinerary (of formation), you have learned to recognise the wonderful things the Holy Spirit has done and does in your lives, and in all those who say 'yes' to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You have discovered the great value of Baptism, the first of the Sacraments, the entranceway to Christian life. You received all this thanks to your parents who ... committed themselves to educating you in the faith".

"Now you have grown and can say your own 'yes' to God, a free and conscious 'yes'. The Sacrament of Confirmation confirms Baptism and infuses you abundantly with the Holy Spirit. Now you, full of gratitude, have the chance to accept His great gifts which, on life's journey, will help you to become faithful and courageous witnesses of Jesus. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are stupendous, enabling you to be formed as Christians, to live the Gospel and to be active members of the community".

"All of Christian life is a journey. It is like following a path up a mountain, sometimes a difficult path, in company with Jesus. ... With the precious gifts (of the Holy Spirit) your friendship with Him will become more authentic and closer. It is constantly nourished by the Sacrament of the Eucharist, ... for which reason I invite you to participate joyfully and faithfully in Sunday Mass, and ... to attend Confession, which is the meeting with Jesus Who forgives our sins and helps us to do good. ... Learn to enter into dialogue with the Lord, tell Him of your joys and concerns, and ask for light to support you on your journey".

"In the family, be obedient to your parents, listen to the instructions they give you so as to grow, like Jesus, 'in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour'. Finally, do not be lazy but hard-working, particularly in your studies. That is your daily duty and a great opportunity you have to develop and to prepare your future. Be open and generous towards others, vanquishing the temptation to place yourselves at the centre, because selfishness is the enemy of authentic joy.

"If you now have a taste of the beauty of being part of the community of Jesus, then you too will be able to make →

← your contribution to help it grow. ... Every day, including here today, the Lord is calling you to great things, Remain open to what He is suggesting and, if He calls you to follow Him on the path of the priesthood or consecrated life, do not say no! ... Jesus will fill your hearts for all your lives".

"I say with conviction: Aim at high ideals! ... Be saints! Yet, you may ask, is it possible to be saints at your age? I tell you that it is, ... as is clear from the witness of many saints who were your peers, such as Domenico Savio and Maria Goretti. Sanctity is the normal path for Christians, it is not reserved for the chosen few but open to everyone, though naturally with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit ... and the guidance of our Mother, ... Mary the Mother of Jesus. ... May the Virgin Mary, then, always watch over the beauty of your 'yes' to Jesus, her Son, the great and faithful Friend of your lives".