

## **National Novena**

**In honour of St Therese of the Child Jesus 2016**

**Mass and Novena prayers twice daily**

**at 10.00am & 7.30pm**

**from**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016**

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**Themes and Speakers for each day of the Novena**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September “MERCY IN ACTION” – People Matter No Matter What”**

**Speaker:** Maria Garvey – Leader and Executive Director of L’ Arche Ireland and N. Ireland 2011-2014.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September “St Therese’s Image of God”**

**Speaker:** Fr. Aodhan McCrystal SMA- Dromantine Community.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September “The Challenge and the Joy of Passing on the Faith ”**

Speaker: Sr. Karen Small –Chaplain and teacher in sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September “The Support which Helps during Challenging times”**

**Speaker:** Fr. Desmond O’ Donnell OMI –is an Oblate priest and registered psychologist in Dublin and has worked in Australia for twenty eight years.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September “Experiencing God’s Love and Support in the midst of Tragedy”**

**Speakers:** Fiona and Edmund Collins - members of the Emmanuel Community which is based in Paray-le-Monial, France.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September “Blessed are the Peace Makers.”**

**Speaker:** Myrtle Kerr – with her late husband Rev Cecil Kerr founded the Christian Renewal Centre, Rostrevor in 1974, ceaselessly worked for reconciliation during the height of the Troubles.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September “Jesus the Healer”** (The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass).

**Speaker:** Fr. Derek Kearney SMA –

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** “**FAITH WIHTOUT BORDERS - The Call to Be a Welcoming Church**”

**Speaker:** Rev Ivan Steen-Windsor Presbyterian Church, Belfast.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** “**Mass of Thanks Giving on the Feast of St Therese**”

**Speaker:** Fr. Lee Cathill SMA – Dromantine Community