DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE

Holy Thursday

14 April 2022

Celebrating as a family 'The Washing of the Feet'

Celebrating the Washing of Feet at Home

Jesus rose from the table, removed his outer garment, and taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. ©Universalis home
(John 13:4-5)

The action of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples is to be found in the Gospel of John. During the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night, the action of Jesus is reflected when the feet of a number of people are washed. We may not be able to do this ritual this year, but we think and pray for all those who are suffering and for all those who reach out to others at this time.
(water is poured into a bowl and a towel is unfolded)

While the water is being poured, the towel is held and all present pray for all medical staff

We pray for all those affected by war
Lord Hear Us **Lord Graciously Hear Us**

We pray for all those who care for others
Lord Hear Us Lord Graciously Hear Us

We pray for families and those who are alone
Lord Hear Us Lord Graciously Hear Us

We thank them for living out the example of Jesus in their commitment to serving and caring for others We light this candle of hope as a reminder that we are always in the loving presence of Jesus.

(A candle is lit beside the bowl)

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us **Our Father**

We offer our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen