CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

We hope to be able to celebrate public Masses at Christmas in our church this year. To ensure that present health restrictions are followed and for your safety a ticketed system will be operated. The planned Mass schedule will be

Christmas Eve 6.30pm, 9.30pm, Christmas Day 9am, 11am, 12.15pm

The obligation to attend Mass has been removed at this time. For parishioners who may feel uncomfortable or are unable to attend in person the Masses can be followed through the parish webcam.

We invite people to request seats starting **Monday 7 December** by i. emailing <u>steelstownparish@aol.com</u> from Monday to Thursday or

ii. phoning the Parish Office (028 71351718) between 10am and 3pm Monday to Thursday and 7pm to 9pm Monday to Wednesday

Please give your name, contact number, the Mass you would like to attend, the number of adults and children in the booking and confirm that they will all be in a bubble.

It is possible to request a seat from Monday to Thursday of this week. Tickets will be available to collect from Monday 21 December.

ADVENT SEASON

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On Sunday 6, 13 and 20 Dec. at 6pm there will be a time of led prayer and reflection. Why not spent some time in Reflective prayer during Advent? LECTIO ONLINE

Put the Sunday gospel readings at the centre of your prayer and life this Advent. Join our weekly meeting over Zoom every Monday at 11.30am. Visit the website to join the conversation www.7miles away.org/online-lectio.

FAMILY PRAYER BOOKLET

A family prayer booklet has been compiled specifically with families in mind. The Gospel for each Sunday of Advent is accompanied by a family activity, prayers and a reflection.

The booklet can be downloaded from the Parish Facebook page.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's ZOOM Liturgy is back starting on a monthly basis starting Sunday
13 December at 1pm. The sessions will be aimed at those who are in our
primary schools with a special emphasis on our children preparing for first holy
communion; however, this doesn't mean the whole family can't get involved,
and we'd love to see you all there together. To join us to play and pray in a
short service on ZOOM contact Julia fitzgerald@derrydiocese.org for more
information and the sign up forms.

NIGHT PRAYER

Join us LIVE on our facebook page at 8.30pm each Monday during Advent to pray the prayer of the church. See you there.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Our Church is open for private prayer from 11am to 4pm each weekday and 1pm to 4pm on Sunday. People are reminded of the need to wear a face covering, social distance and to use hand sanitisers provided. Please sit only on the designated seats and follow the signs. These areas are cleaned daily.

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



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Facebook: Our Lady of Lourdes Instagram: steelstownparish.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Margaret Kerr, 4 Daisy Hill.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Dolly McKinney, Roger McGonagle, Michael O'Donoghue, Robert O'Donoghue, Philip Harkin, Letitia Gallagher, Sean McGonagle, John Parkhill and John Breslin.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR SVDP

Will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 12 and 13 December. Thank you.

ONLINE YOUTH PROGRAMME

Join Derry Youth each Monday on their Instagram at 7pm for a weekly check in.

ALPHA COURSE

Join other Christians from around Derry and Donegal each Tuesday on ZOOM from 7.30pm to 8.30pm as we explore the big questions and grow in fellowship. For more information email julia.fitzgerald@derrydiocese.org.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 13 December, you are invited to bring your Crib figure of the infant Jesus along to the 11am Mass to be blessed. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib. All children in the Parish of Steelstown are also invited to bring along a little gift to this Mass to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The children can present their gifts during the Offertory Procession. All gifts will be donated to St Vincent De Paul to be distributed within the Parish.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday of this week, 8 December, is the Feast of The Immaculate

PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
Weekday 7.45am and 10am Mass and weekend Masses, Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 9am, 11am and 12.15pm will be celebrated and streamed live via our Parish Webcam (www.churchservices.tv/steelstown) or visit our Web page Steelstownparish.com for a direct link.

9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass: 6pm Adoration 7.45am and10am Mass : Sunday 6 Dec

Monday 7 Dec

6.30pm Feast of The Immacualte Conception Vigil Mass

7.45am and 10am Mass **Tuesday 8 Dec** Wednesday 9 Dec 7.45am and 10am Mass **Thursday 10 Dec** 7.45am and 10am Mass

7.45am and 10am Mass : 6pm-6.50pm Adoration Friday 11 Dec Saturday 12 Dec 10am Mass and Rosary: 6.30pm Vigil Mass Sunday 13 Dec 9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass: 6pm Adoration