

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC MASS

As we have now opened our Church for public worship new procedures will ensure that the church building is sanitised and safe. People also have a responsibility to act safely (physical distancing, good hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette); those who are vulnerable or unwell, especially anyone with Covid-19 symptoms, should stay at home and participate via webcam. There is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass at this time.

Procedures have been put in place with stewards, controlled seating, guided Holy Communion queues and controlled leaving the church. Your cooperation is appreciated. It would be helpful if people could come slightly earlier than usual. It is recommended that Holy Communion be received only on the hand. The Priest and Eucharistic Ministers will be wearing face coverings and will use hand sanitiser. After each Mass the church will be cleaned so everyone is asked to leave to enable this to be done before the next Mass. While face coverings are not mandatory at this time it is recommended and encouraged, in this Parish, to wear face coverings at all Masses and other services. Thank you to our Parish Preparation Team and those who have volunteered.

FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

Archbishop Eamon Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the Family Rosary Crusade. Today, Sunday October 11 the Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland will take place. This year we will again join in with many other countries from around the world. At 2.30pm, we will gather on our coasts, at our grottos, our churches, our river banks, our homes, or wherever we can to pray the Rosary safely Together. See www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to see locations near you or to register a location.

THE NET

The October edition of The Net is now available online, on www.derrydiocese.org. As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE

Newry, intends to host the following events in November. Offering a safe welcome back, numbers will be restricted, with social distancing and all Northern Health and Executive directives being adhered to: 'Broken Open': a Workshop that will explore the potential for discovering courage, compassion and wisdom even in the most painful of life circumstances. Presented by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA: Monday 2 November, 9.30am To Tuesday 3 November, 5pm. Full cost £115 or €125.

'Loss and Recovery': This seminar will explore loss in its many facets and how it is also an invitation to wholeness. Presented by Fr Jim Cogley: Saturday 14 November, 9.30am to 5pm. Full cost £35. To book, or for further enquiries, Tel 028 3082 1964 or email sma.dromantine@sma.ie

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



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BAPTISMS We welcome into the family of the Church: Katie, daughter of Joseph and Edel; Levi, son of Nathan and Christine; Aoife, daughter of Conor and Mellisa.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Elizabeth Gibson, Sarah Patton, John O'Donnell, Rose Hillen, Rita Nelis, Paddy Nelis, Paddy Donnelly, Patrick Collins and Charlie Mullan.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 18 October, is World Mission Sunday, a special collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. There is a special envelope in your collection envelope box. All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's 'Universal Solidarity Fund'. This Fund is a life-line for some of the most marginalised communities and missionaries in our Church family in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In fact, it is essential not only for their future - but also the Church's future.

LECTIO ONLINE Lectio Divina is a Latin term, meaning "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our agenda and open to what God wants to speak into our lives. We meet weekly with a cup of tea over Zoom to grow together. All are welcome. Lectio will be every Friday at 11.30am. Visit the website to join the conversation www.7milesaway.org/online-lectio.

THANK YOU

From Mary's Meals to the walkers who took part in the annual Mary's Meals Sponsored Walk. £400 was raised.

PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday 11 October	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass
Mon. 12 Oct. to Thur. 15 Oct.	7.45am and 10am Mass
Friday 16 October	7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass.
	Blessed Sacrament Adoration 10.30am to 6.50pm
	Confession 6.30pm to 6.50pm.
Saturday 17 October	10am Mass.
	Confession 10.30am to 11am
	6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 18 October	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass