

### 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 - Fully booked**

**9.30pm - Availability**

**Christmas Day 9am, 11am, 12.15pm - Availability**

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 by

i. emailing [steelstownparish@aol.com](mailto:steelstownparish@aol.com) or

ii. phoning the Parish Office (028 71351718) between 10am and 1pm Monday to Thursday.

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. Tickets will be available to collect from Monday 21 December.

### ADVENT SEASON ADVENTADORATION

On Sunday 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.7milesaway.org/online-lectio](http://www.7milesaway.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](mailto: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.

### 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 (wearing a mask, 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.

Thank you to our Parish Preparation Team and those who have volunteered.

## Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



### PARISH INFORMATION

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**Webcam:** [churchservices.tv/steelstown](http://churchservices.tv/steelstown)

**Facebook:** Our Lady of Lourdes **Instagram:** steelstownparish.

### SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Molly Doherty, 64 Culmore Rd, Hugh McMonagle, 67 Ardnamoye Pk & George McLaughlin, 4 Colby Ave.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Vonnie Glenn, Arthur McReavy, Philip Harkin, Eugene McDevitt, John Gibbons, Clare Conaghan, Rory Hughes and Dymrna Armstrong.

### ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR SVDP

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

### CHILDREN'S ZOOM LITURGY

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### THE YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS E-RETREAT

Will take place from the 18th to 20th of December. Registration is now free on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

### ONLINE YOUTH PROGRAMME

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

### LIVE LAUDATO SI'

Reducing food waste is the climate action we can do 3 times a day. It is estimated that a third of all food produced is discarded. 3 Challenges!

**1) Cut Food Waste** – Check out your carbon footprint [http://www.footprint/useful\\_tips\\_at\\_http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/](http://www.footprint/useful_tips_at_http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/) <http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie/>

**2) Give Thanks** - Say Grace before meals

**3) Fair Share**-Share locally & globally

<http://www.foyle.foodbank.org.uk/> [www.trocaire.org/trocaire/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/trocaire/gifts).

### LET'S GET GENERATIONS CONNECTED CAMPAIGN

Greater Shantallow Area Partnership and local Churches have come together, to appeal for new or used iPads, to be given to older members of our communities. If you would like to make a small donation instead it would be greatly appreciated. All iPads or donations can be left at your Church.

### THE NET

December edition of The Net is available online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org).

You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

### SIGNED CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET CARDS

Are available from the Parochial House during office hours.