

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend parishes in over 120 countries will celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a direct appeal from Pope Francis. He is asking all of us to give what we can so that overseas missionaries can reach and care for suffering men, women and children. On World Mission Sunday, all Mass collections, including those from the most impoverished churches in the developing world, will be offered to help further the reach of missionaries and mission. The collection is a lifeline, not only to missionaries, but also the future of the Church. However, it is in jeopardy. The worldwide pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, resulting in less offerings in the basket. Its implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating. COVID-19 brings fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact, they can be found in every one of us, and that by standing in solidarity together we can do more. Please, if you can, be extra generous this weekend. Your kindness will be used in the coming months to support overseas missionaries who dedicate their lives to some of the most impoverished and overcrowded communities in the world.

To give what you can donate at www.wmi/mission, call Fiona in World Missions Ireland on 01 497 2035, or lodge money directly: IBAN - IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36, BIC - BOFIE2D, Account Name - Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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

MISSION SPIRITUALITY TODAY

Presented by Buncrana Parish. Mission Spirituality Today in the light of social justice and destruction of the environment. Noel Bradley will facilitate these conversations. He is a retired Missionary with training in theology (DD), facilitation and spiritual direction. On Thursday's 22 and 29 October at 7.30pm. To take part, send an email to: buncranafaith@gmail.com to receive address and password for Zoom call.

ONLINE DERRY YOUTH PROGRAMME

Join Bishop Donal and the Derry Youth Team each Monday on Instagram live @Derry Youth 7pm for a weekly challenge and chance to say hello.

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



PARISH INFORMATION

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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church: Isla, daughter of Lauren and Joe; Keilidh, daughter of Nadia and Ryan and Eva, daughter of Laura and Michael.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Mary Sammon, Tommy Sammon, Veronica Ferguson, Brian Temple, Sinead Campbell, Pat McAteer, William McDevitt, Mary Hughes and Evelyn McGonagle.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Today is Mission Sunday, a collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. There is a special envelope in your box. Thank you.

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 Monday at 11.30am. Visit the website to join the conversation www.7milesaway.org/online-lectio.

POPE JOHN PAUL II

Calling all those wishing to take part in the John Paul II Award this year. We will be hosting an online meeting on Tuesday afternoon, 20 October, 4pm to 5pm anyone wishing to start their John Paul II Award in the parish this year can join us for a meeting on ZOOM. Please email julia.fitzgerald@derrydiocese.org for the details.

PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday 18 October 9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

Mon. 19 Oct. to Thur. 22 Oct. 7.45am and 10am Mass

Friday 23 October 7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration 10.30am to 6.50pm

Confession 6.30pm to 6.50pm.

Saturday 24 October 10am Mass.

Confession 10.30am to 11am

6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 25 October 9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass