

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



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SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Ron Thompson, Dundrain.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Eddie McCullagh, Kathleen Friel, Neil Grant, Teresa McColgan, Hugh Kelly, Christopher Gallagher, John McQuaid and Hugo Cullen.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church: Charlie, son of Conal and Nicola.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD CEREMONY

14th Annual Award Ceremony, hosted by Bishop Donal Mc Keown will take place on Wednesday 26 May 2021 in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry at 8.30pm. Dame Nuala O'Loan will present the Awards. Family members and parishioners are encouraged to attend the online ceremony at <http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>. Congratulations to the young people from the parish who will receive their awards.

WEEKLY MASS FOR THE SICK

The 10am Mass on Wednesdays is normally offered for all who are sick. If you would like to have someone remembered at this Mass please call to the Sacristy after any Mass or telephone the Parish Office on Tuesday and leave the name of the person to be prayed for. These names will not be read out at Mass but a list of the names will be placed on the altar and the Mass will be offered for them.

CHURCH DEFIBRILLATOR

The Church Defibrillator is located at the front of the Church on the left hand side beside the Sacristy door.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday 23 May	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass
Monday 24 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Tuesday 25 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Wednesday 26 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Thursday 27 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Friday 28 May	7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass
Saturday 29 May	10am Mass; 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 30 May	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

DATES FOR SACRAMENTS

First Confession

Steelstown Primary School Mon. 24 and Tues 25 May at 6pm.

First Holy Communion

Steelstown Primary School Sat. 12 June at 12 noon and 2pm.

Confirmation

Steelstown Primary School Mon. 14 and Tues. 15 June at 5pm.

ACCORD

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Further details are available on our extended newsletter on the parish website or on www.accordni.com.

ACCORD

Due to a demand for places, Accord Derry are offering an extra course on 22/23rd June 2021. This course is now opening for booking on www.accordni.com.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGES

Have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 815

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SOCIAL JUSTICE

St Angela's College, Sligo, is offering this online part-time MA, starting in September 2021. The closing date for receipt of applications is 16 June. Please visit www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie or contact Mary Kearns on 0035371 9195550. Email: mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie.

MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY

Pope Francis has encouraged families and communities around the world to dedicate the Marian month of May to reciting the Rosary for an end to the pandemic. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm Rome time from various shrines. As a Parish community the Rosary is prayed after the 10am Mass each weekday. In the month of May please join us in Church or via the webcam each day. Why not as a family in your home set aside some time each day to pray the Rosary or a decade of the Rosary for an end to the pandemic.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Seminar in Omagh, please join at 7.30pm each Thursday via the parish webcam: <http://www.drumraghparish.com/webcam.html>. 27 May: Growth - Fr Colum Curry.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Takes Place on Fridays from after 10am Mass until 6.50pm.
All welcome.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to be available during the pandemic to offer help to those in our parish who are in need of immediate financial assistance. SVDP can be contacted by dropping a letter in the post box outside the Church Conference Room or calling the office on 028 71265489.

MARY'S MEALS – PRAY IN MAY

This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

MASTERS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 7 June at 3.30pm. If you are interested in attending this session or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Victim Support NI, the leading independent charity supporting victims and witnesses of crime in Northern Ireland, urgently require volunteers to support young people aged 5-17 who have been a victim of crime (excluding sexual crime and Domestic Violence). They provide comprehensive training and reasonable expenses. If you are interested in the role, and to find out more, please email Katherine Law at katherinel@victimsupportni.org.uk with 'Young Victim Project volunteer enquiry' in the subject box. You can also call the Victim Support NI Foyle Hub on 02871 370086 where a member of staff will pass on your details to Katherine.

FREE MENTAL HEALTH COURSES

The Western Health & Social Care Trust Recovery College is running free courses on mental health and emotional wellbeing. Courses start in March, and at present will be delivered via Zoom. For further information and for some shortened courses already free to watch online see the Recovery College page on the Trust website www.westerntrust.hscni.net/service/recovery-services/recovery-college/ and the Western Trust's You Tube channel.