

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



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SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Anne Coyle, 152 Cornshell Fields.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: George Devlin, Hugh Kelly, John McLoone, Ellen O'Donnell, Eugene O'Donnell, Pauline Armstrong, Kathleen Porter, Sammy Porter and Maria Mullan.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church: Rian, son of Jack and Caitlyn and Neala, daughter of Paul and Natasha.

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 contact the Parish Office 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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Our Parish envelopes have now all been delivered. If you would like to request a box of envelopes, a standing order form or a gift aid form please contact the Parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open between 9am to 3pm Wednesday to Friday. Please bring Passport Application Forms, make requests for Baptismal Certificates etc during office hours. Please do not bring forms to the Parochial House on Sundays.

CHURCH DEFIBRILLATOR

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

A HUGE THANKYOU

At the beginning of Lent a small group of our JPPII students took up the challenge to help us as a community to connect with the TROCAIRE Lent appeal. They met with our local TROCAIRE representative, led online presentations and the TROCAIRE Stations of the Cross through the webcam, and organised a campaign and funding page that would encourage us and them to walk in solidarity throughout Lent. With huge support and help from parishioners across Steelstown and Culmore and with a special mention to Steelstown PS and the children who joined in in a huge way as a parish we are sending £1,537 and with match funding assured this year that amount will be doubled to over £3000. Thank you to all who supported our children and young people in this and to all who have made their own contributions to the vital work that TROCAIRE are undertaking for us. A special thanks and congratulations to our young people for all their hard work.

KEEPING UP THE CONVERSATIONS WITH DIOCESE OF DERRY YOUTH

Since the start of the Covid pandemic, the Diocese of Derry Youth Ministry team moved their ministry online. Since then, the interaction that has come from young people across our diocese has been wonderful. The conversations that have come from this have led to us planning a series of webinars covering some of the main themes that young people are struggling with today. Each webinar will broadcast live on Derry Youth Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/DerryDiocesanYouth>) each Wednesday at 7pm. On the 28 April the theme 'You are the now of God', guest speakers will be Elma Walsh, Donal Walsh #LiveLife Foundation and Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry. Everyone is welcome to join.

MARY'S MEALS

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

ACCORD DERRY

Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme Course Dates.

July 6/7, August 10/11, Sept 14/15, Oct 12/13, Nov 9/10, Dec 7/8.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE LEGION OF MARY

As part of the centenary celebrations for the Legion of Mary, there will be a special Mass for the Legionaries of the diocese live-streamed from St. Theresa's Church, Sion Mills, on Wednesday 28 April at 7pm, Feast of Louis Marie de Montfort. All are invited to participate in this Mass via the parish webcam, on <http://melmountparish.com/sionwebcam.html>. The Rosary along with the Legion of Mary Prayers will then be recited.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Seminar in Omagh will take place over a period of seven weeks in conjunction with 7.30pm Holy Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh, started on Thursday 22 April. Please join at 7.30pm each Thursday via the parish webcam: <http://www.drumraghparish.com/webcam.html>

29 April: Salvation - Fr Joe Gormley; 6 May: The New Life - Bishop Donal McKeown; 13 May: Receiving God's Gift - Fr Christopher McDermott; 20 May: Baptism in the Spirit - Fr Eddie Magee; 27 May: Growth - Fr Colum Curry; Thursday 3 June: Transformation - Fr Kevin McElhennon. "Let him who is thirsty come; Let him who desires, Take the water of life without price" Rev. 22:17. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all people.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday 25 Apr.	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass
Monday 26 Apr.	7.45am and 10am Mass
Tuesday 27 Apr.	7.45am and 10am Mass
Wednesday 28 Apr.	7.45am and 10am Mass
Thursday 29 Apr.	7.45am and 10am Mass
Friday 30 April	7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass
Saturday 1 May	10am Mass; 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 2 May	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

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.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Based at St Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22, is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. If you are not already a follower of the station, Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

- Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)
- Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
- Streaming on website, www.radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)
- 'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)
- Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

Prayer and song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.

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.

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION

You can contribute to the 2021 Trocaire Collection by:

- Donating online at www.trocaire.org using the Donate button;
- Online payments to the Trocaire Bank account – details are:
Sorting Code: 93.80.92 Account No: 8822 7020;
- By telephone on 02890808030 or freephone number 0800 912 1200;
- By posting a cheque to Trocaire, 50 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD.