

***Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**SYMPATHY**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Aileen Desmond, 2 Ardcaien.

**Anniversaries**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Frank Lynch; Fred Bridge; Edward Mc Donagh, Neil Barnsfield; Johnny Mc Clean; Gertie Logue; and James Mc Laughlin.

**First Friday**

Fr McDevitt will contact the sick and housebound by phone on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of this week.

**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.

**Baptisms**

Please contact the Parish office to book a date for baptism. The baptism will be celebrated following the requirements in relation to hygiene and social

distancing. Ten people, including the child and priest, can attend the baptism ceremony at this time, all over the age of 12 should wear a face covering.

Thank you for your cooperation with these requirements.

## Parish Schedule this week

### **Sunday 27 September**

9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

### **Mon. 28 Sept. to Thur. 1 Oct.**

7.45am and 10am Mass

### **Friday 2 October**

7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass.

Adoration 10.30am to 6.50pm

Confession 6.30pm to 6.50pm.

### **Saturday 3 October**

10am Mass.

Confession 10.30am to 11am

6.30pm Vigil Mass

### **Sunday 4 October**

9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

## Family Rosary Crusade

Archbishop Eamon Martin has called for a Family Rosary Crusade against Covid-19 during the month of October. "I invite families all over Ireland to pray the Rosary together at home each day for God's protection during this time of Coronavirus. These past six months have reminded us of the importance of the "domestic church" - the Church of the sitting room and the kitchen—the church that meets every time a family stands or kneels down, or sits down to pray together. Pray for your own family and loved ones and for all those whose health or livelihood is being seriously impacted by the coronavirus crisis."

## 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.

**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.**

### The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

#### A prayer for our earth from Laudato Si'

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. **Amen.**