

PROCEEDURES 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.

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.

HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP, BALLYMAGROARTY

Padre Pio Prayer Group will be held on Tuesday 1 September directly after mass at 7.15pm. There will be a first-class relic available at the prayer group for blessing. Everyone welcome.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2020

Will be broadcast live on Sunday 13 September at 3pm from the Basilica at Knock Shrine. Grandparents and their families are invited to join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



PARISH INFORMATION

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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church: Caragh, daughter of Dermot and Michelle and Cara and Nora, daughters of Deaglan and Nicola.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Mary O'Connor and Gertie Doherty.

First Friday

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

PARISH COLLECTION

If you have recently come to live in our parish or, if you live in a neighbouring parish but worship in Our Lady of Lourdes, and you would like to contribute to the upkeep of our church you can request a box of envelopes, a standing order form or a gift aid form from the Parish office. For those with online banking you should be able to set up a standing order without the need to send the form to your bank. **Please make cheques payable to 'Our Lady of Lourdes'.**

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. Thank you for your cooperation with these requirements.

PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

The 7.45am mass (Monday-Friday) will resume on Tuesday 1 September and the 7pm Friday evening Mass will resume on Friday 4 September.

Sunday 30 August

9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

Monday 31 August

10am Mass

Tues. 1 Sept. to Thur. 3 Sept.

7.45am and 10am Mass

Friday 4 September

7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass.
Confession 6.30pm to 6.50pm.

Saturday 5 September

10am Mass.
Confession 10.30am to 11am

Sunday 6 September

6.30pm Vigil Mass
9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass