

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown

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We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Hugh Quigley, 149 Racecourse Road.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Brendan McGinn, Kevin Brown, Bridget Rooney, Jim Rooney and Elizabeth Mc Daid.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church: Ellie-Mae, daughter of Ryan and Chloe and Hunter and Ivy son and daughter of Darren and Bronagh.

FIRST FRIDAY

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

COLLECTION

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

DDS MASS

The mass for the Deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society will be celebrated in our Church on Monday 6 May at 7.45am.

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.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday 2 May	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass
Monday 3 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Tuesday 4 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Wednesday 5 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Thursday 6 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Friday 7 May	7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass
Saturday 8 May	10am Mass; 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9 May	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

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.

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

A Seminar in Omagh will take place in conjunction with 7.30pm Holy Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. Please join at 7.30pm each Thursday via the parish webcam:

<http://www.drumraghparish.com/webcam.html> 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.

COUPLES PLANNING TO GET MARRIED

If you live in this parish and plan to marry here or in another Catholic Church then you require marriage papers from this parish. You must give at least three months notice of your intention to marry. The following documentation will be required: a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate from the Parish of your Baptism; and possibly a letter of freedom. All couples are required to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord offers marriage preparation and can be contacted at 71362475 or online www.accord-ni.co.uk. All couples living in this Parish and planning to marry in 2021 are please asked to contact the parish office to make arrangements for the completion of the paperwork.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



A HUGE THANKYOU

At the beginning of Lent a small group of our JP11 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.

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.

AID FOR THE CHILDREN OF YEMEN

Fr Neal Carlin's new book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is now on sale at €10/£10 and can be purchased by contacting goldenagecentre@hotmail.com All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen.

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.

CAN YOU FOSTER?

Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. To learn more please tel 028 9065 2288 or visit our website <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/foster>.