

Our Lady of Lourdes *Steelstown*

PARISH INFORMATION

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SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Eamonn Logan**, 5 Lenamore Gardens.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church: Reagan Leigh, daughter of Shannon and Sean; Zach Eddie, son of Amy and Keith and Tommie, son of Dearbhla and Don.

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

LECTIO ONLINE Lectio Divina is a Latin term, meaning “divine reading” and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our agenda and open to what God wants to speak into our lives. We meet weekly with a cup of tea over Zoom to grow together. All are welcome. Lectio will be every Friday at 11.30am. Visit the website to join the conversation www.7milesaway.org/online-lectio.

MONTH OF MISSION Buncrana Parish is hosting a five week discussion and reflection session on Mission Spirituality Today for the month of October on Zoom beginning this Thursday at 7.30pm. If you would like to join these meetings please go to the link to fill in the online registration form. You will be then be sent the details for the meeting. <https://forms.gle/vqdbyv3TTamC2pN57>.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF MISSION This year’s theme ‘Together we can do more - Blessed are the peacemakers’ is highlighting that our Church is a global community that must stand together if it is to do more. COVID-19 brings much fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact they are found in every one of us, and that by acting together we can achieve more. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, it is missionaries who are on the front line. We already owe these women and men so much, as they walk hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. Just like Jesus, the Prince of Peace, missionaries emulate love and harmony as they reconcile fragile people, from fractured communities, with God and with each other. World Missions Ireland is Pope Francis’ charity for overseas mission. It is part of a global network serving the Church in over 120 countries. They support overseas missionaries through all challenges, struggles and hardships.

FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE Archbishop Eamon Martin has called for a Family Rosary Crusade against Covid-19 during the month of October. “Pray for your own family and loved ones and for all those whose health or livelihood is being seriously impacted by the coronavirus crisis.”

PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday 4 October 9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

Mon. 5 Oct. to Thur. 8 Oct. 7.45am and 10am Mass

Friday 9 October 7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration 10.30am to 6.50pm

Confession 6.30pm to 6.50pm.

Saturday 10 October 10am Mass. Confession 10.30am to 11am
6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 11 October 9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

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. 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. Thank you to our Parish Preparation Team and those who have volunteered.

QUB CATHOLIC CHAPLIANCY

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen’s reopened on Monday 21 September. Our liturgies, faith events and social gatherings are popular with students and alumni. We have a range of groups and societies whose activities appeal to a wide range of interests. Our Chapel, Food Bar and study space are open throughout the academic year. Wherever you are on your faith journey, know that we are here for you.

For more visit qubcatholic.org or drop by for a coffee and chat at 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.