

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.

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.**

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'.**

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church: Mia, daughter of Jonathan and Stacy; Aryan, son of Ryan and Maire; Grace, daughter of Matthew and Sarah and Fayela, daughter of Darren and Danielle .

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: William Falconer, Mary Horner, Margaret Archer, Jim Archer, Rosie Nelis, Rosaleen Meenan, Kathleen Hargan, Mickey Hargan, Annemarie Meehan, Mickey Ennis, Isabella McFadden, Megan Tyre, Joseph Butcher and John Porter.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Would like to acknowledge with thanks a generous donation of £1,500.00 from the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, Steelstown.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

First Confession

Bunscoil Cholmcille Thurs. 10 September at 2pm.

Steelstown Primary School Mon. 14 September at 6pm and

Tues. 15 September at 6pm.

First Holy Communion

Bunscoil Cholmcille Fri. 18 September at 2pm

Steelstown Primary School Sat. 19 September at 12 noon and 3pm



PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday 6 September 9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

Mon. 7 Sept. to Thur. 10 Sept. 7.45am and 10am Mass

Friday 11 September 7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration 10.30am to 6.50pm

Confession 6.30pm to 6.50pm.

Saturday 12 September 10am Mass.

Confession 10.30am to 11am

6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 13 September 9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

The Church is open for all Masses and you do not need to book in advance.