

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



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SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Peter O'Hagan, 11 Liscloon Dr.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Mary McColgan, Barney McColgan, Margaret McCloskey, Alex McCloskey, Jim McGinley, John Kennedy, John Harkin, Patsy Gallagher, Gerardine Harkin, Teresa Leonard, Kathleen Gormley, Kevin Bradshaw, Catherine Bradshaw, Billy O'Donnell, Colin McLaughlin.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church: Riley, son of Ryan and Kayleigh and Rian, son of Daniel and Lauren.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

All are welcome to join Children's ZOOM liturgy today, Sunday, 16 May, at 1pm. To register your family for ZOOM Children's Liturgy please contact Julia.fitzgerald@derrydiocese.org.uk.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD CEREMONY

14th Annual Award Ceremony, hosted by Bishop Donal Mc Keown will take place on Wednesday 26 May 2021 in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry at 8.30pm. Dame Nuala O'Loan will present the Awards. Family members and parishioners are encouraged to attend the online ceremony at <http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>. Congratulations to the young people from the parish who will receive their awards.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

It has once again been a very different and challenging year for our Year 7 children, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bearing in mind concerns over having children well prepared to receive the sacrament, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has put together a programme to support parents, schools and parishes as they prepare the children in this very important stage of their faith journey. Linking with *Filled With Joy*, pupil workbook and *Disciples of Jesus*, parent booklet (which many schools and parishes already have and which are still available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre) the programme will consist of, four sessions, 10am -12 am on the catecheticalcentre.org/webcam/ 17, 18, 19 and 20 May. Each day the sessions will include catechesis on different aspects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, prayer, creative activities and music. For further information visit Category: Sacramental Preparation | Catechetical Centre.

ACCORD

Due to a demand for places, Accord Derry are offering an extra course on 22/23rd June 2021. This course is now opening for booking on www.accordni.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

NOVENA FOR PENTECOST

This nine days of prayer and reflection from Ascension to Pentecost began on Friday 14 May and ends on Saturday 22 May. Novena prayers will be recited after the 10am Mass.

Sat. 15 May – Give us, O Holy Spirit, the Joy that surpasses all understanding that we may live as a witness to Your love and fidelity.

Sun 16 May – When we find ourselves in situations of conflict in our lives, come to our aid as our Advocate and give us Peace that lasts through all trials.

Mon. 17 May – Please give us the patience of the Saints who are now with You in heaven. Help us to endure everything with an eternal patience that is only possible with your help.

Tues. 18 May – Jesus approached sinners with immense kindness. Holy Paraclete, please treat us humble sinners with the same kindness and give us the ability to treat others with that kindness as well.

Wed. 19 May – Holy Spirit though we are weak and distracted, please give us the grace to be faithful to You as You are to us.

Thurs. 20 May – Despite our sins, O Lord You treat us with Gentleness. Holy Spirit, give us your power to treat all in our lives with the Gentleness of the Saints.

Fri. 21 May – Give us the self-control to have command over our emotions and desires that we may serve You more fully.

Sat. 22 May – We want to be like your Saints in heaven. Holy Spirit, renew us by your power with your Goodness that we may bring the Good News to the world.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
Any you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grand us in the same Spirit
to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

SYNODAL ASSEMBLEY

As you may have heard via the media, the Irish Bishops have decided to initiate a process in the Irish Church, leading to a Synodal Assembly in perhaps five years. The Bishops' Conference plans the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. Following this, there will be a three-year preparation for a National Synodal

Assembly. Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. Individual and groups are invited to submit ideas as to

- how the national conversation might best be conducted,
- what hard-to-reach groups need to be involved.

For further information on making a submission go to www.catholicbishops.ie/synod . Please note that submissions are sought by 23 May 2021 and can be made directly online through that website.

ACCORD

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Further details are available on our extended newsletter on the parish website or on www.accordni.com.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday 16 May	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass
Monday 17 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Tuesday 18 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Wednesday 19 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Thursday 20 May	7.45am and 10am Mass
Friday 21 May	7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass
Saturday 22 May	10am Mass; 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 23 May	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

St Angela's College, Sligo, is offering this online part-time MA, starting in September 2021. The closing date for receipt of applications is 16 June. Please visit www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie or contact Mary Kearns on 0035371 9195550. Email: mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie

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

Seminar in Omagh will take place over a period of seven weeks in conjunction with 7.30pm Holy Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh, started on Thursday 22 April. Please join at 7.30pm each Thursday via the parish webcam: <http://www.drumraghparish.com/webcam.html>

20 May: Baptism in the Spirit - Fr Eddie Magee; 27 May: Growth - Fr Colum Curry; Thursday 3 June: Transformation - Fr Kevin Mc Elhennon.

"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.