

### 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

### PARISH INFORMATION

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**Webcam:** [churchservices.tv/steelstown](http://churchservices.tv/steelstown)

**Facebook:** Our Lady of Lourdes **Instagram:** steelstownparish.

### 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.

### THE NET

The September edition of The Net is now available online. It features a wide variety of news, interesting interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. There is a 'Remembering Bishop Lagan' feature and a 'Remembering John Hume' article in the September issue. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience at [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from Steelstown Primary School and Bunscoil Cholmcille who received the Eucharist for the first time at their First Holy Communion Mass on Friday and Saturday. May God bless them and reward their families and teachers for helping them prepare for this day.



### PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 20 September</b>	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass
<b>Mon. 21 Sept. to Thur. 24 Sept.</b>	7.45am and 10am Mass
<b>Friday 25 September</b>	7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass. <b>Blessed Sacrament Adoration 10.30am to 6.50pm</b>
<b>Saturday 26 September</b>	Confession 6.30pm to 6.50pm. 10am Mass. Confession 10.30am to 11am 6.30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 27 September</b>	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

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