

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



PARISH INFORMATION

Priest of the Parish: Fr John McDevitt john.mcdevitt@derrydiocese.org

Postal Address: Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
11 Steelstown Road, Derry, BT48 8EU. Telephone: 02871 351718

Email: steelstownparish@aol.com. **Website:** steelstownparish.com

Webcam: churchservices.tv/steelstown

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: George Cairns, Sheila Quigley, Kathleen Clarke, Mary Sillery, Agnes O'Hagan, Kathleen Moore, Maureen McLaughlin and Phyllis Logan.

First Friday

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

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – 22 FEB – 7 MARCH

Many of the people behind familiar supermarket staples like bananas, chocolate and coffee are already feeling the worst effects of the climate crisis.

Learn more about Fairtrade. www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/

Ask for Fairtrade products in local shops if they are not visible

Talk about Fairtrade with family & friends.

“Purchasing is always a moral and not just an economic act” Benedict XVI Caritas in Veritate

TROCAIRE LENTEN COLLECTION

You can contribute to the Trocaire Collection by donating online at www.trocaire.org; by telephone on 02890808030 or by posting a cheque to Trocaire, 50 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD. You can also click on the parish justgiving page set up by the John Paul II parishioners, please see below for further details.

PARISH SCHEDULE

All Masses will be streamed live on our Parish Webcam (www.churchservices.tv/steelstown) or visit our Web page Steelstownparish.com for a direct link.

Sunday 28 Feb	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass
Monday 1 Mar	7.45am and 10am Mass and Rosary 7pm Time of Adoration
Tuesday 2 Mar	7.45am and 10am Mass and Rosary
Wednesday 3 Mar	7.45am and 10am Mass and Rosary: 7pm Scripture Reflection
Thursday 4 Mar	7.45am and 10am Mass and Rosary
Friday 5 Mar	7.45am and 10am Mass and Rosary: 4pm One hour of Adoration: 7pm Stations of The Cross
Saturday 6 Mar	10am Mass and 6.30pm Vigil Mass

LENT 2021: 40 DAYS TOGETHER WITH JESUS

Lent is an opportunity to pray, fast and give as a Parish community with other Christians throughout the world. You are invited to join the Parish Lenten programme each day.

It is an invitation to come together and closer to Jesus for these forty days.

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 7.45am, 10am, Saturday 10am.

Each day we will pray for the members of our Parish community in different streets. The list will be printed in the Newsletter, on the facebook page and on prayer cards at the back of the Church.

Evening Session

There will be prayer at 7pm for half an hour:

Monday Time of Adoration

Wednesday Scripture Reflection: *Taking the time* led by Thornhill ministries

Friday Stations of the Cross

Lenten Talks

Every Thursday Fr Columba will give a series of talks, *Little by Little*. He will focus on how we live our faith day by day and little by little. These talks can be accessed on our Facebook page every Thursday.

Bishop McKeown

On the Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm Bishop Donal is hosting a series of conversations with members of the wider community reflecting on Lent and our present reality.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Please prayer for the intentions of all those who live or work in the areas listed each day.

Jesus, help us to make you the centre of our lives. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to repent of the wrongs we have done, that we may be refreshed in spirit and renewed in hope.

Through that same Spirit, help us to be good to one another and to be faithful to you, as we live out our vocations: married, single, priest, religious, so that our homes and our parish may be filled with your presence and be powerful sources of your peace. **Amen.**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us

St Bernadette, Pray for us

Sunday 28 February Daisy Hill Park

Monday 1 March Darleen Park

Tuesday 2 March Drumleck Drive; Drumleck Gdns

Wednesday 3 March Drumlerry

Thursday 4 March Drummond Park

Friday 5 March Earhart Park

Saturday 6 March Gleneagles

Parish prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church.

LENTEN CONVERSATIONS ONLINE AT KNOCK SHRINE

Knock Shrine have a series of online discussions to engage you every Thursday at 8.30pm during Lent; ; 4 March '*Living Christian Faith in the Classroom as Young Teachers*'.

The discussions will be streamed online via the Knock Shrine website and facebook page. Join us at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live or on Facebook @knockshrine.

POPE JOHN PAUL II FOR TROCAIRE

This year the John Paul II parishioners have joined with Award members from Culmore Parish to look at how we can support the TROCAIRE Lent appeal. We met earlier this month with Roisin from the TROCAIRE office and she shared with us the story of Awut and Ajak two incredible women in South Sudan who are sharing their story with us this Lent. One of the challenges TROCAIRE has laid down is to try as a community to walk the complete distance from Dublin to South Sudan which is roughly 5700 miles. It would be great to see parishioners who are able get involved in this challenge and pledge miles (perhaps in fancy dress) and pounds. As a JPPII group we are pledging to walk a number of miles individually and as a group we hope to walk the two bridges if restrictions allow and would be really grateful for your support in sponsorship with all the money raised going directly to TROCAIRE. The link to support is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jpiiculmoreandsteelstown. Happy walk and Happy Lent.

LIVE LAUDATO SI'

Reducing food waste is the climate action we can do 3 times a day. It is estimated that a third of all food produced is discarded. 3 Challenges!

1) **CUT FOOD WASTE** – Check out your carbon footprint <http://www.footprint/>

Lots of useful tips at

<http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/> <http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie/>

2) **GIVE THANKS** - Say Grace before meals

3) **FAIR SHARE** - Share locally & globally <http://www.foyle.foodbank.org.uk/> www.trocaire.org/trocaire/gifts.

ACCORD DERRY

Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme. Course Dates April 13/14 2021; May 11 / 12 /2021; June 8/9 2021. Booking now online at www.accordni.com.

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.

FREE MENTAL HEALTH COURSES

The Western Health & Social Care Trust Recovery College is running free courses on mental health and emotional wellbeing. Courses start in March, and at present will be delivered via Zoom. For further information and for some shortened courses already free to watch online see the Recovery College page on the Trust website www.westerntrust.hscni.net/service/recovery-services/recovery-college/ and the Western Trust's You Tube channel.

EQUALLY HUMAN

You have likely heard of the new Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill which has been launched in Northern Ireland to stop abortion up to birth for babies with disabilities including Down's syndrome, cleft lip and club foot. In response to the announcement of this bill, Right To Life UK has launched the [Equally Human](#) campaign to help build public support for this important law change. They are encouraging people in Northern Ireland to email their MLAs asking them to speak in support of and vote for the Bill at its Second Reading. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MLAs. If you would like to contact

your MLAs on this important issue, you can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!