

# ***Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown***



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## **SYMPATHY**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Fr Brian O'Donnell, retired priest of the Derry Diocese.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Kathleen Devlin, Seamus McDevitt, Declan Jennings, Patrick Hynes, Danny Lynch, William McLaughlin, Alicia Kerrigan, Joseph Friel and Patricia Moore.

## **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the family of the Church: Cara, daughter of Gareth and Lisa.

## **COLLECTION**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

## **First Friday**

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

## **POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD**

We offer our congratulations to the following who received their Pope John Paul II award on Wednesday evening; Chloe Curran, Ella Kennedy, Conor Gallagher, Maria Caffrey, Niamh Butler, Ellen Doherty, Hannah Doherty, Clara Hall, Kate Harkin, Orlaith Mc Colgan, Molly McConnellogue, Hannah Mc Ginley and Hannah Quinn. A special word of thanks to Anne and Julia for their continued support.

## **NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**

This Novena begins on Thursday 3 June and ends on Friday 11 June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Novena prayers will be recited after the 10am Mass.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**I place all my trust in you.**

## **PARISH SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday 30 May</b>	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass
<b>Monday 31 May</b>	7.45am and 10am Mass
<b>Tuesday 1 June</b>	7.45am and 10am Mass
<b>Wednesday 2 June</b>	7.45am and 10am Mass
<b>Thursday 3 June</b>	7.45am and 10am Mass
<b>Friday 4 June</b>	7.45am, 10am and 7pm Mass
<b>Saturday 5 June</b>	10am Mass; 6.30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 6 June</b>	9am, 11am and 12.15pm Mass

## **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions are held in our Church each week at the following times

Fri. 6.30pm to 6.50pm,

Sat. 10.30pm to 11am.

## **DATES FOR SACRAMENTS**

### **First Confession**

Bunscoil Cholmcille Thurs. 10 June at 2pm

### **First Holy Communion**

Steelstown Primary School Sat. 12 June at 12 noon and 2pm.

### **Confirmation**

Steelstown Primary School Mon. 14 and Tues. 15 June at 5pm.

Bunscoil Cholmcille Fri. 18 June 2pm.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

'Are Catholic Schools worth keeping in Northern Ireland?' A conversation hosted by Iona NI Saturday 12th June 2021, 11am - 1pm. Featuring Prof. Francis Campbell, Prof. Peter Finn, Marie Lindsay and Bishop Donal McKeown. To register for this free Zoom conference, please email [ionainstituteni@gmail.com](mailto:ionainstituteni@gmail.com).

### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**

Seminar in Omagh, please join at 7.30pm on Thursday via the parish webcam:

<http://www.drumraghparish.com/webcam.html>. Thursday 3 June: Transformation - Fr Kevin Mc Elhennon .

### **COUPLES PLANNING TO GET MARRIED**

If you live in this parish and plan to marry here or in another Catholic Church then you require marriage papers from this parish. You must give at least three months notice of your intention to marry. The following documentation will be required: a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate from the Parish of your Baptism; and possibly a letter of freedom. All couples are required to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord offers marriage preparation and can be contacted at 71362475 or online [www.accord-ni.co.uk](http://www.accord-ni.co.uk). All couples living in this Parish and planning to marry here or elsewhere in 2021 are please asked to contact the parish office to make arrangements for the completion of the paperwork.

### **PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE**

Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 11-12 September 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512

### **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](http://www.accordni.com) .

### **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](http://www.accordni.com).

### **THE RESOURCE CENTRE DERRY**

Urgently requires, good quality household furniture and clothes. Help Us To Help Others. Contact: Debbie on 02871352832

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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



All welcome.

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

Will take place on Tuesday 1 June at Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty, 7pm the Holy Rosary, 7.15pm celebration of mass, 7.45pm closing prayers. A first class relic will be available for veneration Covid restrictions in place. All welcome.

**CHURCH DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Church Defibrillator is located at the front of the Church on the left hand side beside the Sacristy door.

**SAFEGUARDING**

If you or anyone you know has a Safeguarding concern please refer to the notices in the Church.

**ACCORD**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service has 54 centres in dioceses across the island. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Deirdre 07980898399 or by email to [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com).

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

**MARIAN PILGRIMAGES**

Have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register your interest please visit [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 815

**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](http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie) or contact Mary Kearns on 0035371 9195550. Email: [mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie](mailto:mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie).

**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](http://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](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).