

PARISHES OF CULMORE & STEELSTOWN

# JOHN PAUL II AWARD

2020-2021

# A guide for our time together online:

*We enter the meeting with a foundation of gratitude and generosity*

## Images:

*We should be somewhere quiet but not private.*

*Only you should be on the screen*

## Conversation

*One person speaks at a time*

*We seek understanding rather than agreement*

*We monitor our air time*

## Confidentiality

*Ideas are for sharing*

*Personal sharing is for honouring*

## Interruptions

*Put distractions aside*

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## WHICH IS THE AWARD FOR YOU?

### **GOLD**


20 Parish Service Activities  
20 Social Involvement Activities

### **SILVER**

14 Parish Service Activities  
14 Social Involvement Activities

### **BRONZE**

8 Parish Service Activities  
8 Social Involvement Activities



ACTIVITIES  
WILL VARY IN TIME AND  
CONTENT. FOR THIS REASON IN  
CULMORE AND STEELSTOWN WE SPEAK  
ABOUT SERVICE ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN  
HOURS. WE WILL HELP YOU GET ALL OF YOUR  
NEEDED PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CAN  
HELP PROVIDE SOME OF YOUR SOCIAL  
INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES TOO.

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**THERE ARE 3 MAIN PARTS TO THE AWARD  
IN CULMORE & STEELSTOWN**

### ONLINE

#### **PART 1:**

All participants in the parish award will be actively involved in the online programme. This is an essential commitment to our parish award. Its a way to join the wider diocese and provide for the parish.

### PARISH

#### **PART 2:**

Every weekend our community set aside time to come together to celebrate Gods presence in our lives through the celebration of mass. For some of you mass will be familiar for others it may have been a while. We don't mind which category you fall into we are just really glad to see you. Our expectation is that you will take part in an active service at a weekend mass of your choice once a month.

### YOU CHOOSE

#### **PART 3:**

To make up the remainder of your service activities you can look through what we have available and happening in the parish and choose what suits your skills, passions and availability.



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### PART 1: ONLINE ACTIVITY



**All participants will take part in the  
Online Derry Youth Programme.**

The LIVE happens each Monday night at 7pm and lasts around 15min. This includes a weekly task which will be sent in to the parish leads using WhatsApp to help support the work of the parish.

5 PSA  
&  
5 SIA



**Parish JP II Online ZOOM**

Once a month on a Tuesday at 8pm we will meet as a group on ZOOM to check in, touch base on any ongoing work that needs support and have a group discussion on a given subject. All participants in the award are expected to attend these monthly meetings.

3 PSA



**JP II Commissioning**

At some point hopefully before Advent there is a presentation of all our JP II participants to the parish. At that mass or liturgy you will be introduced to our parish communities and prayed for. All are expected to attend this really important part of the programme.

1 PSA

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### PART 2: PARISH ACTIVITY

#### READING AT MASS



##### The commitment:

- Under go the training session.
- Read in the parish once a month at one of the weekend masses.
- You pick which mass suits you. eg. Sunday @ 11am once a month.

5 PSA

#### STEWARDED AT MASS



##### The commitment:

- Under go the training session.
- Once a month help to keep people safe at one of our weekend masses, whilst being welcoming.

5 PSA

#### ARTICLES FOR THE BULLETIN



##### The commitment:

- To write a 100 word article once a month on a given theme for the newsletter/social media platforms.
- To attend the mass of your choice once a month

5 PSA

#### ONLINE CONTENT



##### The commitment:

- To support the parish online platforms by meeting once a month online and helping to prepare posts and create stories.
- Once a month to produce and project using the chapel medias before and after mass.

5 PSA

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## PARISH MASS TIMES



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

- 6.30pm Saturday Night
- 9.00am Sunday Morning
- 11.00am Sunday Morning
- 12.15pm Sunday Morning



**The Immaculate**  
**Conception,**  
**Thornhill**









- 6.00pm Saturday Night
- 10.00am Sunday Morning
- 12.00pm Sunday Morning

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### PART 3: YOU CHOOSE

 <p><b>Youth Alpha</b></p> <p>This is an online programme that will run in Lent its 8 weeks and happens on a Monday Night. The programme explores big questions like in a really interesting way and its a chance to meet other JPPII participants from around the diocese.</p>	 <p><b>Steelstown Parish Youth Council</b></p> <p>Steelstown has recently started the process of setting up a youth council that will meet once a month, inform the main council and have responsibility for helping the parish to reach out to more people. Could you be available one hour a month on an evening for this?</p> <p>Application forms are available.</p>
 <p><b>Children's Online ZOOM</b></p> <p>This happens once a month on a Sunday afternoon for 30minutes. Families and children for First Holy Communion join us for a short activity and prayer time. This role involves helping to prepare the resources and deliver.</p>	 <p><b>Social Media and Communication</b></p> <p>This role involves once a month providing some content on a given subject for the parish social media platforms. It will involve one video or a take over on the instagram story for a day during the month.</p>
 <p><b>ADVENT &amp; LENT reflections</b></p> <p>During Advent and Lent we will hold either a short time of prayer in the Chapels or use video depending on the restrictions. It will involve a practise session and then the real run through. Normally involving reading something.</p>	 <p><b>Monthly Friday Adoration</b></p> <p>Adoration is when we sit for a quiet hour in the chapel in the presence of the Host (the Blessed Sacrament) and pray. By having people commit to sit we can create a sacred space for others to come in and pray. During this time its a chance to stop and hand everything to God. You might read a bit of scripture, pray the rosary or even draw an image of Gods love during this time.</p>
 <p><b>Prayers around the Cross</b></p> <p>On Good Friday we have a tradition of meeting in person or online dependent on restrictions and praying with the cross. We need support in presenting and leading this time of prayer with the parish and its something the parishes leave in the capable hands of the JPPII participants.</p>	 <p><b>Lectio Online - Once a month</b></p> <p>Have a free period on a Friday? Every Friday 11.30am -13.30pm. A ZOOM call for an hour with other parishioners. Looking at and talking about the Sunday scriptures. Its a really gentle session and the older parishioners would love to see you.</p>

4 PSA

4 PSA  
or  
4 SIA

5 PSA  
or  
5 SIA

7 PSA

1 PSA  
each

4 PSA

1 PSA  
each

4 PSA



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### PART 3: YOU CHOOSE



#### Derry Youth Sleepout

For one night we collect sponsorship to pull an all nighter with other young people from around the diocese. Why? To be in solidarity with all those who are homeless. Our sponsorship helps to support charities that support people in these positions. This year it will be happening depending on restrictions we will be together or virtual but still a great thing to get involved with.

2.5 SIA



#### TROCAIRE Lent Appeal

Every LENT the Irish Catholic Agency for Overseas Development raises money. They have so many resources. It would be great to have a group of JPPII participants in the parish to bring this years appeal to life in the parish through fundraisers etc.

2 SIA



#### Parish Alerts

From time to time parish groups and events mean that extra support is needed. Also as the restrictions change we hope to be able to offer some more face to face roles too. These jobs will be posted in the Award whatsapp group it would be great if you could support these causes when needed.

TBC



#### Do you have your own ideas?

If you have an idea or something you would like to do in the parish (or if you are already involved in an initiative that you would like us to count). If you have a particular skill talk with the parish leads and we will work with you to see what might be possible. We would love your ideas to help shape and grow our parish community.

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#### Parish Eco Group

They meet once a month for a ZOOM meeting. Where they discuss the theme for the month and you will be given a task to complete to support the current campaign they are looking at. Meetings will start in November and the last one will be in July

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or  
5 SIA

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HOW IT ALL ADDS UP

## PART 1

Will give you:

8 PSA

5 SIA

## PART 2

Will give you:

5 PSA

## PART 3

Dependent on your  
choices and the  
award you are  
working towards