

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Eight Sunday of the Year

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon – 9am; Tues – No Mass, Wed – 7pm; Thurs & Fri – 9am; Sat – 10am

Castlefin: Mon, Tues & Wed – 10am; Thurs – 7.30pm; Fri 10am.



Sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Mary Devenney, Breaghy, Castlefin, Whose death took place during the past week. May she rest in peace.

Today is a day of Fast and Abstinence.



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WEDNESDAY

Castlefin 10.00am

Doneyloop 7.00pm.

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will take place in St Columba's Church each Sunday at 5pm.

Annual Holy Land Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Ash Wednesday

Fasting is a Christian tradition which we preserve now on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Meat production contributes almost 20% of greenhouse gas emissions. The Derry Diocesan *Laudato Si* Group ask that you might consider abstinence from meat on Fridays in Lent as a Lenten practice and a sign of Christian concern for our fragile and endangered world.



"One Voice Choir" rehearse every Wednesday at 7.15 pm in Doneyloop Community Centre and we would really love new people to join us. All age groups are very welcome, whether you like to sing or play an instrument. Do you know the great benefits of singing in a choir - "Studies show that choral singing improves our mood, with a decrease in

stress, depression and anxiety. ... These benefits are enhanced in a group setting, compared to singing alone. Singing in a group offers us a sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves." So come along next Wednesday evening and see what you think or any Wednesday – just drop into our practice! We are currently preparing for a Concert; a Wedding and our Parish Confirmation. "Music is Life, that's why our hearts have beats!"

DTIM Team Meeting will be held in the Parochial House, Doneyloop on Thursday 7th March at 6.30pm.

'No Thanks for Lent Campaign' is where a person makes a private pledge to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Prayer cards available at back of Church.

Don't forget our retreat for Liturgical Ministers in the Parishes of Urney & Castlefin and Crossroads & Sessiaghoneil next Sunday 10th March 2019, Time: 3:00 - 5:30 in St Mary's Church, Castlefin.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 31st March at 11am in St. Columba's Church, Doneyloop. For this Sunday only Mass will be at 10am in Castlefin followed by the 11am Confirmation Mass in Doneyloop. At a recent meeting with the schools it was decided that we ask the Parents of the Fifth/P6 Classes from each of our four Parish schools to please contribute and help out with the refreshments at the Confirmation in Doneyloop on Sunday 31st March. We are hoping for the cooperation of as many parents as possible on the day. This practice will also be in place for the First Communions when the parents of First/P3 classes will help on the First Communion Days. Therefore what the parents do this year will be done for them the following year. The schools will be in contact with the parents from the relevant classes in the coming weeks. Looking forward to your co-operation. Thank You also to all our teachers who do such a wonderful job in preparing the children for the Sacraments

Weekend Collection:

23rd/24th February

St. Columba's Doneyloop

€665 £350

St. Mary's Castlefin

€ 965 £40

Thank you for your contribution.

Lourdes Hospitalité Fund thank you for your generous contribution of €630 and £175.

Robert Emmets Club Notes: Adult membership for the year is €35 and adult playing membership is €50. Membership can be paid to any club officer. Lotto numbers 2-23-24-25, No Lotto jackpot winners or three match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €2500. Congratulations to Anne McLaughlin from Castledearg who scooped the snowball in our bingo, bingo is on every Friday night at 9.00pm in St. Marys Hall, Castlefin. We will be celebrating our Irish Culture with a special CONCERT on Saturday 9th March 2019 in Doneyloop Community Centre at 7pm. There will be music, singing, dancing and performances from our senior and junior county champions plus much more. Doors open at 6.30pm, admission for adults is €5 and children are free. Refreshments will be served on the night. Our senior scor ballad group will be representing our club and Donegal in the Ulster Semi-final of Scor Sinsear on the 10th of March in Banbridge, Co Down. The club is putting on a bus to this event so to reserve your seat please contact 087 6836254 or any club member.

St Patrick's Weekend at the IOSAS centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Derryvane, Muff. Saturday 16th March: 11am Mass in St Canice oratory, live music by 1 AM Worship, followed by lunch and live traditional Irish music, with Arts and crafts for children. (Suggested donation €5)

Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations: There will be a Holy Hour For Vocations, led by Fr Patrick Doherty (PP Maghera), at 8:00pm on Thursday 7th March, in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, to pray for an increase in *Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life*. All are welcome.

Masters in Catholic Schools Leadership: Working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre 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. The next intake will be Autumn 2019. If you require any further information please contact The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

The Children in Crossfire Colour Run will take place in Derry on Sunday 10th March, at Ebrington Square at 10am. The Colour Run is open to anyone aged six and above. It costs £15 for adults and £5 for under 16s. Please register via our Primo Events page.

Thornhill Ministries Lenten Promise Cards are available in Church porches at a cost of £1.

Safeguarding: If you have a safeguarding concern please contact one of the following Diocesan Designated Persons - Noel O'Donnell – 07596500793 or Celine Mc Kenna – 0759666773, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop St., Derry BT486UJ.