

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**We wish all our parishioners
a very Happy and Blessed 2017**

Priest's Christmas Collection: Thank you very much for your very generous support of this collection and all the other collections throughout last year.

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs - 9am; Fri - 7.30pm; Sat - 10am

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



Sincere Sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Eileen Friel**, formerly Emmett Park, who died in Convoy and who was buried in Castlefin on Tuesday 27 December. May she rest in peace.



Congratulations: to **Charlene Boyle**
and **Michael McGlinchey**
who were married in St Mary's Church on Friday 30 December.



Baptism: we welcome into God's Church through Baptism,
Daniel Henry Doherty, Cavan Upper and **James Andrew Maxwell**, Bells Park.

January Ministries:

Doneyloop:

Vigil

9.30am

Euch Ministers: L. Hourican, O. Gallagher.

L. Lafferty, P. Baird.

Readers: Maureen Coughlan.

Clare Byrne.

Castlefin:

Vigil

11.30am

Readers: Barry Harron, Finola Lafferty.

Collette Carlin, Emma Lawrence.

Euch Ministers: S. McConnell, J. Harron,
M. Harran.

B. McMenamin, P. McGranaghan,
C. Quinn.

Doneyloop Counters: Nancy McGhee, Mary McCorkell.

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Crilly will visit his sick and housebound on Monday 9 January and Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound on Thursday and Friday 12/13 January.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held in St Mary's Hall Castlefin on Thursday 12 January at 8.15pm. All members to attend please.

Parish Draw: we to thank everyone who supported or contributed to the Parish Draw which raised €8080 and £1390 for parish funds and a special word of thanks to all our sponsors who by their generosity ensured that the total prize fund was covered. Thanks to the promoters who distributed tickets and gave of their time so generously. Thanks also to the SVP Thrift Shop for their co-operation in assisting the collection of tickets. Without the support of the people of the parish the Draw could not have been the success it was. We thank you very sincerely once again for your commitment and support for your Parish and we congratulate all the winners.

Thanks: we sincerely thank the Foley Family, Clady for organising their Annual Draw and donating the proceeds of £560 and €420 to parish funds. We appreciate this very much, thank you.

Children in Crossfire: If you still wish to be part of Advent Campaign for the 'Children in Crossfire' charity your envelope can be put in the weekly collection baskets next weekend or can be left in either of the parochial houses, the sacristies or in the parish office before Monday 9th January. Thank you.

Weddings in 2017:

Those getting married in 2016 should contact the priest or the parish office if they have not recently done so. This is to verify dates and times and to ensure that the necessary paperwork for both Church and State will be completed in time. It is essential that couples in person notify the Civil Registrar of the wedding more than three months before the wedding day and obtain a Marriage Registration Form.

Pioneer Magazine: annual subscription €17 is now due. If any parishioner would like to receive a copy of this monthly magazine please contact Collette Carlin or Ernan Patton as soon as possible.

St Vincent de Paul: we express our very sincere thanks to all who contributed to our **Annual Special Church Gate Collection** which amounted to €2,530 and we acknowledge the numerous donations of: Hampers, Toys, Vouchers & Cash which we received. This went a long way to providing help to the less fortunate within our community. Indeed the support we receive from the community in 2016 was truly amazing and with your help we will continue to support our community to the best of our ability in 2017. If worried about the financial strain of cost of **Third Level Education** for your young adults you can contact us, we may be able to assist. **Thrift Shop** is now back to the usual opening hours, Mon - Sat; 10am - 5pm. When clearing out please consider donating to us, in particular we would be grateful for any unwanted Christmas Gifts. If donating furniture we may be contacted on 074 - 9146726 for collection. The Shop has candles currently in stock which will be blessed on **Candlemas Day**, Thursday 2 Feb. Call in and place your order! **Monday Club** will resume in the SVP Drop-in-Centre on Monday 30 Jan and we look forward to seeing all our loyal regulars back and hope to see some new faces. We wish everyone a very Happy & Blessed New Year.

Anam Cara: next monthly Parent Evening is on Thursday 12 January from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not

Good Morning Service: do you have an hour a week to spare to befriend an older person? If so, the Friendly Face Befriending Service would like to hear from you. Please contact Lifford and Castlefinn PCT Area, Community Befriending Organiser on 086 7858799 or email sarahbefriending@gmail.com

Become A Compassionate Neighbour: do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service? Please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator on 07841101932 or email: tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

A special charity concert in memory of the late Bishop Daly is being held on Saturday 4th February 2017 in St Columba's Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go to Bishop Daly's chosen charities: Children in Crossfire, Foyle Hospice and Foyle Search and Rescue. Hosted by renowned comedian Jean Fitzpatrick the evening will include entertainment from a variety of well known local artists. Tickets can be purchased through the Millennium Forum box office on 028 71264455.

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group monthly meeting, with two 1st class relics, will be held on Mon 9 Jan in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome.