

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## First Sunday of Lent

### Daily Mass This Week:

**Doneyloop:** Mon – No Mass; Tues, Wed & Thurs - 9am; Fri – 7.30pm; Sat – 10am.

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

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Sunday during Lent, in St. Columba's Church, Doneyloop beginning this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm.

**St. Patrick's Day** – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March is the Feast of our Patron Saint and is a holyday of obligation. Mass Times are: St. Columba's Church, Doneyloop 10am;  
St. Mary's Church, Castlefin 11am.

As St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, The Annual Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation Collection will not be taken up at the request of Bishop McKeown.

**Trócaire's Lenten campaign 2019** – Living in Fear, focuses on land rights and specifically the stories of Patricia, Maya and Maria who all feature on this year's Trócaire box. Please help make a difference this Lent by donating to this worthy cause. Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the Church. We welcome the ladies from Trocaire to our Parish this weekend. For more information on Trocaire visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



**"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!"

**Our Lady's Prayer Cenacle** – praying for Priests and Vocations - continues every Thursday evening during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6.20pm and ending at 7.20pm in St. Anthony's Chapel, Castlefin. Everyone welcome.

**Weekend Collection:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> March:

**St. Columba's Doneyloop**  
€850 €480

**St. Mary's Castlefin**  
€1070 €10

Thank you for your contribution.

**Hospital visit by Priests:** Due to Data Protection laws, Hospitals cannot give out patient details to a priest except he is the hospital Chaplain. Therefore if you have a family member in the Hospice, Hospital or Nursing Home and they would like a visit by either of our Priests, please give their names to either Fr Porter or Fr Crilly.

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

**Clady Cross Community Association:** Irish dancing every weds from 4.30pm with the famous Barret school. Also Arts/crafts every weds/thurs 10.30am to 1pm,

### St. Columba's Primary School, Clady - Final Request for Memories For 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book.

If any present or past pupils would like to write an article or poem about their memories in the old national school or the current primary school they would be greatly appreciated. Those who have already contributed have been an absolute joy to read. Please pass the word to those who wouldn't get a newssheet. Articles from pupils in the 2000 to 2009 and 2010 to 2018 decades are scarce. We don't want anyone to be disappointed if they aren't included when the book is finished. The end is in sight. If you would like to write an article for the book please email it to [cmaguire639@e2kni.net](mailto:cmaguire639@e2kni.net)

**Annual Youth Pilgrimage To Croagh Patrick** takes place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, for young people aged between 16 and 25. The price of the trip is £30, which includes food and transport. Buses will be leaving from Derry and Strabane. The Registration Form can be found on the Diocesan website, [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). Completed Registration Forms should be returned to the Catechetical Centre, 2 Francis Street, Derry, BT48 7DS by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. For more information please email [padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org](mailto:padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org) or telephone Padraig on 028 7126 4087.

**Accord Marriage Preparation Workshops** (Pre-Marriage Courses) on April 12/13; May 17/18; June 14/15 in Thornhill Ministries, Culmore Road, Derry. Booking online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com). Courses are held on Fridays from 7.00pm – 10.00pm and continue on Saturday from 10.00am – 4.00pm. When a course is fully booked it will be closed online.

**Strabane History Society** meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Strabane Community Library.. This meeting is on The Spanish Flu which ravaged large parts of the world, including this area, between 1918 and 1920. The talk is provided by Patricia Marsh, Queen's Univeristy, Belfast. All welcome.

**Anam Cara Donegal**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7:20pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**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.