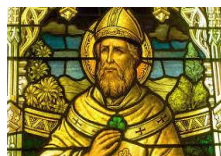


Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (18th March 2018)

Palm Sunday: Palms will be blessed at all Masses in the parish next weekend.
Stations of the Cross in St Columba's Church at 5pm each Sunday during Lent.
Readers and Eucharistic Ministers list on noticeboard in Porch.

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon, Tues - 9am; Wed - 5pm; Thurs - 9am; Fri - 7.30pm; Sat - 9am

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation



will be celebrated in St Columba's Church on Wednesday 21st March, and we welcome Bishop Donal McKeown to the parish. He will perform the ceremony which will begin at 5pm. We ask all the children and their sponsors to be in the church in good time. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Community Centre. Anyone wish to provide sandwiches/traybakes or refreshments are asked to leave them in the Community Centre on Wednesday. We keep the children who are to be confirmed in our prayers during the next few days.

Urnaíagurnaí (Urney at Prayer)

Our Parish Mission in Urney and Castlefin was a great experience: early morning Mass in Doneyloop at 6.30am; crowds at the evening sessions in Castlefin; even the little Mission Stall. It brought back memories. It was lovely to see families out together, sometimes three generations! We were blessed to have Fr. Vincent Sherlock. He's a seanchaí, a storyteller, with a sense of humour and a lovely singing voice. The Gospel message came across on wings of song. It was a re-awakening of the faith that is in us, the faith of our people. It was a time of grace.

On Sunday, March 18, 2018 we are asked to gather at our MASS ROCKS to pray the Rosary for the preservation of Life and Faith in Ireland. Our Mass Rocks and monastic ruins tell an important story of commitment to life and faith that we must never forget. They remind us that life and faith are treasures worth the greatest sacrifice. At the Rosary on the Coasts for Life and Faith on the Feast of Christ the King, 2017, over 30,000 people attended the event at over 300 locations around Ireland. On this **Sunday at 2.30pm in our own parish there will be a Rosary at Skelpy Mass Rock.** For anyone interested in walking to the Mass Rock we will be leaving from the Grotto in the Doneyloop Carpark at **1.30pm**

An Irish Night will be held on Sunday 18th March at 7pm in Doneyloop Community Centre as part of Robert Emmet's centenary celebrations. Taking part will be young musicians and singers from our schools and clubs, Irish Dancers, Storytelling and Senior/Junior Ballad Groups. All Welcome. Admission is €6 for adults, children are free

Our prayer day for Marriage and Family Life takes place on Wednesday 21st March. The theme for March is 'All Mothers' (Pope Francis: The Joy of Love) March information sheets are available in Church porches.

Parish Conversations Last Monday's session had to be cancelled at short notice due to illness; apologies for any inconvenience caused. As we were due to have a two-week break over Holy Week and Easter, it is now been decided to postpone the final three sessions until after Easter.

St Mary's P.T.A.A. St Marys Pioneer Centre welcome everyone to their 40th Jubilee Celebration Mass on Thursday 22nd March in St Marys Church at 7.30pm.

The Raphoe Diocesan Quiz Final takes place on Saturday 24th March in St Mary's Hall at 2pm. Please contact Collette Carlin if you wish to take part

St. Vincent de Paul shop has now a variety of religious items suitable for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We would be grateful when spring cleaning that you would donate items to our local charity shop. Items of clothing, shoes, bags, curtains, sheets etc are of great benefit to us. Furniture in good condition can be donated and collected by contacting 074-9146726.

Robert Emmets: Numbers drawn in last week lotto were 5-11-19-20 and just one person matched 3 numbers to win the €100 match 3 prize. Next weeks jackpot is €3200 with bingo snowball €1720. The club extends sympathy to the Tourish family Emmet pk. on the death of John Tourish Lifford. R I P.

Rescheduled 25 Card Drive: St. Columba's College, Stranorlar are holding a 25 Card Drive in Mc Cumhaill's GAA Centre on Friday 23rd March at 8pm sharp. Prize: Half the Pot. Raffle and Refreshments on the night. €20 per person. Everyone Welcome

Tidy Towns Castlefin / Finn Valley C.E. Project - Community Employment Scheme 2018/2019 are recruiting eligible Participants. If you are long term unemployed and in receipt of UB/UA or one Parent family payment for one year or longer, apply to Garvan, C.E. Supervisor @ 086 8124063 or email: finnvalleycescheme@eircom.net

8th Amendment

A meeting will be held on Sat. 24th March at 7pm in the PLAZA Buncrana: Speakers are John Waters renowned Irish journalist/author, Fr. Marcel philosopher USA and Kathy Sinnott former MEP. **Subject: What is happening in Ireland if the 8th Amendment goes.** Contact: 0872913186 (The fourth issue of **Choose Life**, the weekly newsletter that promotes the Catholic Church's position on unborn human life, is available this weekend.)