

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

Parish Website: [www.urneyandcastlefinparish.com](http://www.urneyandcastlefinparish.com) E-mail Address: [urneyparish@eircom.net](mailto:urneyparish@eircom.net)

PP: Rev. Michael Porter,  
St Columba's Church,  
Doneyloop.  
074 9146183.



PIR: Rev. Oliver Crilly,  
St Mary's Church,  
Castlefin.  
074 9146251.

**Palm Sunday** (25<sup>th</sup> March 18)

**Easter Penitential Service:** There will be an Easter Penitential service with visiting priests in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strabane today Sunday at 5pm. Also tomorrow Monday in St Patrick's Church, Murlog at 7.30pm.

(There will be no Stations of the Cross in St Columba's Church on Palm Sunday due to the Penitential Service in Strabane which Fr Porter and Fr Crilly will both attend.)

## Daily Mass This Week:

**Doneyloop:** Mon, Tues & Wed – 9am;

**Castlefin:** Mon, Tues & Wed – 10am;

## Holy Week Ceremonies

Please check the notice boards and your timetable sheets for details.

**Trocaire;** please return the envelopes for Trocaire to the church next weekend.

**Mass of Chrism:** Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass of Chrism with the priests and people of the diocese in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Holy Thursday morning (29 March) at 10 o'clock. During Mass the holy Oils for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination are blessed. Also, the priests renew their Ordination promises. Everyone is welcome.

## The Sacrament of Confirmation



**Congratulations** to the boys and girls who made their Confirmation on Wednesday last in St Columba's Church. We hope it was a special occasion for them, and for their parents, sponsors and teachers. Our thanks to Bishop McKeown who conferred the Sacrament, and to the principals and teachers in the schools, especially the class teachers, who helped in the preparation of the children. A big thank you to all parishioners who helped make the day special both in the Church and in the Community Centre afterwards.

**Baptism:** We welcome into God's Church through Baptism, Kayleigh Margaret Garvin, 48 Dromore Pk, Killygordon and Madeleine Jane Dooher, Ballybun, Castlefin.

**Rosary for Life and Faith in Ireland:** Last Sunday on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March over 50 people from our Parish gathered at Skelpy Mass Rock to Pray the Rosary for Life and Faith in Ireland. Elsewhere in Donegal people gathered in 27 different locations! For more information look up [coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://coastalrosaryireland.ie)

**Derry Diocesan Society:** names for enrolment as deceased and living members should be handed in this week. Enrolment fee is €25 or £20.

**Parish Bingo:** There will be a draw for an Easter egg after every House in bingo on Monday night in the Doneyloop Community Centre at 9pm..

**St Columba's PS Clady 'Big Star Little Star'** entertainment in Doneyloop Centre on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Doors open at 6.15pm. Compere for the evening will be Jason Barr. Tickets cost £5 per adult and £2 per child. Family ticket costs £12 for 2 adults and 2 children available in school or at the door on the night. Refreshments and Draw on the night. Tickets for draw can be purchased in school or on the night. Pass the word around as everyone is welcome to attend. It will be a great way to start Easter!!

**Robert Emmets:** The final date for registration is next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 7-8pm in the club house. This is the final opportunity to register. Silver circle cards will soon be distributed.

**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](mailto:finnvalleycescheme@eircom.net)

**A 40 days and nights Perpetual Adoration on Croagh Patrick** will begin on April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to commit to a 24hour shift please contact Mary Mc Menamin, Ballybun on 087 7586350 for more information. More details on Church Notice board

**Holy Land Pilgrimage Retreat:** Eight nights beginning 10 October 2018. An opportunity to literally walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ - from His birth, through His life, to His passion and death. Nine places still available. For further details, please contact 028 7135 1233.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Reflection and Renewal Day at Knock, on 20 and 21 April 2018 (same programme delivered each day to facilitate people's different circumstances) led by Dr Petroc Willey, Professor of Catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville. This event is aimed at supporting people in leadership roles in parishes, especially parishioners/groups involved in leading or setting up faith-study programmes. For more information and booking, visit [www.cloynediocese.ie](http://www.cloynediocese.ie) or contact Fr Seán Corkery on (086) 2420240 / email: [cloynewevangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:cloynewevangelisation@gmail.com)

**Choose Life:** The weekly newsletter - fifth issue is available this weekend

**Wishing all the families in our Parish a very Blessed Holy Week.**