

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent** (26<sup>th</sup> March)

**Daily Mass This Week:**

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

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

**Lenten talks** in St. Marys Church, Castlefinn, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March after 7.30 pm Mass



## The Sacrament of Confirmation

**Congratulations** to the boys and girls who make their Confirmation on Sunday morning in St Mary's Church. We hope it is a special occasion for them, and for their parents, sponsors and teachers. Our thanks to Fr Crilly who is conferring the Sacrament, and to all who helped in the preparation of the children, in the ceremony itself, and in providing the refreshments.

**St. Columba's Church Choir:** Practice next Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm - new voices are most welcome. Good luck to the Castlefinn and Doneyloop Pioneer Quiz teams taking part in Ulster Final in Doneyloop Community Centre on Saturday 1st April beginning at 1pm

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A meeting to **organize Readers for the Easter ceremonies** and confirm rota for next few months in Castlefinn will take place on Tuesday 28th March at 8pm in St Mary's Church. If you cannot attend could you please contact Collette 0876707164 to confirm your availability. Thank you

**Legion of Mary:** The annual Acies Mass will be held in Castlefin church on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Rosary at 7.10pm. Auxiliary Legion members especially invited, but everyone is welcome to attend. Tea and refreshments in church backroom afterwards. During the Acies Mass Legion members make a short Act of consecration before Our Lady's statue, to renew their devotion to Our Blessed Mother for another year: 'I am all Yours My Queen and my Mother and all that I have is Yours'.

**The Parish Youth Folk Choir has now been renamed the 'One Voice' Choir.** The Choir practices on Wednesdays from 7.30-9pm in the Doneyloop Community Centre. Just a few practices remain before our very exciting Concert in Doneyloop on 8th April at 7.30pm. The Concert will begin with the **One Voice Choir** and then our special guests the '**I Am' Worship Group from Derry** will take over for the main show. Our Choir have been working so hard getting ready for the show and a good turnout would be most appreciated. We will have a tuck-shop during the show and serve tea at the interval, during which there will also be a raffle. Tickets available now €8/£7 or €5/£4 for students. Contact Rachel 0868043065 or the SVP shop in Castlefin. Doors open from 7pm. A night not to be missed!

**Robert Emmets:** Final chance to pay annual membership will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the clubrooms from 7.30 - 8.30pm. Adult membership €35.00 and membership plus annual lotto €100.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** We would appreciate when doing your "Spring Clean" that you would consider donating items of clothing to our shop. If the Spring Clean is a really big one then items of furniture would also be greatly appreciated. Items of furniture can be collected if in good condition by calling 074-9146726. Your support is always greatly appreciated. Our shop stocks a wide range of Mass Bouquets for Easter. We have Mother Day cards, Easter cards and exam cards.

## Reflection from Trocaire for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

"...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune." *Ecclesiasticus, 3:4.* This Mother's Day we pray for mothers around the world who agonise over their children's futures in the harshest environments. We think of Miriam, who appears on this Lent's Trócaire Box, as she wonders if she will manage to get her little daughter Maria to safety when the next storm hits northern Honduras and floods their home.

**Healing Mass at Columba House Thurs 30th March:** Fr Neal Carlin and the Columba Community will celebrate a special Mass for healing on Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm in Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry. We invite you to come along and share in this special evening of prayer for healing.

**North West Regional College** invites you to attend its Open Days - Derry Road, Strabane Campus, 5pm - 8pm, Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March; Strand Rd & Springtown Campuses, 12noon - 8pm, Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March; and Limavady & Greystone Campus, 5pm - 8pm, Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March. Activities and information on the NWRC courses starting this September, campus tours, and talks from staff will be available. To attend, please register via [www.nwrc.as.ul/opendays](http://www.nwrc.as.ul/opendays) or Tel: 04871276084.

**"Eures Cross Border Partnership"** in conjunction with The Dept. of Social Protection and The Dept. for Communities in NI are holding a *Cross Border Jobs Fair* on Thursday 30 March in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, 10.00am until 2.00pm. A large number of employers will be in attendance and they will have a number of job offers available. Admission free

## Mother's Day Reflection and Quotes:

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." - David O. McKay

"An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest." - Spanish Proverb

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." - Erma Bombeck

"Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exo 20:12