

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**We wish all our parishioners
a very Happy Easter and all the
Blessings of the Easter Season.**

Easter Reflection:

"The Good News of the Resurrection should shine on our face, in our feelings and in our behaviour, in the way in which we treat others. We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of Faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness. And there - with our attitude, with our witness, with our life - we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul."

Pope Francis

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon & Tues – 9am, Weds, Thurs, Fri & Sat – no mass

Castlefin: Mon, Tues & Weds – no mass, Thurs 7.30pm, Fri & Sat – 10am



Sincere Sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Helene McCarthy**, formerly Wright of Doneyloop, whose cremated remains were buried in Doneyloop during the past week and to the family, relatives and friends of **Annie May McCutcheon**, 39 Tullymoan Rd., who also was buried in Doneyloop during the past week. May they

both rest in peace.

I AM CONCERT: Last Saturday saw the renowned I AM worship group along with our very own One Voice Choir perform to a packed hall. This was a most enjoyable evening of uplifting music and song, with both groups receiving a well deserved standing ovation! Thanks must go to all who took part in the performance, prepared the hall, provided refreshments and sponsored prizes for the raffle.

A special and massive thanks to the leaders of the One Voice Choir and the Parish Youth Group for all their hard work on behalf of the youth of our parish!

Trocaire: Envelopes are due to be returned this weekend. If you have not done so, please do so next weekend. Your generosity helps give many people living in poverty hope for the future. Please give what you can and thanks. If you have a Trocaire box, please, if you can, change the coins to the nearest note.

Sunday Envelopes: New boxes will be delivered to the homes of our parish this week. If you don't receive one – please let us know by ringing the office and a box will be delivered to you.

A parish Census is taking place shortly. Parish Census forms will be delivered to all parishioners on week beginning 24th April. A meeting is taking place in St Mary's Hall Castlefin at 8pm on Thursday 18th April to organize distribution of these forms. We are asking everyone who can help us deliver forms to come along to St Mary's on Thursday. We would appreciate as much help as possible please to get all the areas of our parish included in the Census. If you can help out but cannot attend the meeting please contact Collette Carlin 0876707164

The National Eucharistic Adoration Apostolate annual pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 30th April 2017. Anyone interested in travelling by bus, please write your name on the sheet provided in Church porches. Enquiries to Mary 0877586350 or Celine 0876332022

East Raphoe Region P.T.A.A Dance in Doneyloop Community Hall on Friday 12th May 2017. Music by Charlie & Claire. Dancing 9.00pm-12.00am. Admission including refreshments €7. Tickets from Collette Carlin, Ernan Patton, Gerard Coyle

FINN VALLEY FM community radio on 95.8 fm frequency every Saturday and Sunday.. Telephone the station on --07491-43500 or Text (086)-3257900

THE APRIL BIG ASK! Are you between the ages of 16 and 30? If 'Yes', then Pope Francis wants to hear from you, as the Church prepares for a **Synod of Bishops** (October 2018) on the theme: **"Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment"**. You are asked to complete the survey found at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bigaprilask> Further information and *A Letter to Young People* from Pope Francis can be found on www.derrydiocese.org

Book launch in Knock: You're invited to a book launch in Knock Shrine bookshop on Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm: "The Lamb Will Conquer: Reflections on the Knock Apparition" by Fr Nigel Woollen (curate of Knock), launched by Most Rev. Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe. Book also available (€10) on Knock Shrine and Veritas websites



Darkness Into Light: Pieta House has centres across the country and provides free counselling to anyone in suicidal crisis, anyone bereaved by suicide and people who engage in self harm. This support is always given free of charge. Therefore Pieta House relies heavily on the help and donations of their volunteers and supporters around the country. The annual Darkness Into Light 5km events will be held on Saturday, May 6th and gives us all an opportunity to help this important organisation raise awareness of mental of mental health issues and increase their funds so they can save and improve even more lives. For more information, visit www.pieta.ie