

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Divine Mercy Sunday: (Second Sunday of Easter)

"The saints teach us that the world is changed beginning with the conversion of one's own heart, and that this happens through the mercy of God. And so, whether faced with my own sins or the great tragedies of the world, "my conscience would be distressed, but it would not be in turmoil, for I would recall the wounds of the Lord: 'he was wounded for our iniquities' (*Is 53:5*)".
What sin is there so deadly that it cannot be pardoned by the death of Christ?" (Pope Francis)



Daily Mass This Week:

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

Castlefin: Mon, Tues & Wed – 10am; Thurs & Fri – No Mass



Sincere Sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **James Sproule**, 46 Tullymoan Road, Clady who was recently buried in the parish. May he rest in peace.

A Massive Thank you to everyone involved in any way in the Easter Ceremonies.

Advance Notice - Blessing of Graves will take place this year in Doneyloop on Sunday 14th May and in Castlefin on Monday 15th May.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Marys Church, Castlefin on Saturday 13th May at 11am and in St Columbas Church, Doneyloop on Saturday 20th May at 11am.

The Parish Pastoral Council are organising a parish census to help our Priests get to know who lives in the parish. **The Parish Census** forms will be delivered to all houses in the parish this week. We ask all householders to complete the forms and have them ready for collection on week beginning 8th May. We thank all the parishioners who have kindly offered to deliver and collect the forms and we would appreciate your cooperation.

We also wish to sincerely thank Mc Leod Printing, Ballindrait for printing all the census documentation and for his efficiency at short notice.

Urney and Castlefin Parish Pastoral Council / Property Group are hosting a Presentation on the Conservation and Feasibility (future use) of St. Mary's Old Chapel in Castlefin. This presentation will be given by Duncan McLaren of Dedalus Architecture, Merville on Tuesday, 2nd May at 8.30 pm in St. Mary's Hall, Castlefin. It is hoped to restore our fine old protected church and have as much community involvement as possible into its future.

Cursillo Movement: You are invited to A Cursillo Friendship evening on Friday 28th April commencing with Mass at 7.30pm in St. Columbas Church, Doneyloop. Tea and refreshments afterwards in nearby Community Centre. Everyone Welcome, please bring your friends. **A great evening of prayer, lovely food, great music and entertainment assured.**

Tidy Towns Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning is to take place in the St. Vincent de Paul Drop-in-Centre on Friday 28th April from 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. This is being organised by the "Tidy Towns" committee and all proceeds will go towards the enhancement of our town. We would appeal for support and any home-made baking would be greatly appreciated and can be left in on Friday morning. Also volunteers are needed on the day to help make tea. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul

We would appreciate when doing your annual 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. If you need help for larger items we can help please contact the shop on 074-9146726 Your support is always greatly appreciated. We have in stock First Communion & Confirmation Cards and other religious items.

Service of Remembrance: You are warmly invited to the Service of Remembrance (Interdenominational) which is being held for those who have suffered the loss of a baby through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Neo-Natal death at Letterkenny University Hospital. This will be held in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraine, Letterkenny on Sunday 30th April 2017 @ 4pm
From the Management, Chaplains & Staff of Letterkenny University Hospital.

Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP): Donegal Youth Service is running a Personal Youth Development Programme each Friday from 10am until 3pm in Donegal Youth Service, Letterkenny. The programme is for young people aged 16-25 yrs. The programme works with young people to promote their personal and social skills and to develop and grow their employability options through a suite of training programmes. Participants will receive accredited training whilst on the programme and will be supported throughout by their mentor. For more info please contact Michelle Wylam on 074 9129630/0852519287 or email michelle.wylam@donegalyouthservice.ie

Day Retreat at Knock Shrine Sat 29th April

Time: 10am-4pm. Cost: €30

Location: Taize Room, Prayer Guidance Centre, Knock Shrine The 'Quiet Days for Busy People' day retreat offers a quiet space away from the demands of busy life and time for focusing on yourself. It is a great opportunity to take time out for yourself to nourish your soul and discover new life in the heart of the Gospels, through guided meditation and quiet reflection. Fee €30 includes lunch in Knock House Hotel. **To book, call (094) 93 75355 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie**

Pilgrimage Season at Knock Shrine

Fr Richard Gibbons and staff are delighted to announce the opening of the official pilgrimage season at Knock from Sunday 30th April. Masses and Ceremonies will take place daily in addition to a wide range of services at the Shrine, including Prayer Guidance, Youth Ministry, the award-winning Knock Museum & Café Le Chéile, the religious Bookshop and daily guided tours. Groups are always welcome. For more information on day retreats, events and daily ceremonies, visit www.knockshrine.ie.

Trocaire would like to thank parishioners for their support of the Lenten campaign 2017 and their unfailing generosity. **Trocaire boxes can be returned to your local parish in the coming days.** Donations can also be made online at www.trocaire.org