

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter** (24<sup>th</sup> April 2016)

## Daily Mass This Week:

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

**Castlefin:** Mon, Wed & Fri – 10am; Tues – no morning Mass; Thurs – 7.30pm.

**Sincere Sympathy** to the family, relatives and friends of **Michael Rush**, formerly the Alt, who died in Birmingham and whose cremated remains were buried in Doneyloop on Sun last. May he rest in peace.

## May Ministries:



### Doneyloop:

#### Euch Ministers:

#### Readers:

### Castlefin:

#### Readers:

### Doneyloop Counters:

### Vigil

G. Coyle, O. Gallagher.

Dora McColgan.

### Vigil

E. Meenan, J. Cannon.

### 9.30am

L. Lafferty, P. Baird.

Leona Lafferty.

### 11.30am

M. Devlin, M. Gallagher.

**Legion of Mary:** meeting in St Mary's Church on Mondays at 6pm. New members welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration** in St Mary's Church on Tuesdays beginning after the 10am Mass until 8pm.

**Bingo:** on Monday nights in the Community Centre, Doneyloop at 9pm.

**Whist:** every Wednesday in St Mary's Hall at 8.30pm. Scorecard: €2.

**Easter Youth Mass:** The Parish Youth Committee would like to thank all the young people in our Parish who helped make our Youth Mass a huge success.

**Our new Parish Youth Folk Choir** invites musicians and singers of all ages to join us for practice in Doneyloop Community Centre on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm. Any queries contact Rachel 0868043065.



**Advance Notice - Blessing of Graves** will take place this year in Doneyloop on Sunday 22 May at 3pm and in Castlefin on Monday 23 May at 7.30pm.

**Tidy Towns:** a big thank you for the huge turnout on Monday past for our first Annual Clean Up and to all who came out to tidy their own area. We are encouraged by everyone's enthusiasm. We appeal to those living in all estates and surrounding areas to join in the spirit of "Tidy Towns". If you wish to tidy your area in your own time pickers, bags, gloves, high-vis vests etc can be availed of from SVP Shop.

**St Vincent de Paul: Coffee Morning** is to take place in the SVP Drop-in-Centre on Friday 6 May from 10am – 2pm. This is being organised by the McGranaghan families in memory of Lisa and all proceeds will go to the Donegal Hospice. We would appeal for support. Any home-made baking would be greatly appreciated and can be left in on the Friday morning.

**Robert Emmets:** Annual Silver Circle on Sun 24 April Mass in the SVP Drop-in-Centre after 11.30am. Lotto Jackpot is €5,150 and Bingo Snowball is €4,500. A lot of Club activity now starts to take

off and it is important that the PRO receives a report on each activity so that our supporters, members etc are kept informed of all that is happening in the Club.

**History Club:** a meeting of the above group will take place in the SVP Drop-In Centre on Monday 25 April at 7.30pm. All existing members and those interested in this group are asked to attend.

**Castlefin 50-60+ Club** meets up again on Thursday 28 April at 7.30pm in the SVP Drop-in-Centre. All are welcome to attend, both male and female, and new members are always welcome.

**Coffee Day in aid of the Romanian People:** It's that time of year again for the Annual Coffee Day in Ruth, Anna and Neville Denniston's home at Ballyarl (turn right at Liscooley, left at the T junction, and second house on the right). Hopefully we will see you all on 28 April for some fun and good home baking. Call anytime from 10am until 10pm.

**May Altar:** Local Faith Development Group in the Diocese of Galway, tSli Chriost, has produced and distributed a May altar leaflet in order to spread knowledge of and devotion to Our Lady through the erection of May altars. This year, teaming up with Aid to the Church in Need, they have produced a national version which can be obtained by e-mailing [tslichriost@eircom.net](mailto:tslichriost@eircom.net). See church notice boards.

**Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season** opens on Sunday 1 May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 00 353 71 9861518, email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org), [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

**As part of a Jubilee Pilgrimage** with the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Cathedrals of Ireland, the Icon will visit St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry from Mon 2 to Tue 3 May. Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>: Opening Liturgy and Veneration of the Icon at 4.30pm, Concelebrated Mass 7.30pm, Holy Hour 9pm. Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>: Morning Prayer 7.45am, Mass 8am, Concelebrated Mass 10am, closing with Veneration until 11am.

**'Dry the Tears' Flower Festival** by Thornhill Ministries in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown from 6 to 8 May. In the Year of Mercy, the Pope has asked us to reflect on the joys and challenges of life and celebrate those who help us through the more difficult times. It will be magnificent, with light refreshments available. Donations towards the flowers and the work of Thornhill Ministries welcome.

**Derry Youth Community:** Are you a young person aged between 18 and 25 and interested in a Gap Year experience with a difference? The DYC is a group of committed young people who live in community, based in Derry City, who serve the Diocese of Derry. If you feel equal to the very real challenges of the initiative, visit [www.derryyouthcommunity.com](http://www.derryyouthcommunity.com). Applications closing date is 27 May.

**Catholic School Leadership:** working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, the Derry Diocese offers the MA in Catholic School Leadership. If interested in starting in autumn 2016 please contact Thérèse Ferry at the DDCC on 02871264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**Worried About someone's Drinking?** Al-Anon family Groups invite you to a Public Information Meeting on Saturday 21 May from 5.30 – 7.00pm in Studio 5, The Waterfoot Hotel, Waterside, Derry.

**Strabane History Society** meets on Thurs 28 Apr at 7pm in Strabane Community Library. This penultimate meeting is on the Local Press reaction to the 1916 Rising. Speaker is local John Doohar.

**Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm:** If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Phone (00353) (0) 74 9384866 or call with us to find out more about our volunteering opportunities.