

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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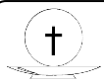
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**Sixth Sunday of Easter** (1<sup>st</sup> May 2016)

**Daily Mass This Week:**

**Doneyloop:** Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs – 9am; Fri – 7.30pm; Sat – 11am.

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



**First Holy Communion** will take place in St Columba's Church on Saturday next, May 7, at 11am. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Community Centre.

**Year of Mercy Holy Hour** for the month of May takes place today at 5pm in St. Columba's Church. During this time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions will be heard.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound on Thursday and Friday 5/6 May. Fr Crilly will visit his sick and housebound on Monday 9 May.

**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.



**May Rosary:** During the month of May the Rosary will be recited each evening in St Mary's Church at 7pm Mon to Fri, and in St Columba's Church on Saturday morning after the 10am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

**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.

**St Mary's PTAA:** monthly meeting on Tues 3 May at 7pm in St Mary's Church. **Good Luck** to Doneyloop and Castlefin Pioneer Teams who are competing in the All Ireland Quiz Finals in Pallasgreen in Limerick this weekend. Congratulations to them all on reaching the finals – well done!

**Coffee Morning** in aid of the Donegal Hospice and organised by the McGranaghan families in memory of Lisa, will take place in the SVP Drop-in-Centre on Fri 6 May from 10am – 2pm. We appeal for your support and any home-made baking would be greatly appreciated and can be left in on Friday morning.

**Robert Emmetts:** Annual Silver Circle will take place in the SVP Drop-in-Centre on Sun 1 May after 11.30am Mass with all 5 draws taking place. Please ensure all cards are returned in good time for draw. Lotto Jackpot is now €5,200 and Bingo Snowball is €4,520. Congratulations to Terence Mc Laughlin, Jordan Tourish and Ronan Kennedy who had the honour of representing Robert Emmetts in the special 1916 commemoration event in Croke Park on Sunday last - a great occasion for them.

**Anam Cara Monthly Parent Evening:** on Thursday 12 May from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

**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.

**Cursillo Weekend Residential Retreats:** from 12 - 15 May (men's) and 19 - 22 May (women's); in Termonbacca, Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry. If you are Interested in attending, contact 07708066939

**Diocesan Lough Derg Pilgrimages for Year of Mercy:** In this Jubilee of Mercy, there are two Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lough Derg. Bishop McKeown invites you to join in one or both! The first pilgrimage is from 17-19 June and the second one is from 5-7 August. Contact the Diocesan Catechetical Centre for a booking form or more information: Tel 028 71264087 or email [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org)

**Pilgrim Walk to Lough Derg:** Those participating in the 17 – 19 June pilgrimage can start the pilgrimage early by joining in a Pilgrim Walk to Lough Derg, leaving Derry City on 15 June and walking 48 miles to Lough Derg, arriving on 17 June to join in the 3 day retreat on the island. The pilgrim route, which includes meals and basic accommodation, will be: Day 1: Derry to Killygordon (23.5 miles) with a Break on the way in Ballindrait. Overnight in Killygordon. Day 2: 20 miles, overnight stay in Pettigo. Day 3 - 4.5 miles to Lough Derg. It is open to those over 18 and fit for the challenge! Bishop Mc Keown will lead this unique pilgrimage. Places limited. Booking form and more information on the Pilgrim Walk is available from 07841100174 or email [stgparkview@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stgparkview@yahoo.co.uk)

**The Little Way Novena:** in St Eugene's Cathedral from Sat 7 May until Sun 15 May. Theme is 'How happy am I to see myself as imperfect and to be in need of God's Mercy'. Novena begins at the 7.30pm Mass on Sat with the Sacrament of the Sick. On Sun (8 May) at 6pm during a time of prayer and devotions Bishop Donal McKeown will speak. Mon - Fri (9 to 13 May):- Novena Masses at 6.30am and 10am each morning and an evening service with a Guest Speaker at 7.30pm. Guest speakers are Mickey Harte, Marian Partington, Manoj Raithatha, Margaret Mizen and Archdeacon Robert Millar. Relic of St Thérèse will be available for veneration. Confessions Mon - Fri after 6.30am Mass and after 7.30pm evening service. Sat (14 May) at 10am, Mass will be offered for those who have died. Novena will close on Sun 15 May at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to the Cathedral for this time of prayer and petition.

**Pilgrimage celebrating the Year of Mercy Sunday 8 May 2016:** Gathering at Sacred Heart Church, Carndonagh, at 2.00pm. Opportunity for Confessions. Procession to the Donagh Cross leaves at 2.40pm with hymns and Rosary along the way. Pilgrims will carry a Year of Mercy candle during the procession. Tree of Mercy ceremony and Mass at the Donagh Cross at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome.

**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.

