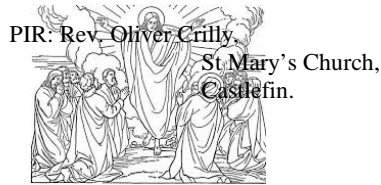


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Ascension of the Lord (13th May 2018)

Daily Mass in our Parish this Week:

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

Castlefin: Friday – 10am

A Church gate collection on behalf of the Pioneer Association has been postponed until next weekend 19th/20th May – your support would be greatly appreciated.

Sincere Sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Margaret Tinney,

Ardnaglass, Ballindraitwho was buried in the parish recently.

Also Rose McBrearty nee O'Callaghan, Mullanboy, Castlfin whodied in Kilcar and was buried in Castlefin graveyard. May they rest inpeace.

The Vigil Mass in St. Columba's Church next Saturday 19th May will be the month's mind for the late Doreen Porter.

Baptism: We welcome into God's Church through Baptism,

Luke John Mortland, 5 Doneyloop, Castlefinn.

Congratulations to the girls and boys who received First Holy Communion in St Marys Church this weekend – May the Eucharist always be a strong influence their lives. We pray God's blessing on the girls and boys who will receive First Holy Communion next Saturday in St Columba's Church and wish them and their families a mostenjoyable day. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Community Centre.



St Safan's N.S: Bishop Donal McKeown will celebrate Mass at St Safan's N.S on **Tuesday 22nd May at 12 noon**. The Mass is to celebrate the last moment in the school's Catechetical Year - The Joy of Families. If you would like to join us for this special Mass, please contact the school on 074 9146521 or email stsafans@hotmail.com.

Ceremony of Commitment to Abstinence and Moderation will take place during the Vigil Mass of Pentecost in St Columba's Church and St Mary's Church , **next Saturday 19th May**, for all the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier this year.

Members of the Pro Life Campaign will speak at all Masses in our parish next weekend.

A Parish Pastoral Council Meeting takes place on Thursday 17th May at 8pm in Castlefinn. All members are asked to attend.

A Parish Finance Meeting will take place on Friday 18th May. All members invited to attend please.

Blessing of Graves: this year's ceremonies will take place on Saturday 26th May in Doneyloop after 6pm Mass and on Monday 28th May in Castlefin after 7.30pm Mass.

Fr Vincent Sherlock's book: The Stations of the Cross is available from the Sacristy in both Churches. It costs €4 and has lovely reflections on each Station

Congratulations to the Doneyloop Pioneer Quiz Teams who represented Ulster in the All Ireland Final in Mullingar on Saturday last. The under 13s came in second and the under 18s came in fourth. Well done to all.

Singers required – If you sing in a church choir and would like to become a member of a diocesan choir for the World Meeting of Families, please contact Sr Perpetua on 028 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org, no later than Wednesday 16 May. A balance of SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) singers is required.

St Patrick's Church Donaghmore are hosting a cake Sale at The Whitehouse, CPI Centre, Castlefinn on Saturday 19th May from 2pm. Tea/Coffee served and Everyone Welcome

Parish Mission – Newtownstewart – Monday to Thursday, 14th to 17th May. 6:30am Mass (Oratory), 7:30pm Healing Ceremonies (Glenock). Led by Fr Anthony Prendergast (Community of St John, London). All welcome!

In the month of May we pray for all our students sitting exams this year. There are books in both churches where the names of the students may be enrolled. A mass for exam students will take place on Sunday 27th May at 11am in St Mary's Castlefinn. Prayer cards for students are available at the back of both churches – please take one

Lord Jesus,

*We pray for all students
that they may have your help today
and all the days of their exams.*

*May they be assured of your friendship
and the friendship of all those who wish them well.*

*Give them clear minds and reassurance
that the work they have done will be enough.*

*Help them to believe in themselves and their ability.
May they find comfort in the knowledge that we are praying for them. Amen*