

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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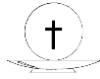
Ascension of the Lord (8th May 2016)

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs – no daily Mass; Fri - 7.30pm; Sat – 10am.

Castlefin: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri – 10am; Thurs – 7.30pm; Sat – 11am.

First Holy Communion will take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday next, May 14, at 11am. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in St Mary's Hall. If anyone would like to help with the refreshments please contact the school.



Baptism: We welcome into God's Church through Baptism,
Cobhlaith Louise McLaughlin, 3 Doneyloop and **Donncha Liam Browne**, Drumbane.

Sincere Sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Michael Barr** who was buried in Melmount on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Crilly will visit his sick and housebound on Monday 9 May.



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.

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.

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.

PTAA: Congratulations to the Doneyloop U/18 Pioneer Team who came second in the All Ireland Quiz Finals last weekend and well done to all our parish pioneer teams who were highly placed in the competition.

Thank You: Ruth Denniston thanks all who came to the Coffee Day in aid of Romania and to those who gave donations. Over €1400 was raised and donations still coming in. Thanks for the support.

Robert Emmetts: Sincere thanks for your support of our Silver Circle drawn last Sunday. We appreciate the work of the promoters who went out and sold the lines and the generosity of the people who bought them. Thanks also to the SVP for the use of their premises for the Draw. Congratulations to all winners - a full list is available on our web site and on local shop windows. Thank you to all concerned.

Castlefinn & District History Club: The Club intends hosting another Photographic Display over the summer and we are appealing for old photos, old paper articles etc of local interest for exhibiting at this display. We are currently working on another book which we hope will be available for Christmas. If you are interested in joining our Club, please contact any committee member or phone 087-6383560.

St Vincent De Paul Thrift Shop stocks a full selection of first Holy Communion items, other religious items and Mass cards for all occasions. We are always grateful for donations of clothing, shoes etc in any condition and also furniture. We have to stress that furniture must be in very good condition. Thank you.

Castlefinn Tidy Towns: With the summer months now upon us we ask all to respect their local area and avoid litter. It is great to see so many people out in their own areas lifting rubbish. They have to be admired and encouraged. We live in a beautiful area, let's all play our part to ensure it is also litter free.

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 dccc@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

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. Applications closing date is 27 May.

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group: monthly meeting, with two 1st class relics, on Monday 9 May in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

Burt's Big Bingo: in St Mary's Hall, Burt on Sun 15 May at 3pm. Books are €10. (Sheets optional: €2). 9th full house: €200; line: €50. All others: €50 and €25. Sheet sales will mark the prizes on it. Plus good raffle prizes. Proceeds to: St Aengus' Church Restoration Fund. Please come and join us. See you there!
Burt's Car Boot Sale: Bargains galore in St. Mary's Hall in Burt on Saturday 21 May, from 10.30am until 3pm. There will be a large variety of items on offer. Proceeds go to the upkeep of Hall.

Quick Quote!

"Remember there is no such thing as a small act of kindness.
Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."

(Scott Adams)