

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

Parish Website: www.urneyandcastlefinparish.com E-mail Address: urneyparish@eircom.net

PP: Rev. Michael Porter,
St Columba's Church,
Doneyloop.
074 9146183.



PIR: Rev. Oliver Crilly,
St Mary's Church,
Castlefin.
0749146251.

Third Sunday of Lent (19th March)

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon, Tues & Wed - no Mass, Thurs - 9am, Friday - 7.30pm. Sat - 9am

Castlefin: Mon, Tues & Wed - 10am, Thurs - 7.30pm, Fri - 10am

Lenten Stations of the Cross will take place in St Columba's Church each Sunday at 5pm.

Lenten talks will resume in St. Marys Church, Castlefinn, on Thursday 23rd March after 7.30 pm Mass



Sincere Sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Dympna Mc Connell**, Drumdoit who was buried in the parish during the week. May she rest in peace.

Confirmation

A practice for all confirmation children and their sponsors will take place on Wednesday 22nd March in St. Marys Church, Castlefinn at 7pm.

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March at 8pm to arrange the refreshments for the Confirmation. We are asking Parishioners and Parents from all four schools, to get involved and donate some sandwiches, buns etc or come along on the day, to help make this a day to remember for our Confirmation children and their families. If you can help out in any way please contact Collette Carlin 0876707164 before Wed 22nd March.

Parish Pastoral Council

A Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd March at 8.30pm in Doneyloop Community Centre.

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. Items of furniture can be collected if in good condition by calling 074-9146726. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

History Club

There will be a meeting on Monday 20th March at 7.30 p.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Drop-in-Centre. All and new members are very welcome

Donoughmore Church, Liscooley

A community auction and sale will be held on Sat 25th March at 1.00pm in the church grounds. All welcome - proceeds in aid of the Alan Patterson Trust Fund.

Trocaire

"Making your neighbour a loan is an act of mercy, to lend him a helping hand is to keep the commandments." This St. Patrick's weekend, we celebrate the solidarity Irish people have shown with the world's poor over many decades. Trócaire proud to be a conduit for the compassion of people here at home which last year saw over 2.4 million people in 25 countries receiving support. This weekend we welcome to our parish Mr. David O'Hare - Communications Officer with Trocaire.

Tidy Towns

A "**Community Clean-up**" has been organised for Saturday 25th April at 11.00 a.m. assembling at the St. Vincent de Paul Drop-in-Centre. We appeal to everyone in the local community to come along and join in the spirit of the Tidy Towns. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Personal protective gear, bags, gloves will be supplied. We also appeal for new members to join our team.

This will be the first clean-up of the year, so let's make it a good one!

A meeting of the committee will take place on Monday 20th March at 8.30 p.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Drop-in-Centre.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1 - 6 July 2017:

If you are a registered nurse and would be interested in working as part of the Pilgrimage Care Team could you please contact the office on (028) 71260293 - Tues, Thurs and Sat 11am to 1pm.

Strabane History Society:

The next meeting of the society is on Thursday 23rd March at 7.00pm in Strabane Community Library. The meeting entitled entitled "**1916 Memory & Myth**" by Ferghal McGarry, Q.U.B., Belfast

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 9129630/085 2519287 or email michelle.wylam@donegalyouthservice.ie

Knock

Enrichment Day for Ministers of the Word Saturday 26th March: A day of reflection for Ministers of the Word focused on the spirituality and skills associated with this ministry in the Scriptures and its significance for the assembled people of God at Sunday and weekday liturgies. Parish groups are welcome. 10am-4pm, Knock House Hotel To Book: (094) 93 75355 or faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie
Eucharistic Loreto Vigil (Saturday 26th March - 22nd) To celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. 9pm-11pm: Adoration, Benediction & the Veneration of Precious Relic from the Holy House of Loreto. Mass at 11pm Fr Freddie Warner, SMA & Fr. Bernard McGuckian, SJ. Organised by the Apostolate of Atonement for Mercy. Knock Shrine (094) 93 88100 or email: info@knock-shrine.ie
Remembrance Garden: On Saturday, March 25th at 12 noon, there will be a blessing and prayer ceremony, held at the Remembrance Garden at Knock Shrine. Crocus bulbs will be planted here this year in memory of all deceased children. Bereaved parents and families are welcome to attend.