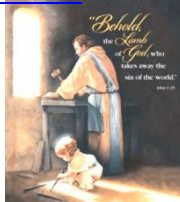


Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Second Sunday of the Year (15th Jan)

Daily Mass This Week:

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

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



Sincere Sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of **Roddy Fraser**, Main Street, Castlefin, **Mary McElchar**, Ballylast and **Kathleen McCauley**, Maghereagh, who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Ceremonies in 2017:

Weddings: Those getting married in 2017 should contact the priest or the parish office if they have not recently done so. This is to verify dates and times and to ensure that the necessary paperwork for both Church and State will be completed in time. It is essential that couples in person notify the Civil Registrar of the wedding more than three months before the wedding day and obtain a Marriage Registration Form.

Confirmation: Ceremony takes place on Sunday 26 March in St Mary's Church, Castlefin at 11.30am.

First Holy Communion takes place in St Mary's Church, Castlefin on Saturday 13 May at 11am and in St Columba's Church, Doneyloop on Saturday 20 May at 11am.

Parish Draw: A full list of the winners and sponsors in our recent Parish Draw is now on display in both church notice boards. Once again we thank all who supported this draw in any way and thanks to the parish secretary for her assistance.

St Safan's NS will hold an Open Afternoon and Enrolment Session on Friday 20 January from 12noon - 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and look around the school and meet the staff and students! Enrolment forms and further information is available from the school office. CPI Childcare are providing an afterschool service to the children of St Safan's where pupils can be collected from the school and taken to the Centre. Further details on this service are available from the school. For more information see the school Facebook page- St Safan's NS or contact us on 074 91 46521. 'Great Staff, Great Students, Great Parents'.

Pioneer Magazine: annual subscription €17 is now due. If any parishioner would like to receive a copy of this monthly magazine please contact Collette Carlin or Ernan Patton as soon as possible.

St Vincent de Paul: Thrift Shop has candles currently in stock which will be blessed on Candlemas Day, Thursday 2 February. Call in and place your order!

Robert Emmets: Lotto Jackpot is now €1700 and Bingo Snowball is €1140. Nomination Forms are now available for the Club's AGM which takes place in St Mary's Hall on Thursday 19 January. Please keep this date free in your diary as every Club needs a well attended and successful AGM.

History Club: a meeting of the History Club will take place on Monday 16 January in the SVP Drop-in-Centre at 7.30pm. All members please attend and new ones very welcome.

Catholic Schools Week 2017 begins on Sunday 29 January and continues until Saturday 4 February. The theme for this year is 'Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home'. To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese, a Celebration of the Eucharist will be held in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Thursday 26 January at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend

One Million Trees In One Day: Inspired by Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si* and working with Trocaire, some lay people in our diocese have formed a group to explore what our community can do to improve the environment - or what Francis calls "*our common home*". The group suggests that parish communities join the national effort and each commit to planting at least 50 saplings on Saturday 11 February. If anyone or any organisation in the parish is interested in getting involved in this they can contact Martin Harran on 074 9146107. For more information visit:

www.onemilliontreesinoneday.com

Vocations Information Day: will take place in Ardstraw House, 21a Buncrana Road, Derry on Saturday 18 March from 11am - 4pm. Contact: Fr Paul Farren, 028 71264087, email ddcc@derrydiocese.org. Full details are on church notice boards.

Thornhill Ministries:

"In Quiet Meditation": Using art, music and Scripture, this series of meditative mornings will hold us in the quiet as we find the stillness within. Begins: Wednesday 18 January from 10:30 to 11:45 am. Suggested Donation - £5 per day. **"The Music of the Psalms" (Series 1):** A four-week series of meditations on some of the most beautiful musical settings of the Psalms. A psalm for each week will be prayed in an atmosphere of quiet contemplation, drawing on the music of Palestrina, Mendelssohn and Rutter. Begins: Tuesday 17 January from 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Suggested Donation - £5 per evening. **Holy Land Pilgrimage Retreat:** If you are interested in travelling on a pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land in September 2018, please get in touch. For information on any of the above, phone 028 7135 1233 or e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

A special charity concert in memory of the late Bishop Daly is being held on Saturday 4th February 2017 in St Columba's Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go to Bishop Daly's chosen charities: Children in Crossfire, Foyle Hospice and Foyle Search and Rescue. Hosted by renowned comedian Jean Fitzpatrick the evening will include entertainment from a variety of well known local artists. Tickets can be purchased through the Millennium Forum box office on 028 71264455.

Good Morning Service: do you have an hour a week to spare to befriend an older person? If so, the Friendly Face Befriending Service would like to hear from you. Please contact Lifford and Castlefinn PCT Area, Community Befriending Organiser on 086 7858799 or email sarahbefriending@gmail.com

Become A Compassionate Neighbour: do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service? Please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator on 07841101932 or email: tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Walk the way of St James, Camino De Santiago: 30 Mar - 4 Apr with Children in Crossfire, places are limited, call 71 269898; email events@childrenincrossfire.org details on www.childrenincrossfire.org

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry is seeking to employ a Secretary for 14 hours per week on a temporary one year contract providing particular support to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. For an application pack contact: by email at safeguarding@derrydiocese.org or by telephone 02871363475. Closing date is 3pm on Thursday 9 February 2017, with interviews being held week commencing 20 February. A full ad is available on the Diocesan Website www.derrydiocese.org