

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Third Sunday of the Year (21st Jan 18)

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: No weekday Masses.

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

The 6pm Mass next Saturday 27th January will be the first anniversary Mass for the late Mary Ellen McCauley. The 10am Mass on Sunday 28th January will be the first anniversary Mass for the late Mary Ellen McMenamin.

Our prayer day for Marriage and Family Life takes place today 21st January. The theme for January is **Couples getting married in the parish this year**. Please see information sheets in Church porches.

2018 Ceremonies:

Confirmation Wednesday 21st March at 5pm in St. Columba's Church, Doneyloop.

1st confessions St. Marys Church, Castlefin on Wednesday 11th April at 6pm
St. Columba's Church, Doneyloop on Wednesday 18th April at 6pm.

1st Communion; St Mary's Castlefin on Saturday 12th May at 11am
St. Columba's Doneyloop on Saturday 19th May at 11am.

Blessing of Graves: St. Columba's Doneyloop on Saturday 26th May after 6pm Mass.
St. Mary's Castlefin on Monday 28th May after 7.30pm Mass

Confirmation Meeting for Parents: will take place in St Columba's Church Doneyloop on Tuesday 30 January at 7pm. Parents of the Confirmation children in all four schools of our parish are asked to attend this important meeting.

St. Safan's National School Enrolment day will be on Friday 2nd February between 12 -3.00 pm. Parents are invited to come along to the school with their child. Enrolment forms can be completed in the school on this day. Forms are available to download from our school website www.stsafans.com or by contacting the school. Please bring along the following documents; Birth certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if available) Child's PPS No.

St Safan's N.S. will host **Grandparents Day on Wednesday 31st January** from 1.00pm - 3pm at the school. We invite all Grandparents to join in celebrating our Grandparents, make St Brigid's Crosses & end with a cup of tea for all.

St Brigid's Night - Making of Crosses will take place in Doneyloop Community Centre on Thursday, 1st February, 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m. to 11 pm. Judging of crosses will take place on the night. Refreshments will be served and if you would like to contribute to the refreshments, please bring along on the night. Music by Paddy's Country.

Caitlín Bring and Buy Sale in aid of Belarus Orphanages will take place in St. Mary's Parish Hall Castlefin on Saturday 27th January @ 11am. Enquiries to Lisa Mc Daid on 0877516089.

Robert Emmets: There was no jackpot winners in last week's Lotto. Numbers drawn were 6-14-19-26 and two people matched 3 numbers to share the €100 prize, Next week's jackpot is €2900. Next week's bingo snowball is €1600. Our AGM will take place at 7pm on Sun 21st Jan in St Mary's hall Castlefin. This being our centenary year, it is vital that we have a well attended AGM as we move the club into the next century of its chequered history. Congratulations to Dean Mc Brearty on his appointment as Sen team Mgr for 2018 and to Paul Harvey on his appointment as reserve team Mgr and we wish them both a successful and productive year. The Club wishes all our members, sponsors and supporters a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2018. We extend sympathy to the Curran family Grahamsland on the death of Roy and to the Coyle family Blairstown on the death of Elizabeth (Lil), May they rest in peace.

Come away to a quiet place for prayer and reflection. Fr Neal Carlin and the Columba Community invite you to join them at St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot, Co Donegal on Sunday 4th Feb for a time of spiritual awakening. Beginning at 10am this day of renewal and contemplation will finish with Mass at 5pm. Prayer ministry and confession will be available throughout the day. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Suggested donation €20 / £20 includes lunch. To book a place or for more information contact St Anthony's Retreat Centre on 07493 68370. From NI 00353 7493 68370.

Healing Mass Thurs 25th January 2018. The Columba Community invite you to join them for their first healing Mass of 2018. Fr Neal Carlin will celebrate the Eucharist with special healing prayer on Thursday 25th Jan at 7.30pm in Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry.

Strabane History Society: Next meeting on Thursday 25th January at 7.00pm in Strabane Community Library. This meeting is in the series of The Willie John Carlin Lectures. The talk will focus on "Shops and Shopkeepers in Bygone Days" and remembering the "good old days". Everyone welcome.

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage led by Bishop Donal McKeown takes place from Sunday 1 July- Friday 6 July 2018. Cost £669. For further details contact the pilgrimage office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ: Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com Tel: 028 71260293 Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 11am-1pm from Sat 3 February.

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