

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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PENTECOST

Today is the Church's birthday. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pope Francis spoke of Pentecost as the day the Church was born universal but united. He said "when the Spirit came they were completely transformed: fear was replaced by courage, closure gave way to proclamation and every doubt was driven away by faith full of love."

Daily Mass This Week:

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

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

Derry Diocesan Society: the 9am Mass in St Columba's Church on Wednesday will be offered for the deceased members of the DDS.



Requiescat in Pace: the 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church on Thursday next, May 19, will be offered for Fr Polke on his second anniversary.

Congratulations to the girls and boys who made their First Holy Communion in the parish over the last two weeks. May the celebration of the Eucharist always be a strong influence in their lives. Our thanks go to all who helped prepare the children and to those who provided the refreshments after the ceremonies.



Congratulations to **Mariea McMenamin**
and **Anthony Conaghan**

who were married in St Mary's Church on Saturday 7 May.

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.



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.

Retreat for Confirmation Children will take place on Wednesday next, May 18, in the IOSAS (Island of Saints and Scholars) Centre, Muff. We hope it will be a joyful experience for them and that the good weather keeps up!

Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday next, May 22 in Doneyloop at 3pm and in Castlefin on Monday 23 May after Mass for the Dead in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. Family members are asked to bring Holy Water to sprinkle on family plots.



St Mary's Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: If anyone would like to enrol as a Pioneer, or is eligible for a Silver/ Gold / Fr Cullen Medal, please contact Collette Carlin 0876707164 or Ernan Patton as soon as possible. Presentation of pins will take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 3 June at 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church Castlefin.

Parish Fundraising Committee: meeting on Thursday 19 May at 8.30pm in the Community Centre, Doneyloop.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver: Pat McHugh, a Lay helper of the Missionary Sisters, will be in this parish on 28/29 May to appeal on behalf of the missions. Pat will tell us about their work and will be grateful for your support.

'Promise of Spring' Book Launch: A book of poems and photographs by D.J. Watt will be launched in the Villa Rose Hotel, Ballybofey on Wednesday 25 May at 8.30pm and everyone is welcome to this evening of poetry reading and music. Tea and coffee will be served. Profits from the sale of the book, after costs, will go to Pieta House for their North West project.

St Vincent De Paul: we appeal for donations of clothes, curtains, shoes, etc. in any condition. Furniture in reasonable condition can be donated and collection can be arranged by contacting 074-9146726. We appreciate the support which the community has given us and hope this continues.

Castlefin Tidy Towns: meeting will take place in the SVP Drop-in-Centre on Monday 16 May at 8.30pm, and we appeal for new members. We are submitting our application for this year's Competition and we ask for your support in keeping our town and estates tidy. We also encourage businesses and households to put out hanging baskets to add some colour to their area.

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. 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

Recruitment Events for Fostering: Monday 16 May - Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane, 7.30pm; Tuesday 17 May - Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry, 7.30pm; Wednesday 18 May - Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh, 7.30pm. If you are interested in fostering, please come along to one of these events.

White Oaks & YARD Project - Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:

If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us. Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor at Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry. Tel: 02871 262407 for appointment or further information.

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.

Talk on the 1916 Leaders' Connections to Donegal by Helen Meehan (Local Historian) at Lifford Library, Old Courthouse, Lifford on Wed 18 May at 11am. Light refreshments served 10.30am – 11am.