

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**The Most Holy Trinity** (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016)

## Daily Mass This Week:

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

**Castlefin:** Mon, Tues & Wed – 10am; Thurs – 7.30pm; Fri - 1pm (Wedding Mass).

The 11.30am Mass in St Mary's Church on Sunday next, 29 May, will be offered for all those doing exams and we are delighted that the Parish Youth Choir will sing at the Mass.



**Blessing of Graves** will take place today during a Service of Remembrance in Doneyloop at 3pm and in Castlefin tomorrow, 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. There will be a collection for the upkeep of the graveyards both in Doneyloop and in Castlefin.

**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.

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

**Parish Pastoral Council:** next meeting will be held in Doneyloop on Thursday 26 May at 8.15pm.



**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.

**Confirmation Pledge:** At the Saturday evening Masses next weekend, 28 May, in Doneyloop and Castlefin the children who were confirmed this year will be given the opportunity to take their Confirmation Pledge. The children who wish to do so are asked to attend one or other of these Masses.

**Thanks:** The McGranaghan Family would like to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in aid of the Donegal Hospice, in memory of Lisa. Thanks to all who baked, donated and helped with serving the tea or in any other way. Special thanks to the St Vincent de Paul Soc, Castlefin for hosting and making it a very successful event. Total raised was €3,660. Many thanks for such an amazing figure.

**Expression of Sadness:** many in our Parish were saddened to learn that three of the trees alongside the footpath in front of the Smugglers were broken down soon after they were planted. It must be very disheartening for the Clady Cross Community Association who planted them. We congratulate this group for their interest and hard work in the village and surrounding areas. Hopefully such vandalism will not happen again and we encourage the Association to continue with their good work.

**'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.

**Robert Emmets:** There was no winner of the Jackpot in last week's Lotto. Jackpot is now a massive €5,350. Our popular Friday night Bingo session continues to be an enjoyable social night and with a very attractive Snowball of €4,580 it is assured to attract another bumper attendance this week.

**Bake Sale:** St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore, Castlefin are holding a Bake Sale on Saturday 28 May at 2pm with various stalls on the day. Come along for a cup of tea and a chat! Everyone is welcome.

**Celebrate the 8th:** a national pro-life gathering to celebrate the 8th Amendment, Ireland's constitutional protection for unborn babies will take place on Saturday 4 June from 3 - 4pm on Molesworth St, Dublin. The event will be a positive and hugely important expression of all that is great about Ireland's Right to Life Amendment. To find out more, visit [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie) or phone 01 662 9275. If you are interested in organising a bus to the event, please telephone 087 266 8702.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg for Year of Mercy:** will take place on Saturday 10 September. Details will be posted on church notice boards shortly.

**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](mailto:dccc@derrydiocese.org)

**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.

**Strabane History Society** meets on Thursday 26 May at 7pm in The Strabane Community Library, Abercorn Square. This final meeting of the year is on "The changing fortunes of the Hamilton's of Baronscourt in the 17th Century". The speaker is Dr. William Roulston who has given superb talks in the past on a variety of subjects. The booklet on Strabane and District in WW1 (Part 1), produced by our local Research Team, will be available.

## Words of Wisdom:

If you think you are too small to make a difference,  
try sleeping with a mosquito.

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