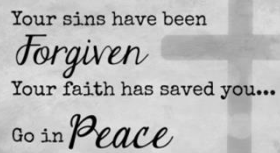


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Eleventh Sunday of the Year (12th June 2016)

Daily Mass This Week:

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

Castlefin: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri – 10am; Thurs – 7.30pm.

Year of Mercy Holy Hour for the month of June takes place today at 5pm in St. Columba's Church. During this time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions will be heard.



Child Safeguarding: Parents/Guardians of (a) children who are altar servers in Doneyloop and Castlefin churches and (b) Parents/Guardians of children under 18 years who are members of the Parish Youth Choir are asked to attend an important information session on Child Safeguarding in Doneyloop Community Centre on Wednesday 15 June at 8pm.

Refreshments afterwards.



The **Parish Youth Folk Choir** invites musicians and singers of all ages to join us for practice in Doneyloop Hall on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm. Any queries contact Rachel [0868043065](tel:0868043065).



World Meeting of Families: The total raised in the special collection in our parish was €720 and £235. This is very much appreciated and we thank you for your support.

Parish Pilgrimage for Year of Mercy: The Parish Pastoral Council are organising a trip on Sunday next, June 19, to St Columba's Heritage Centre at Long Tower Church in Derry followed by a visit to the Holy Door at St Eugene's Cathedral, and Exposition. We will leave our Parish at 1.30pm and return at approx 5pm. Bus transport may be arranged depending on numbers of people wishing to take part. If anyone would like to travel to Derry could you please contact Collette Carlin 087 6707164 or Embry O' Donnell 087 4132566 as soon as possible so transport can be organised. See church notice boards.

Parish Silver Circle: Cards for the upcoming Annual Parish Silver Circle will be delivered to households in the parish by area promoters over the coming days. We appeal for your usual generous support for this, our first full Parish Silver Circle

Retirement Celebration: There will be Mass in St Columba's Church on Friday 24 June at 7:30pm to celebrate the retirement of Mrs Breda McConnell from St. Safan's NS, after 37 years as teacher and principal. This will be followed by tea and entertainment in the Community Centre. We would love to see members of the community and past pupils there to this special occasion with Mrs. McConnell.

Thanks: we acknowledge with thanks a donation of €100 for parish funds received from Gerard Hunter.

Castlefin Social Services have organised three outings this summer with the first taking place on Sat 16 July. We will tour the Inishowen Peninsula stopping off at Doagh Famine Village, Clonmany Ballyliffin. Price: €25 incl bus, dinner, tea and scones. Contact Roisin: 0851248838. Booking closing date: 2 July.

Congratulations: we congratulate the Social Services for hosting a very successful outing to Bundoran on Monday last and we thank the committee for the good work they do within our community.

Blood Transfusion Service: Mobile Unit will be at Jacksons Hotel on Mon 20 June; 6.30pm – 9pm and on Tues 21 & Wed 22 June; 3pm – 5pm and 7pm – 9.30pm. Blood donors urgently needed. If numbers do not improve the mobile unit attending this area could be discontinued. Please help if you can. Thanks.

Castlefin Celtic FC: Our Annual General Meeting will be held this Monday, June 13th at 7-30pm in the Clubhouse. Anyone with an interest in the Club is urged to attend. New members especially welcome.

Robert Emmets: Lotto Jackpot is a massive €5500. You can now play our Club Lotto on line, just go to our Club page and get the details. Our Fri night Bingo Snowball is now €4640 and well worth winning.

St Vincent de Paul: A vacancy has arisen in our local SVP Thrift Shop for a "Shop Assistant" under the CE Scheme. If you are long term unemployed and in receipt of UB/UA or one parent family payment for one year or longer and interested in the above position please contact Finn Valley C.E. Office on 074-9193770 or e-mail: finnvalleycescheme@eircom.net giving you Name, Address, DOB and PPS No.

Tidy Towns: Despite a very disappointing response for our "Clean-Up" on Tues we are very grateful for all who turned out on the night. Our town is looking good, flower tubs and hanging baskets are now on display and we appeal to the community if they live near one perhaps they might water same. Donation envelopes have been distributed to local businesses and if any residents would like to donate towards upkeep of town they can leave it into SVP Thrift Shop. CES Workers are doing an amazing job and if anyone can assist them by cutting grass, lifting litter, weeding in their area it would be a great help.

History Club: We are continuing to work on current photos for our next exhibition over the summer and on articles for our next book due to be issued before Christmas.

Diocesan Lough Derg Pilgrimages for Year of Mercy: Last call for booking for the two pilgrimages, **17-19 June** and **5-7 August**. Contact the Diocesan Catechetical Centre: Tel 028 71264087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org. Those participating in the 17 – 19 June pilgrimage can start early by joining in a **Pilgrim Walk to Lough Derg**. It is open to those over 18 and fit for the challenge! Bishop Mc Keown will lead this unique pilgrimage. Tel 07841100174 or email stgparkview@yahoo.co.uk

St Anthony's Retreat Centre: Tel: 074 9368370, Email: sarce@eircom.net. **Summer Programme:**
Sat 2 July. One Day Silent and Guided Retreat: (£25/€30 incl lunch). **Fri 8 - Sun 10 July.** Weekend retreat exploring the roots of contemplative practice from the Desert Hermits to St. Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross: (£110/€140 incl full board). **Sat 16 July** One Day Silent and Guided Retreat: (£25 /€30 incl lunch). **Fri 29 - Sun 31 July** Weekend retreat exploring the modern mystics including Thomas Merton, Tony DeMello, John Main, Thomas Keating: (£110/€140 incl full board). Concessions available

The Relics of Saint Anthony of Padua will visit St Eugene's Cathedral arriving at 12noon on Wed 15 June and leaving at 12noon on Thurs 16 June. A large number of people are expected and to facilitate those in attendance there will be no parking in the Cathedral grounds. There will be set down vehicle access only for blue badge holders; one-way system will be in operation – entrance via Creggan St gate, exit via Francis St gate. Programme: **Wed** - 12noon Ceremony, Veneration of the Relics until 7.15pm; Mass at 7.30pm; Veneration of the Relics until 10pm. **Thurs** – Mass 8am, Veneration of the Relics until 9.45am. Mass 10am, Veneration of the Relics and concluding with Ceremony of Farewell at 11am.

Franciscan Friary, Rosstownlough: Feast of St Anthony, Monday 13 June, Masses will be celebrated at 10am and 7.30pm with the Blessing of Lilies at both Masses. Special Blessing of Children: at 4pm.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Thurs 7 – Sun 10 July, Cistercian College, Roscrea, for young people aged 16 – 35. The festival is donation only with free buses available from all around Ireland. For more information and to book see www.youth2000.ie or Tel 01 6753690. Full details on church notice boards.