

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Third Sunday of the Year** (22<sup>nd</sup> Jan)

**Daily Mass This Week:**

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

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



**Sincere Sympathy** to the families, relatives and friends of **Susie Kelly**, Stranamuck who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

**Confirmation Meeting for Parents:** will take place in St Columba's Church Doneyloop on Tuesday 24 January at 7pm. Parents of the Confirmation children in all four schools of our parish are asked to attend this important meeting. The Confirmation Ceremony this year 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.



Please join our **Youth Folk Choir!** Everyone welcome to Practice on Tuesday 24 January in Doneyloop Community Centre, 7.30-9pm. Contact Rachel 0868043065.

**Parish Youth Committee** meeting will be held on Thursday 26 January at 8.15pm.  
All new members welcome!



**St Brigid's Cross Celebration Night:** Making of Crosses at Doneyloop Community Centre on Wednesday 1 February at 7.30pm. Entertainment by local artists. Refreshments provided. Everyone is 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:** In response to Pope Francis's encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home", our Parish Pastoral Council is supporting the 'Plant One Million Trees In One Day' project on 11 February. In partnership with Castlefin Tidy Towns, we will be planting trees in various locations around both churches and other parochial properties such as the car parks as well as other public locations. We will also be making trees available free of charge to parishioners and we would particularly ask all farmers and landowners to consider planting one or two trees somewhere on their land as a symbol of giving back a little for the wonderful bounty Creation has given us. Trees available will include species suitable for large spaces such as oak, maple and beech as well as smaller sized trees such as rowan, birch and hazel which are suitable for medium to large sized gardens. Trees can be booked by contacting Martin Harran (074 9146107).

**Enrolment for St. Mary's NS Castlefin** will take place between Mon 30 January and Fri 3 February. Drop into our school secretary anytime that week to pick up your enrolment form. If you have any queries or questions, the principal and/or class teacher will be more than happy to meet with you. Please remember to bring along your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and PPS number on the day.

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

**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](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org). Full details are on church notice boards.

**Monthly Healing Mass** celebrated by Fr Neal Carlin will take place on Thursday 26 January at 7:30pm in Columba House, 11 Queen Street, Derry. All welcome.

**St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot:** next retreat will be held on Sun 5 Feb: Breige O'Hare will lead a day of Guided Prayer and Quiet Reflection, starting at 11am and concluding with Mass celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin at 3pm. Cost: £22/€25. Contact: 00353 749368370 or email: [sarce@eircom.net](mailto:sarce@eircom.net)

**Viatore Christi (VC):** Information & Recruitment Session on Tuesday 31 January at 7.30pm in St John's Parochial House, Falls Road, Belfast. Tel. 0035318689986; [apply@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:apply@viatoreschristi.com) or visit [www.viatoreschristi.com](http://www.viatoreschristi.com) for more information. All welcome!

**Bringing Theology Home - The Priory Institute** is focused on providing solid, high-quality, and affordable theological education by distance learning. Application deadline is 28 February. Contact: 01 4048124; email [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com); or visit [www.prioryinstitute.ie](http://www.prioryinstitute.ie).

**Boost your career with NWRC:** North West Regional College Derry-Londonderry, Limavady and Strabane is now offering an exciting range of new short part-time courses, designed to boost your career beginning in January. Tel: 048 7127 6000 or visit [www.nwrc.ac.uk/boost](http://www.nwrc.ac.uk/boost).

**Bellaghy Youth Choir & Gribbin Girls** presents a service of HOPE; a night of song & prayer to raise awareness of mental health, suicide prevention & life struggles; 7pm Sunday 29 January; St. Mary's Church, Bellaghy; Guest speaker from the Niamh Louise Foundation. Donations are in aid of mental health and suicide prevention charities.

**Strabane History Society:** next meeting is on Thursday 26 January at 7pm in The Strabane Community Library. The meeting will be on "Strabane's involvement in World War 1". Everyone is welcome.

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

**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](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) details on [www.childrenincrossfire.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.derrydiocese.org)**