

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year (18th Sept)



Sincere Sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of **Baby Cormac Mark Lafferty**, 14 Emmett Park, and **Eddie Boyle**, formerly Grahamsland, who died during the week.

Church Renovations in St Columba's Doneyloop

The leak under the Church floor has been located and fixed. The new plumbing and electrical works are nearly completed. The painting of the inside of the Church will begin this week. Our continued thanks to all involved in the renovations.
Weekday Masses in St Mary's Church this week will be at 10am - Monday to Saturday.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Last Saturday 36 Pilgrims gathered in our parish for our first ever Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, which was organised by our Parish Pastoral Council. Among our group we welcomed Paul and Angela Fong who travelled from Vancouver to join us for the One Day Retreat. For some it was their first time to the island and they were pleasantly surprised by the warm welcome everyone received. We assembled for Opening Prayers, The Way of the Cross and Rosary with Prayers of Intercession. This was followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our day concluded with the wonderful Celebration of the Eucharist. We are grateful to Fr. Porter PP for his presence there. The occasion was enhanced by the unfurling of our first Parish Banner, generously donated by Marcus O'Neill (Creative Signwork).

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy - 24 September:

This being the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy will be celebrated in parishes throughout the diocese. Mercy Sisters first came to our diocese at the invitation of the Bishop of Derry, Most Rev Edward McGinn in July 1848. There are Mercy Sisters living in a number of parishes. Many schools in our diocese were established by the Sisters of Mercy and many community and/or parish projects were initiated and developed by the vision and commitment of individual Sisters of Mercy.

Annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun 25 Sept. Bus leaves Clady at 8.30am; Doneyloop at 8.45am; Castlefin at 9am. Seats cost €14. Contact Maureen 0749146161 or Peggy 02871882403

Doneyloop Youth Club Ltd: The Annual General Meeting of Doneyloop Youth Club Ltd will be held in the Youth Club premises, Doneyloop on Wednesday 28 September at 8pm. Everyone is welcome.

Jubilee Year of Mercy - Lough Derg

Lord, your mercy lasts forever.

Teach us to trust you.

Smile on us with a mother's love
when we need to forgive ourselves.

Remind us of your forgiveness to us
when we need to forgive others.

Inspire and console us
as we reflect on the compassion
you lavished on so many.

Teach us to imitate
your courage and generous love.

Help us to be missionaries
of mercy in our homes
and communities. Amen.

Coffee Morning Cake Sale will be held in aid of Donegal Hospice on Friday 23 September at Donoughmore Presbyterian Church Hall, Liscooley from 10am – 2pm. All are welcome.

St Vincent de Paul: Monday Club will recommence on Mon 26 Sept after our summer break. New members are very welcome and we look forward to seeing our old faces again. If interested in joining please contact 074-9146726. **Drop-in-Centre** is available for bookings to any community group who wants a venue which is perfect for small meetings, courses, and get-togethers. Contact 074-9146726.

Tidy Towns: We will have our final Clean-Up on Saturday 24 September meeting at the SVP Drop-in-Centre at 10am. We appeal for all to come along and join us. High-vis vests, bags, gloves etc will be provided. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

Castlefin Social Services are hosting a Mystery Tour on Saturday 1 October. Price is €25 (incls bus and meals). Bus leaving Clady at 8.50am and Castlefin 9am sharp. Anyone interested in going can contact Roisin on 085 1248838. Closing date for bookings is Friday 23 September. A day not to be missed!

Polish Retreats: Kurs "Nowe Życie" take place on Saturday & Sunday 24 & 25 September in Ards Friary Retreat and Conference Centre, Creeslough. Find us on Facebook: SECiM Letterkenny or www.razemdlapana.net Booking is essential. Contact: Karolina 0872645391.

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot - One Day Retreat: "Learning to be Still" Time out for busy parents, grandparents and people in general. Wednesday 21 September; from 10.30am - 3pm. Cost is €25/£21. For more information: contact Fr Neal or Josephine at 074 9368370 or sarce@eircom.net.

Thornhill Ministries, Culmore Road, Derry: "Quiet Moments of Meditation" Using art, music and Scripture, this series of gentle mornings offers a space for stillness and contemplation. Wednesdays: beginning 5 Oct at 10:30am in Thornhill Convent. Suggested Donation £5. **"Let the Landscape Speak"** Drawing on the poetry of O'Donoghue and Heaney, Mary Murphy will facilitate an exploration of poems where the landscape has been the vehicle of communication between the Author of All of Life, the poet and ourselves. Four Thursdays: beginning 6 October from 7:30 to 8:45pm in Thornhill College. Suggested Donation: £5. To book the above: please phone 028 71351233 or e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org. For all information please visit www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

Triduum in preparation for the Feast of St Padre Pio will take place at the Franciscan Friary Rossnowlagh from Tues 20 until Fri 23 Sept. There will be Mass, Homily and Blessing of Relic at 7.30pm each evening. Preacher will be Fr Pius McLaughlin OFM who met Padre Pio. All are welcome.

Celebrating 10 Years of IOSAS Centre, Celtic Prayer Garden and White Oaks Acorn Project: Open Day on Saturday 24 September, 11am – 2pm. Sunday 25 September at 3pm: Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Fr Neal Carlin in St Canice's Oratory, Celtic Garden. All are welcome.

C.O.R. (Christ-in-Others Retreat): A weekend designed For Young People aged 13-17; in years 10, 11 & 12 will be held from Friday 30 Sept to Sun 2 Oct starting at 6:30pm on Fri and ending with Mass at 3:30pm on Sun. Cost for the weekend £50stg (accommodation and full board). Please contact: - COR Ireland Face book page or Laura 077 07961429; Tommy on 078 03795398 or Niall on 075 10865111.

The Physically Handicapped and Disabled Drivers Assoc gratefully acknowledges the amount of €222 and £4.20, being the proceeds of their recent church gate collection. Thank you for your support.

Strabane History Society meets on Thursday 22 September at 7pm in The Strabane Community Library. This is our first meeting of the new season and is on A Street through Time – featuring Abercorn Square, Castle Street and Castle Place. The speaker is our local historian Johnnie Kennedy.

Confessions:

Doneyloop:

Saturday: after 10am Mass; 6.45pm – 7.15pm.

First Fridays: 7pm – 7.20pm.

Castlefin:

Saturday: 12 noon; after the Vigil Mass.

Tuesday: at various times during the Eucharistic Adoration.

Baptism in the Parish:

Doneyloop: First Sunday of every month at 12.30pm.

Castlefin: Third Saturday of every month at 2.30pm.