

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year (02nd Oct)

Church Renovations in St Columba's Doneyloop

We are waiting for the floor to dry where the leaks were located and fixed. The next step is the laying of the carpet in the main body of the Church. Hopefully this will happen this week. We continue to thank those involved in the renovation work.

Weekday Masses in St Mary's Church this week will be at 10am - Monday to Saturday.

The 6.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church on Saturday 7 October will be the first anniversary Mass for Susie McGlinchey, Magherabuoy.



Sincere Sympathy: to the family, relatives and friends of **Helene McCarthy (nee Wright)**, formerly from Doneyloop who died in England during the week. May she rest in peace.

Visitation of the Sick: the sick and housebound in our parish will be visited this week. Fr Porter will visit on Thursday and Friday 6/7 October and Fr Crilly will visit on Friday 7 October.

First Holy Communion:

The Parish is organising a programme for all the parents of First Holy Communion children in our Parish this year. The programme is called "Do This in Memory of Me". An initial meeting for the parents will take place in St Mary's Hall, Castlefin on Wednesday 12 October at 7pm. All the parents are invited and encouraged to come along to this important meeting so that they can better help their child prepare for this special Sacrament.



The Parish Pastoral Council welcomes our three new members Mary Louise Mc Croary, Kathleen Catterson and Martin Harran. As our chosen theme for the coming year is Family and Community we are inviting parishioners to come along to a meeting in St Mary's Hall on Thursday 6 October at 8pm to form a small committee with a view to doing a parish Census in the spring of 2017. This is open to parishioners from both ends of the parish so please come along.

Mass and Eucharistic Adoration: A pamphlet is being distributed at all Masses this weekend inviting you to reflect on the value of Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. It also gives important information on how to obtain a full Plenary Indulgence before the end of this Special Jubilee Year of Mercy. Each person is asked to pass one on to someone they know who may not have been at Mass to receive it themselves.

St Mary's P.T.A.A. Monthly meeting takes place in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 4 October at 7pm.

A great weekend away in Ards Friary, Creeslough: take stock of life, listen to talks, share life stories, sing, laugh, share the sacraments - come on a Cursillo Encounter Weekend. Men: 6 - 9 Oct; Women: 13 - 16 Oct. For further information contact: 086 8067973.

Flu Vaccination Clinic, Health Centre, Lifford: Wed 6 Oct; 10am - 12noon and 3pm - 6pm; no appointment necessary. The vaccination is strongly recommended for persons aged 65 years or older and for adults & children suffering from chronic illness - heart disease, diabetes mellitus, chronic respiratory disease including moderate or severe asthma. Vaccination is free to medical cardholders.

Finn Valley Men's Project will host an information night on Thurs 13 Oct at 7.30pm at the CPI Centre. This project is for men who have time on their hands and would like to be part of something where you can share skills and interests or have somewhere to go for a chat and a cup of tea. To find out more drop in and see us on the 13, contact Mary at 086 0414972 or email finnvalleymen@gmail.com.

Family Day of Renewal: in St Patrick's Church, Aghyaran on Sat 8 Oct from 10am - 4.30pm. To mark the year of Mercy you are invited to a retreat with Fr Morty O'Shea (SOLT) which will include Morning Prayer, Consecration of families, Rosary and Mass. Confessions available all day with Fr Thomas, OFM. Please come along and bring a friend. Lunch provided - donation only to cover the cost of the event.

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot: Weekend Retreat "Exploring the Teachings of Richard Rhor" Sat 8 & Sun 9 Oct. Starts Sat at 2pm, finishes Sun at 4pm. Cost €85/£71. **One Day Retreat** Wed 12 Oct; 10.30am - 3pm. "Learning to be Still" Time out for busy parents, grandparents and people in general. Cost: €25/£21. For details contact Fr. Neal or Josephine at 074 9368370 or sarce@eircom.net

Anam Cara Bereavement Information Evening: on Thurs 13 Oct from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Guest speaker is Peter McCartan. This is a free event. To confirm numbers for tea, coffee, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wed 12 Oct or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Fostering Information Evenings: Tues 11 Oct, Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane, 7.30 pm; Thurs 13 Oct, Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh, 7.30 pm; Thurs 13 Oct, Da Vincis Hotel, Derry, 7.30 pm. If interested in fostering but cannot attend one of the evenings please tel: 028 7131 4244 or 028 8283 5264. Please help in providing a loving and secure home to some of the most vulnerable young people in our society.

Charity Dance in aid of Donegal Hospice: on Saturday 8 October in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. Music by: BeefSteak Dancers & DJ Dexter. Doors open 9.30 pm. Tickets: €10, available from Brid McGrenra 086 0882333 or pay at the door. Please support this worthy cause.

Thanks: Irish Heart Foundation thanks everyone who contributed to their church gate collection in Castlefin last weekend. €200 was raised and is much appreciated. **Concern** also thanks you for the proceeds of their recent church gate collection in Doneyloop and Castlefin which raised €377 and £19.

Befriending Service: Do you have an hour a week to spare to befriend an older person? If so, the Friendly Face Befriending Service would like to hear from you. Volunteers needed now in the Lifford and Castlefin Areas and in the Milford, Rosguill and Fanad Areas. To apply/for details, please contact, Community Befriending Organiser, Sarah Breslin, on 086 7858799; email sarahbefriending@gmail.com

Youth 2000 invites all young adults aged 16 - 35 to a Catholic Weekend Retreat taking place from 14 - 16 October in Lough Derg. A weekend organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided and accommodation is on site - just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. Details from: www.youth2000.ie / Tel 07598876399. Newcomers welcome.

Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning: Saturday 8 October, 10:30 - 3pm, Daycare Centre, Culmore Road - For more info contact us on (028) 71359888.

Maria's Gospel Hour: Maria Doherty from Bunrana will be presenting One Hour of Gospel Music each week, starting this Sunday, 2 Oct, at 4pm, on Keep it Country TV. (Sky 389, Freesat & Freeview).

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.