

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year (09th Oct)

Church Renovations in St Columba's Doneyloop

The work in the Church is nearly complete. The new sound system has been installed, the carpet has been laid and the seats will be put back during the coming week. Next weekend's Masses will once again be in St Columba's Church. Our thanks again to everyone who was involved in the renovations and a special word of thanks to the members of the Parish Building Committee. Weekday Masses in St Mary's Church this week will be at 10am - Monday to Saturday.

Emigrant Collection: The Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants deals with the spiritual and temporal needs of Irish people overseas in partnership with the local Church, researches the ongoing needs of Irish emigrants and liaises with national and international bodies dealing with migrants and refugees. To support them in their work a collection has been organised in our Diocese this year. In our Parish we will take up a second collection at all Masses this weekend. Please give what you can.

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.



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.

St Mary's Castlefin Altar Servers: Any child who would like to become an altar server, could they please give their name to Fr. Crilly or Edel Meenan on 0872300821. Could all altar servers please continue with the current rota and a new rota will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Flu Vaccination Clinic, Lifford Health Centre: Wednesday 12 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. The vaccine itself is provided free for people in any of these groups, but if you do not have a medical card there is a fee of €25 for giving the vaccine.

St Mary's PTAA: 2017 Pioneer Calendars are available at €2.50 per copy. If anyone would like to order a copy please contact Collette Carlin 0876707164 as soon as possible.

The Pioneer Talent Competition Readoiri will take place this year to Provincial level only. Categories include Recitation, Solo Singing, Musical Solo and Group Novelty Act, Group Singing. If any of our young Pioneers are interested in taking part please contact Collette before 1 November.

Finn Valley Men's Project will host an **Information Evening** on Thurs 13 Oct at 7.30pm at the CPI Centre which will highlight some of the services that are available in the Castlefin area. To find out more drop in and see us on the 13, contact Mary at 086 0414972, Kathleen at 087 7763401, or email finnvalleyemen@gmail.com. All welcome and bring a friend for a cup of tea and chat.

Clady Craft Group wishes to say a big 'Thank You' to all who attended our Open Day on Saturday last. It was a great success. Winners of the crochet throws were: 1. Marie Guthrie 2. Bernadette McAndrew 3. Josephine Fullerton. Proceeds of the draw in aid of Strabane Community Rescue Service came to £670.

Castlefin Social Services have organised a day trip on Saturday 3 December to Belfast to visit the Christmas Markets and shopping. Price of this trip is €35 which includes bus fare, full Irish breakfast and dinner. Anyone interested can contact 085 1248838 to book.

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.

Cursillo will hold two "3-Day Residential Weekends" at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca. Men's on Thurs 20 - Sun 23; Women's on Thurs 27- Sun 30. Contact: 077 08066939 or 078 41100174.

Irish Pilgrimage Trust - Pilgrimage to Lourdes Easter Sunday 2017: Applications welcome from young people with: a medical condition, physical disability or illness (aged 9-18); a learning disability (aged 11-21); very seriously ill (under age 9) - accompanied by a parent or close relative; young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness; the young person travels without their family but accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. The Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Contact Margaret Rose on 079 22237986 or Alice O'Hagan on 0035386 3460522 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications: 31 October. If you are interested in volunteering with The Irish Pilgrimage Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer for a week next Easter please contact Mary on 00353877962047 for more information. All volunteers pay their own fare which is €650 or £560 or students €425 or £360. Details are on our website www.irishpilgrimagetrust.ie

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group: monthly meeting, two 1st class relics, on Monday 10 Oct in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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

Prayer For Those Absent From Us

Loving God,
We pray for those whom we love,
But who are absent from us.
Keep them safe from all harm, evil and danger.
Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love and joy.
Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love;
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

Prayers of our Hearts, Vienna Cobb Andersen.