

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Fourth Sunday of the Year** (29<sup>th</sup> Jan)

**Daily Mass This Week:**

**Doneyloop:** Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs - 9am; Fri & Sat – no weekday Mass.

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

*Derry Diocesan Society: The 10am Mass in St Columba's Church on Monday 30 January will be offered for the deceased members of the DDS.*

**Sincere Sympathy** to the families, relatives and friends of **Maureen McMenamin**, Sessiagh Park,



Castlefin who died during the week. We offer our sincere sympathy also to Fr Crilly on the death of his uncle **Dinny Bradley** who was buried in Magherafelt on Tuesday. May they rest in peace.



**Baptism:** we welcome into God's Church through Baptism,  
**Blake Hugh O'Hagan**, 16 Emmett Park, Castlefin.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound on Wednesday and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Fr Crilly will visit his sick and housebound on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Feast Days This Week:**

**Wednesday: St Brigid's Day** - Crosses will be blessed during Mass in both churches.

**Thursday: Feast of the Presentation** - Candles will be blessed during Mass in both churches

**Friday: St Blaise** - Throats will be blessed at the end of the 7.30pm Mass in Castlefin



**St Brigid's Cross Celebration Night:** Making of Crosses at Doneyloop Community Centre on Wed 1 Feb; 7.30pm – 11.30pm. Entertainment for both old and young by local artists. Admission- donation on the night. Refreshments provided. Prizes for Cross making.

Transport available – please contact Roisin on 085 1248838 to book your seat. Everyone is welcome.

**St Columba's NS, Ballylast:** on Fri 3 Feb we will hold an Open Day for parents and children who have enrolled or are considering enrolling in Sept 17. Come along from 1pm - 2pm to view our school and meet our staff. Up to date information on our school is available on [www.stcolumbasballylast.ie](http://www.stcolumbasballylast.ie).

**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.

**Castlefin Men's Shed: Beginners Woodwork Class** will start at the CPI Centre on Thursday 2 February at 11.30am. Contact 0877763401 to book a place

**Letting of Land** known as the Point Field will take place on Monday 30 January at 7pm in Tommy Crawford's Office, The Diamond, Castlefin. Usual terms apply.

**St Vincent de Paul: Annual Silver Circle** draw will take place on 7 February. Due to circumstances members will not be going door to door this year. Although we have a number of promoters who have assisted us each year we will need a little extra help to make this a success. If you feel you could give us a wee helping hand call into the Shop for card or a line. Lines are €10 each and we would appreciate your usual generous support. **Monday Club** resumes on Monday 30 January. All are very welcome back after the Christmas break with new members encouraged to attend. **Thrift Shop** appreciated all your help over the Christmas period and appeal for your continued support. Clothes, curtains, etc and unwanted Christmas gifts gratefully appreciated. Furniture can be collected by contacting 074-9146726. The Shop has candles in stock which will be blessed on Candlemas Day. Call in and place your order!

**Robert Emmetts:** Lotto Jackpot - €1800. Bingo Snowball - €1180. Club members are now selling the National Draw tickets – a great opportunity to raise some funds for the Club. All prizes are covered by Central Council with no expense to the Club, while all money raised from the sale of tickets is retained by the Club. Prizes include Car, €1500 travel vouchers, €1000 shopping vouchers, Trip for 2 to Australia and numerous All Ireland football and hurling final corporate packages. Tickets are great value at €10.

**'Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love':** Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on 'Love in the Family' presented by Grainne Doherty, in the Ardmore Pastoral Centre: nine monthly sessions, commencing Tues 31 January, at 7.30pm. The First Session will be introduced by Bishop Donal McKeown. The various themes contained in Pope Francis' 'Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family' will be explored and deliberated upon for reflection, inviting all to look anew at the beauty and joy of what it means to be part of a family. It is an opportunity to be refreshed, enriched and informed by the Pope's reflections on the Family. For more information contact Fr Neil Farren at Ardmore Pastoral Centre on (028) 7134 9490 or email Ardmore Parish Office at [ardmoreparish@btconnect.com](mailto:ardmoreparish@btconnect.com)

**Special Diocesan Mass:** the Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs, and their families and friends, will take place in Saint Joseph's Church, Galliagh on Saturday 6 May at 2pm. Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 71264087.

**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.

**Feast of St Brigid at IOSAS Centre & Celtic Garden:** Come and make a St Brigid's Cross on Tues 31 Jan from 5:30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Neal Carlin in St Canice's Oratory at 7pm where crosses will be blessed. Tea / Coffee provided during cross-making. No cost but donations welcome.

**Anam Cara:** Bereavement Information Evening; Thurs 9 Feb from 19:30 to 21:30; Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Wed 8 Feb or call 01 4045378, NI 02895213120.

**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).

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)