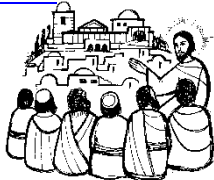


# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year** (13<sup>th</sup> Nov)

**Daily Mass This Week:**

**Doneyloop:** Mon & Tues – no Mass; Wed & Thurs – 9am; Fri – 7.30pm; Sat – 10am.

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

**First Holy Communion:** We welcome our First Communion Children and their families to the Vigil Mass next Saturday 19 November in both churches as part of the Do this in Memory Program.



**November is the Month of the Holy Souls.**

A **Book of Remembrance** is presently available in both churches during the month of November. The names of our beloved deceased family and friends whom we wish to be remembered can be included in these Books.

A **Service of Remembrance** will be held in St Mary's Church on Sunday next, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The schoolchildren have prepared leaves on which you can write the name of a bereaved family. The bereavement may be recent or a long time ago. These leaves are available in both churches and will be part of the Service. The Remembrance Books will also be part of the Service. Everyone is welcome.

‘It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.’



**Sincere Sympathy** to the family, relatives and friends of **Mark McGuire**, Ballybun who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

**Legion of Mary:** meeting in St Mary's Church on Mondays at 6pm. New members welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration** in St Mary's Church on Tuesdays beginning after the 10am Mass until 8pm.

**Bingo:** on Monday nights in the Community Centre, Doneyloop at 9pm.

**Whist:** every Wednesday in St Mary's Hall at 8.30pm. Scorecard: €2.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** is organizing a Parish Pilgrimage to St Brigid's Well on Sat 19 Nov. This will coincide with the closing of the Year of Mercy next weekend. Parishioners are asked to assemble at St Columba's Church at 2pm [please note change of time due to official reopening of CPI that day] then walk up the road to the Well where a short Prayer Service will take place. Please wear suitable footwear for crossing the field. Refreshments will be served in Community Centre on our return!!



**Youth Folk Choir** invites singers and musicians of all ages to join us! Everyone welcome to Practice on Tuesdays in St Columba's Church 7.30-9pm. Contact Rachel 0868043065.

**Urney & Castlefinn Parish Committee** is currently in the process of organising our Christmas Draw which was an outstanding success last year and contributed to necessary work that has been carried out in the parish during the year. Tickets, with a report of the work carried out, will be distributed to households within the next few weeks and we are requesting once again the services of those promoters who assisted last year and any promoters involved in previous years draws. More details to follow.

**Urney and Castlefin Parish Youth Committee** invites new members! Our next meeting is Wednesday 16 Nov at 8.15pm in St Mary's Hall, Castlefin. Please join us and encourage others to come along!

**St Vincent de Paul: Annual Collection** will take place on Sat/Sun, 10/11 December. We would appreciate your usual generosity as we seek to respond to the many needs of the families within our area. We are aware of Money Lenders operating within the area and we plead to you not to avail of their services as interest rates are astronomical and will lead to long term misery. We are presently drawing up our Christmas Assistance Programme and if you feel you should be considered for help at this time with bills, heating toys etc. please contact any member or call 074 9146726 to have your request considered. Our Annual Christmas party takes place on Saturday 10 Dec. Our Thrift Shop stocks a selection of Mass Bouquets and Christmas cards. We would like to appeal to the community for donation of men's clothing. If clearing out your wardrobes for Christmas we would be grateful if you would consider donating items to our shop. Furniture can be collected by contacting 074 9146726

**Christmas Lights Committee;** we are now making our preparations for the Christmas period by erection of lights, crib, trees etc. Unfortunately this all comes at a cost and Tidy Towns have agreed to assist us with our Annual Silver Circle. Cards and lines are available from members of both committees and we hope all businesses will take at least one card. Lines are €5 and we would appeal for your usual loyal support. We hope to have the Draw on Sunday 4 Dec with switching on of Lights on Sat 10 Dec.

**Official Re-opening of the CPI** will take place on Sat 19 Nov from 12pm to 3pm. There will be a coffee morning by CPI Community Childcare, cake sale by St Patrick's Church Donaghmore, health checks by Murray's Pharmacy, demonstrations by Zara Holmes School of Drama and an outside broadcast by Finn Valley FM. All donations and proceeds from the day will go to Donegal Hospice. Everyone is invited!

**Robert Emmets** The Club's very popular Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place in St Mary's Hall on Sun 11 Dec at 5pm. More details later. Preparations are well underway for our big 'Kube' night in the CPI Centre on Sat 26 Nov, doors open at 7.30pm. Adm is €10 and tickets which are selling out fast are currently available from Club members – a great night's entertainment is assured. With bar facilities now available and music on till late it promises to be a great community event.

**Castlefinn Drama Group** presents The Maiden Aunt by Jimmy Keary - hilarious 3 act comedy in St Mary's Hall Castlefinn on 12 and 13 November. Show starts at 8pm; doors open at 7.30; pay at door.

**Mass for all the deceased young people of the Derry Diocese** will be celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown in St Eugene's Cathedral on Sunday 13 Nov at 7pm. It will be an opportunity for the families and friends of those who have lost young loved ones to come together in a spirit of prayer and hope.

**Archbishop Eamon Martin** will be presenting on **Exploring the Importance of the Parish and the Diocese in Irish life**, at the Seamus Heaney Home Place in Bellaghy on Saturday 3 December,. Full details of the event can be accessed on <https://seamusheaneyhome.ticketsolve.com/#/shows?page=2>

**St Anthony's Retreat Centre: Afternoon Retreat** "Christian Mindfulness" on Sat 19 Nov; starts 2pm, finishes with Mass at 6.30pm. Cost: €25/£21. **Advent Retreat** Led by Breige O Hare on Sun 27 Nov; starts 11am, finishes with Mass at 3pm. Time out to reflect and prepare for Christmas. Cost: €30/£25.

**Walking Into The Story:** on the last weekend of November, Thornhill Ministries is hosting a truly inspirational event in preparation for Christmas. With more than 100 cribs from all over the world on display, we will get a chance to absorb the story of Christ's birth and how it is expressed in different cultures. Venue: Thornhill Convent House. Times: Friday – 6pm to 8pm, Saturday – 11am to 7pm, Sunday – 11am to 5pm. Proceeds are in aid of Thornhill Ministries. All welcome!

**Jubilee Year of Mercy celebrations by the Syro Malabar Community in the Derry Diocese:**

In conjunction with the closing of Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Syro Malabar Community invites you all to their celebration which is taking place on Sat 19 Nov in St Columb's Church, Waterside. Ceremonies commence in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm with a short reflection on the Year of Mercy, followed by a solemn procession to the Church entering through the main door for Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Bishop Donal McKeown. The catechetical students will use their talents to demonstrate various aspects of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The attendance of many from the Diocese will be greatly appreciated by the Syro-Malabar Community.

**Confessions:**

**Doneyloop:**

**Saturday:** after the 10am and 6pm Mass;

**First Fridays:** before and after the 7.30pm Mass.

**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.