

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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## First Sunday of Advent

### Mass Times:

**Doneyloop:** Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs - 9am; Fri - 7.30pm; Sat - 10am.

**Castlefin:** Tues, Wed & Thurs - 10am; Fri - 7pm; Sat - No Morning Mass.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December is a holyday of obligation. We celebrate this solemnity with joy because the Conception of Mary tells us that the Birth of Jesus is not far off.

**Mass Times: Castlefin: - Friday 7pm (Vigil)**

**Doneyloop: - Saturday 10am.**



**Congratulations** to Rebecca Elliott Shircore and Sean Furey who were married in St Columba's Church on Thursday 2<sup>9th</sup> November.

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection** will be taken up at all masses on the weekend 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Your usual generous response will be much appreciated.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Fr Porter will make his Christmas visit to his sick and housebound on Thursday and Friday 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December and Fr. Crilly will make his Christmas visit on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### Ministries for the Month of December:

<u>Doneyloop:</u>	<u>Vigil</u>	<u>10am</u>
<b>Readers:</b> 1/2 Jessica Hourican, Rachel Doohar 8/9 Emby O'Donnell	Ella Brown, Cormac Morris Aussie Bryson	
15/16 First Communicants (Do This in Memory)	Aussie Bryson	
22/23/29/30 Emby O'Donnell	Aussie Bryson	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> S. O'Donnell, G. Coyle 8 N. Devine, M. Devine 24/25 M. Crawford, L. Lafferty	L. Hourican, S. O'Donnell J. McGrenra, H. Byrne	
<u>Castlefin:</u>	<u>Vigil</u>	<u>11am</u>
<b>Readers:</b> 1/2 Lucy Stewart, Sam McGlinchey 8/9 EdelMeenan, Barry Harron	Tiarna McGlinchey, Caragh Leigh Rushe Monica Maguire, Aoife Crawford	
15/16 First Communicants (Do This in Memory)	Monica Maguire, Aoife Crawford	
22/23 EdelMeenan, Barry Harron	Monica Maguire, Aoife Crawford	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> C. Crawford, M. Gamble B. McGlinchey	M. Killen, B. Durning C. Carlin	

**DTIM team meeting** takes place in Doneyloop on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

**Irish Catholic Newspapers:** There is a real need for us as Catholics to feed our faith on a daily basis. This is why the Urney and Castlefin parish, along with many other Irish parishes, is partnering with *The Irish Catholic* newspaper to launch a special initiative for 10 weeks from December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Extra copies of the paper will be available for just €1 per edition for this time, and we encourage as many people as possible to pick it up. From hearing uplifting positive news from parishes around the country, to getting the Catholic perspective on the latest news, there is something for everyone in the paper. For just €10, you could go on a mini-retreat with *The Irish Catholic* over Advent and Christmas, and start the New Year with purpose. So please do pick up a copy, take time to read it throughout the week, and invest in your faith this winter.

**Children in Crossfire:** Shauna Taylor will speak at all Masses in our parish next weekend to appeal for help with their Christmas campaign. The Children in Crossfire boxes will be available then.

### Collections: Thank you for your generosity

<u>Weekend Collection:</u>	St. Columba's Doneyloop	St. Mary's Castlefin
	€ 580 £ 367	€ 890 £ 30
<u>Church Restoration Fund:</u>	€ 335 £ 15	
<u>Donations:</u>		€ 20

**Urney & Castlefin Parish Christmas Draw:** tickets are now being distributed to all households in the parish and we are appealing for your support. Further books are available on request by contacting any member of the fundraising committee.

**The final Jubilee Update Meeting** takes place on Tuesday 4th December at 8pm in St Mary's Church Meeting Room.

**Thanks to all who supported the recent Big Whist Drive** in aid of St Marys Church Improvements. A special thanks to all the ladies who helped with refreshments and to ClancysFoodstore who helped with sponsorship. Thanks to all the Sponsors of the Raffle Prizes. €1250 was realised for the Improvements.

**St Marys P.T.A.A.** monthly meeting takes place on Tuesday 4th December at 7pm

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Christmas party 8<sup>th</sup> December – invites are being distributed. However if you feel you have been overlooked please call with us and an invite will be given to you. Contact no. 074-9146726

**Castlefin Christmas Lights Committee:** With the town looking so well we would appreciate people coming forward to buy or sell a few lines. A lot of extra work was done and Our Annual Silver Circle draw will help alleviate the cost. The draw has been postponed until next Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**History Club:** Our local history books "Visions of the Past 1 & 2" are now on sale in the shops and would make an ideal Christmas presents for family and friends of home and abroad.

**Castlefin Social Services** are hosting a Christmas tea dance on Wednesday 19th December in St Mary's hall Castlefin from 12noon to 4pm. All welcome.

**Robert Emmets:** Our Annual Christmas Bazaar takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in St. Mary's Hall at 7pm. Fantastic prizes to be won, Everyone welcome. Congratulations to Sam Gallagher on his Donegal GAA lifetime achievement award and Congratulations to our Ballad group who were crowned Scór County Champions last Sunday.

**Follow the Star Christmas Trail** at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Lenamore Road, Muff starting on Sat 8th Dec, celebrating the Christian traditions of Christmas. Booking essential. Tel: (00353) 74 93 84866