

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Christ the Universal King

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon, Tues, Wed, - No Mass; Thurs – 9am; Fri – 7.30pm, Sat – 10am

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

Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony:

During the Vigil Masses next weekend there will be a ceremony of enrolment for the children of our Parish receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. Children are asked to bring their Baptismal candle to the Mass. Bishop Donal McKeown will confirm the Children in St. Columba's Church on Wednesday 21st March at 5pm.

St. Columba's Church Choir Practice next Saturday 2nd December at 5pm. All members are asked to attend and new voices are most welcome.

St. Mary's Church Choir practices for Advent and the Christmas Season begin on Monday 27th at 8pm for all current members. If you and a friend would like to join us for these celebrations you would be most welcome. Please think about it!

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Crilly will visit his sick and housebound on Monday 4th December and Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound on Thursday and Friday 7th/8th December.

The Children of the Eucharist is an apostolate which brings children before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration. This will be starting in the 4 Primary Schools in this Parish in January 2018. Would you like to be involved in this Ministry? If you are interested and require more information, please ring Mary on 087 7586350. To find out more about Children of the Eucharist, see www.cote.ie

Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith will take place in over 200 locations along the Irish coastline, today, Sunday 26 November, at 2:30pm, the Rosary on the Coast Ireland Group invite you to gather and pray for the unborn at Ards Friary, Creeslough. Meeting time 2pm in Ards Friary carpark, going to the beach for 2.30pm prayer. All welcome

The Big Whist Drive for Parish Funds takes place this Wednesday 29th November at 8pm in St. Mary's Hall Castlefin. Everyone Welcome. Donations of sandwiches, buns etc are most welcome for the refreshments please. If you can help out in any way please contact Collette.

***Parish Christmas Family Evening*.** We are planning a family evening in December with a short concert followed by light refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. There will be a meeting next Thursday 30th of November at 8.15pm in St Marys Hall to plan the evening. Anyone who would like to be involved in organising it is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend but would like to help in any way, please contact Paddy Kennedy or Martin Harran.

St. Vincent de Paul Castlefin are presently drawing up their 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.

St. Vincent de Paul: Invitations to our Christmas Party have now been distributed. If you have not received one and feel you are eligible please contact 074-9146726.

Castlefin Social Services will mark the end of their 50th Anniversary Year by hosting a Christmas Tea Dance on Wednesday 6th December in St Mary's hall Castlefin. Dancing from 1pm to 4pm. Tea served at 12.30. Santa will be there on the day.

Castlefin Christmas Lights Silver Circle will take place in the SVdP Drop-in-Centre after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 3rd Dec. All promoters are asked to have their cards returned prior to the draw. Cards may be returned to the SVdP Shop. Lines are available €5.00 each and we appeal for your support in helping to bring a little Christmas spirit to the area.

Clady Cross Community Association: Christmas market bus run to Belfast on Sat 2nd Dec leaving Smugglers car park at 9pm sharp. Arts/crafts every Weds/Thurs morning in Clady community hall 10.30am. All welcome, Blessing of the crib at 3.30pm and Christmas tree switch on at 8pm, Fri 8th Dec. Programme of events to follow later. Hall available for parties - contact Barry on 07858748890. Tues social night, doors open at 7.30pm.

Robert Emmets: Congratulations to the Scor competitors who qualified for the County Final which takes place Friday 4th November in Ballintra. Commiserations to those who didn't. Robert Emmet's were presented with the non- Gaeltacht culture club of the year award at Saturday nights County Banquet. The club extends sympathy the Mc Crory family Drumbane, on the death of Packie, the Cullen family Killygordan, on the death of Danny and to the Corry Family Clady on the death of Johnny. May they all rest in peace. The clubs annual bizarre will take place in St. Mary's Hall Castlefin in 16th December.

Crib Festival, Thornhill House, Derry - A truly inspirational event with all sorts of cribs (creative, contemporary, traditional and in Augmented/Virtual Reality) - Sunday 26 November from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. Selection of seasonal gifts available. Proceeds in support of the work of Thornhill Ministries. All welcome!

Strabane History Society meeting takes place on Thursday 30th November at 7pm in Strabane Community Library. This will be a talk by Boyd Gray, West Ulster Genealogy Services, on "Researching your family tree" with emphasis on Tyrone and Donegal relatives and building your own family tree.