

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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First Sunday of Advent

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs – 9am; Fri – 10am Sat – 10am

Castlefin: Mon, Tues, Wed – 10am, Thurs – No Mass, Fri – 7pm

3rd December 2017

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th 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: Doneyloop 10am. Castlefin 7.00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up at all masses on the weekend 9th & 10th of December. Your usual generous response will be much appreciated.



Sincere Sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Johnny Corry, 12 Bellscourt, Clady, and James Doherty, Magherabouy, Liscooley who were buried recently in our Parish. May they rest in peace. The 6pm Mass next Saturday 9th Dec., will be the month's mind for the late Packie Mc Croary, Drumbane. The 11am Mass next Sunday 10th Dec. will be the 1st anniversary Mass for the late Pete Mc Connell, Hillhead.

Congratulations to Aileen Holmes and Keith Flynn who were married recently in St. Mary's Church, Castlefin.

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.

DTIM team meeting takes place in Doneyloop on Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm.

St Mary's PTAA: Monthly meeting takes place on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm in St Mary's Church Meeting Room.

Parish Christmas Draw: Our Christmas draw tickets have now been distributed to all households in the parish and we are appealing for your support. Further books are available on request by contacting any committee member.

Readers for December: Please check the notice board in the Porch for the list of readers for this month.

Year of the Family - Family Christmas Concert will take place in St. Mary's Hall on 17th Dec at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Parish Youth Choir and children from local schools. This will be followed by a visit from a red-suited gentleman for the little children and light refreshments for the grown-up children. All welcome, admission free.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Big Whist. Thanks to the sponsors for the raffle prizes SuperValu Ballybofey and Strabane, Lidl Ballybofey, Bonnars Supermarket and Maguires in Stranorlar, Dunnes and Tesco Letterkenny, Reynolds Raphoe, Clonleigh Co Op and Murrays Pharmacy Castlefin. Thanks to Clancy's Foodstore for sponsoring refreshments and to Parishioners who donated food and helped on the night. €1370 was raised on the night for Parish Funds. Whist continues every Wednesday at 8.30pm in St Mary's a Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

Castlefin Christmas Lights Committee: The switching on of the lights and blessing of the crib will take place in the Diamond on Thursday 7th Dec at 7.00 p.m. Carol Singing and the Youth Choir will be there to entertain us. Even the Big man himself, Santa Claus may appear. Everyone welcome for this special service in the run up to Christmas. Our Annual Silver Circle draw will take place in the Drop-in-Centre this Sunday after 11.00 a.m. mass. We are appealing to for all promoters to return cards in good time for the draw.

St Vincent de Paul Castlefin are presently drawing up their Christmas Assistance Programme - if you require help at this time with bills, heating etc. contact: 074-9146726 to have your request considered. Hamper Boxes are in the local shops and donation of non-perishable goods are greatly appreciated. Church Art Calendars are now on sale in our Shop. **Christmas party 9th December** – invites have now been 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 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 1pm - 4pm. Tea served at 12.30. Santa will be there on the day. All welcome Admission free.

Robert Emmets: There was no jackpot winner in last weeks lotto. The numbers drawn were 2-10-22-25 and there was one match 3 winner. Next weeks jackpot is €2550 with the Bingo snowball of €1460. Our monster Bazaar will be held on Saturday the 16th December in St Mary's Hall commencing at 7:45pm. We extend sympathy to the family and friends of the late James Doherty Magherabouy who passed away in the past week. May he rest in peace.

Clady Craft Group: The group wish to thank all those who came and supported their coffee day on Saturday 8th November. £400 was raised on the day. The group added a further £400 to this which they collected throughout the year. The total £800 was donated to the local Alzheimer's Society.

Twin Towns Concern Action Group: Bazaar on Sunday 3rd December @ 3pm in the Villa Rose Hotel. Your support would be much appreciated. Everyone welcome.