

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Second Sunday of Advent

9th December 2018

Mass Times:

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

Castlefin: Mon - 10am; Tues, Wed - No Mass; Thurs - 7.30pm; Fri - 10am; Sat - No Morning Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 8th/9th December. St. Mary's Church, Castlefin - collection will be taken up before Mass. St. Columba's Church, Doneyloop - collection will be taken up after Mass. Your usual generous response will be much appreciated.

Church Gate Collections: The Parish Pastoral Council have decided that from 1st January 2019 any charity taking up a collection on the Church Grounds should please make contact with the Parish Office 0749146183 at least one week before the date of the Collection. Only Charities are permitted to collect on Church Grounds.

Children in Crossfire boxes are available this weekend at the back of both Churches - Your help with this appeal would be greatly appreciated.

Visitation of the Sick: Fr. Crilly will make his Christmas visit to his sick and housebound on Monday 10th December.

Penitential Services for Christmas

St Mary's Church, Melmount: Sunday 16th December at 6.00pm
St Patrick's Church, Murlog: Monday 17th December at 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Castlefin: Wednesday 19th December at 7.00pm



Collections: Thank you for your generosity

<u>Weekend Collection:</u>	St. Columba's Doneyloop	St. Mary's Castlefin
	€ 590 £ 360	€1110 £ 70
<u>Church Restoration Fund:</u>		€ 440 £ 15

Parish Fundraising Committee: Our Big Christmas Draw takes place on Sunday 16th December. We thank you for your support and co-operation. We appeal to our promoters to collect and return tickets on or before Friday 14th December to ensure all tickets are included in the draw. Any person whose tickets have not yet been collected or returned can leave them with the promoter or in the SVP Thrift Shop before 3pm on Friday 14th.

St Safan's N.S: Santa Claus is coming to breakfast in St Safan's N.S. All in our community are welcome to join us on Friday 14th December at 10am.

St. Columba's National School Ballylast are performing a nativity play and carol service on Thursday 20th December after 10 o'clock mass in St Mary's Church Castlefin. This will be followed by a cake sale in St. Mary's Hall Castlefin. Everyone Welcome!

Castlefin Social Services is hosting a Christmas tea dance on Wednesday 19th December 2018 from 12noon to 4pm in St Marys Hall Castlefin. Everyone welcome - a day not to be missed.

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 will take place on Sunday 9th Dec after Mass.

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.

The 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 please contact any member or call 074-9146726 to have your request considered. Church Art Calendars are now on sale in our Shop very reasonably priced at €1.00

St. Columba's College Parents Council are holding a table quiz on Wednesday 12th December in Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club at 9.30pm in aid of the School Development Fund. Everyone welcome!

St. Columba's College is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this school year. To mark the occasion, there will be a Gala Celebration Ball on Sat 16th February 2019 in the Finn Suite, Jackson's Hotel. Tickets are now on sale from the school office (074) 9131246, and are priced at €45 each or a table of 10 for €400. We are looking forward to a great Community Celebration.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL: *'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.'* Psalm 74:21. Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda, 33,000 people, mainly women and children from South Sudan, have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

New Mission Team in Derry Diocese: If you are interested in being part of a new Mission Team in the diocese to promote and foster mission awareness at home and overseas, please come along to a meeting this Tuesday, 11th December, at 7.00pm, in Ardstraw House, 21A Buncrana Rd, Derry, BT48 8LA (next to St Columba's College). All are welcome. For further information please contact Fr David O'Kane on 028 7133 7727.

Anam Cara Donegal: Parent Evening on 13th of December at 7:20pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Safeguarding: If you have a safeguarding concern please contact one of the following Diocesan Designated Persons - Noel O'Donnell - 07596500793 or Celine Mc Kenna - 0759666773, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop St., Derry BT486UJ.