

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Second Sunday of Advent** (4<sup>th</sup> Dec)

**Daily Mass This Week:**

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

**Castlefin:** Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri – 10am; Wed - 6.30pm.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday 8th December: Today is a holyday of obligation. We celebrate this solemnity with joy; for the Conception of Mary tells us that the Birth of Jesus is not far off.

**Mass Times:** **Doneyloop: Wed - 7.30pm; Thurs - 9am.**  
**Castlefin: Wed - 6.30pm; Thurs - 10am**



**Derry Diocesan Society:** the 10am Mass in St Columba's Church on Saturday next, December 10 will be offered for the deceased members of the DDS.



**Sincere Sympathy** to the family, relatives and friends of **Paddy Kelly**, Caislean Court who died during the week. May he rest in peace.



**Baptism:** We welcome into God's Church through Baptism,  
**Amy Rebecca McMenamin**, Donaghmore and **Niamh Christine Quinn**, Raws Lr.

**Christmas Penitential Services (Advance Notice):** St Mary's Church, Melmount: Sun 18 Dec at 6pm.  
St Patrick's Church, Murlóg: Mon 19 Dec at 7.30pm  
St Mary's Church, Castlefin: Wed 21 Dec at 7pm.

**December Ministries:**

**Doneyloop:**

**Euch Ministers:** D. Maxwell, S. O'Donnell.

**Readers:** Cora Quinn.

**Castlefin:**

**Euch Ministers:** Jarlath Cannon, EdelMeenan.

**Readers:** C. Crawford, M. Gamble,  
B. McGlinchey.

**Vigil**

**9.30am**  
U. Lafferty, M. Crawford.

Aussie Bryson.

**Vigil**

**11.30am**  
Monica Maguire, Martin Harran.

M. Killen, B. Durning,  
C. Carlin.



**Doneyloop Counters:** Grace Corry, Leona Lafferty, Una Lafferty.

**Do this in Memory Mass** for first Communion children and their families will take place next Saturday 10 December in both Churches

**Church Music:**

**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.

**St Mary's Church Choir:** practice in Castlefin every Monday evening at 8pm in preparation for Advent and Christmas. Please do consider coming along even if only for a few weeks.

**St Columba's Church Choir:** there will be a practice on Sat 10 and on Sat 17 December at 5pm before the Vigil Mass. All members please attend and new voices are always welcome.



**Parish Christmas Carol Service:** Please join in! Practice for everyone interested in taking part in our Carol Service will be held in St Mary's Church, Castlefin on Wednesday 7 December, 7.30-9pm.

**Urney & Castlefin Parish - Christmas Draw:** Tickets have now been distributed to all households in the parish. We are appealing for your support by taking at least one book and further books are available on request. Unfortunately we have no promoters for the following areas: Caislean Court, Corcullion and Maghereagh area. Anyone living in these catchment areas can avail of tickets in the SVP Thrift Shop.

**Parish Youth Committee:** there will be a Parish Youth Committee meeting on Wednesday 7 December at 8.15pm in St. Mary's Hall Castlefin. All new members are welcome.

**St Safan's NS** will host their Christmas Concert on Tues 20 Dec at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Also Enrolment for all children will take place on Friday 20 January from 12 - 2pm. You are all very welcome to come along and visit us, have a look around and meet the staff.

**St Mary's PTAA:** monthly meeting on Tuesday 6 Dec at 7pm in St Mary's Church Meeting Room.

**Big Whist Drive:** sincere thanks to all the Whist players who supported the Big Whist Drive and to all the ladies who donated refreshments and helped out on the night. It was a very enjoyable event which realised €1600 for Parish Funds.

**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. **Christmas Party:** 10 Dec – invites have now been distributed. However if you feel you have been overlooked please call with us. **SVP Annual Christmas Collection** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 10/11 Dec. Your usual most generous response will be much appreciated. **Hamper Boxes** are in the local shops and donations of non-perishable goods are greatly appreciated. **Church Art Calendars** are now on sale in our Shop.

**Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver**, who visited the diocese in 2016 have asked Bishop McKeown to pass on their sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of the two deaneries, Tyrone and Inishowen, for their generosity and to the priests of the parishes for the manner in which they were welcomed into the parishes and catered for. They greatly appreciate your kindness and are extremely grateful for the very generous response, with the amounts collected coming to about £24,000 and €29,000.

**Robert Emmet's** wish the Best of Luck to all the young people taking part in the County Final of Scór na Nóg this weekend, Sunday 4 Dec in Glenfin Hall at 3pm. All support would be greatly welcomed.

**Castlefin Christmas Lights Committee:** Our Annual Silver Circle Draw will take place in the Drop-in-Centre this Sunday after 11.30am Mass. All promoters please return cards in good time for the draw.

**Holy Cross College, Strabane:** following the tremendous success of the Holy Cross College production of Les Misérables in The Alley Theatre, a specially commissioned DVD will be on sale (£10) from Fri 9 Dec. This DVD can be pre-ordered by contacting Holy Cross College on 02871880315 or by contacting the show director, Mrs Leah McCay, on 07541763410.

**St Columba's College, Stranorlar:** on Wednesday 14 December Transition Year students at St Columba's College, will host a Christmas Craft Fair in the school. The event, commencing at 7pm will provide TY and Junior Business Studies students with the opportunity to showcase & sell their products. A percentage of the profits made on the night will be donated to the Caolan Melaugh Fund. The co-ordinating committee invite all members of the public to attend.

**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.