

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Third Sunday of Advent (11th Dec)

Daily Mass This Week:

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

Castlefin: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs – no Mass; Fri – 10am.



Sincere Sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Pete McConnell**, Hillhead, Castlefin who died during the week. May he rest in peace.



Baptism: We welcome into God's Church through Baptism,
Ariana Mary Devanney, 27 Urney Court.

Christmas Penitential Services: St Mary's Church, Melmount: Sunday 18 Dec at 6pm.
St Patrick's Church, Murlog: Monday 19 Dec at 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Castlefin: Wednesday 21 Dec at 7pm.

Legion of Mary: meeting in St Mary's Church on Mondays at 6pm. New members welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration in St Mary's Church on Tuesdays beginning after the 10am Mass until 8pm.

Bingo: on Monday nights in the Community Centre, Doneyloop at 9pm.

Whist: every Wednesday in St Mary's Hall at 8.30pm. Scorecard: €2.

Do this in Memory: we welcome the first Communion children and their families to our Vigil Mass this evening.

Church Music:

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 next, 17 December at 5pm before the Vigil Mass. All members please attend and new voices are always welcome.



Parish Carol Service: Please come to our Parish Carol Service on Sunday 18 December at 5pm in St Mary's Church, Castlefin. It promises to be a celebration full of fun and Christmas spirit with the nativity story and carol singing. Everyone welcome and Christmas jumpers encouraged! Practice on Wednesday 14, 7.30-9pm in St Mary's Church.

St Safan's NS will host their Christmas Concert on Tuesday 20 December 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 Columba's NS, Ballylast is holding a Carol Service and small Nativity Play in St Columba's Church, Doneyloop on Wednesday 21 December at 10am followed by a Craft Fair and Coffee Morning in Doneyloop Community Centre at 11am. Everyone Welcome!

Urney & Castlefin Parish Christmas Draw: our 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.

Thanks: we thank Castlefin Drama Group for their extra production of 'The Maiden Aunt' - the proceeds of which were donated to parish funds. It is very much appreciated.

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 this 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.

Castlefin Christmas Lights Committee: The Lighting of the lights and blessing of the Crib will take place in the Diamond today, Sunday 11 December, at 5.30pm. Carol Singing and Youth Choir will be there to entertain us. Everyone welcome for this special service in the run up to Christmas.

Robert Emmetts Scór na Nóg: great success was achieved by our Ballad Group: Ciaran & Sean Coleman, Hannah & Sarah McMenamin and Declan Bryson are now County Champions and go forward to the Ulster Semi-Finals in Swatragh, Co Derry today, Sun 11 Dec at 3pm. Bus will leave the Diamond at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to travel should contact Sean on 087-9108401 / Helen 087-6836254.

Castlefin Celtic FC: anyone interested in managing or helping out with an under-age team, for the 2017 season, is requested to attend a meeting in the Clubhouse, this Wed, December 14, at 7.30pm sharp.

St Columba's College, Stranorlar: on Wed 14 Dec 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. Admission is free, with a complimentary drink on arrival.

Strabane History Society: next meeting is on Thursday 15 December at 7.00pm in The Strabane Community Library. The meeting will be on "The Battle of The Somme – Its impact at home and in Ireland" by Richard Doherty. Richard is a leading and popular "local historian of military affairs. We welcome anyone with details of relatives or friends who fought or participated in any aspect of WW1.

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group: monthly meeting with two 1st class relics on Tuesday 13 Dec in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty starting with Mass at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

Stormont Rosary Vigil for Life at Parliament Buildings, Stormont (Main Gates) at 7.30pm on Mon 12 Dec. For details contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on [028 9027 8484](tel:02890278484) or info@preciouslife.com

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: 4th June and 17th Sept 2017; Depart Belfast; 7 Nights Half Board / With Spiritual Director. Cost: £579 per person sharing. Deposit: £110. Company: Marian Pilgrimages TO142 UK ATOL 10206. Contact: Anne Duffy 028 71880372 or 07736005396

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.