

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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16th December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Times:

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

Castlefin: Mon, Wed, Thurs - 10am; Tues - 8pm; Fri - 10am; Sat - No Morning Mass.

The month's mind for the late Eamon Mc Cullagh will be held in St. Mary's Church, Castlefin on Tuesday 18th December at 8pm.

Parish Office Opening hours: Monday - Friday 11am - 3pm. Items to be included in the newsletter should be in the office no later than Thursday at 11am.

Christmas Mass Times:

Doneyloop: Vigil - 6.00pm; Morning - 10.00am.

Castlefin: Vigil - 7.00pm; Morning - 11.00am.



Penance Service/Confessions for Christmas

Penitential Services:

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

Confessions:

Doneyloop: - After Mass each day and on Saturday at 12pm.

Castlefin: - Tuesday during Exposition and on Saturday at 12pm.



We welcome into God's Church through Baptism, Finnian Kolawole Awolusi-McGranaghan, 26 Caislean Court, Castlefin.

Collections: Thank you for your generosity

<u>Weekend Collection:</u>	St. Columba's Doneyloop	St. Mary's Castlefin
	€ 720 £ 365	€ 795 £ 5
<u>Church Restoration Fund:</u>		€ 295 £ 15

Pope Francis in Ireland books are available from the sacristy in St. Marys' Church at a cost of €5 each.

Our prayer day for Marriage and Family Life takes place on Friday 21st December. The theme for December is 'A child is born for us'. (Pope Francis: The Joy of Love) Please see church notice boards to check what hour you offered to do. December information sheets are available in Church porches.

Irish Catholic Newspapers for sale in Churches at a cost of €1 until the end of January

St. Vincent De Paul, Doneyloop thank all who contributed to their Christmas Collection last weekend.

Parish Christmas Draw: will take place today Sunday 16th December at 1pm. Please ensure all tickets are returned before this. Our thanks to the promoters and you the parishioners for your support of this annual fundraising appeal.

Parish Bingo: on Monday nights in the Community Centre, Doneyloop at 9pm. There will be a Free Draw with every house this week. We thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you when the bingo resumes on Monday 7th January 2019.

St. Columba's School, Clady - Reception/Year1 Applications for 2019

Please note that all applications for Reception and Year 1 (2019) should be made online at the Education Authority's website - www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

A video is available on the EA website to help complete the application form. Applications close on midnight 31st January 2019. There will be an information session on how to fill out the form in St Columba's P.S. Clady on Wednesday 19th December at 7pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection, Castlefin - We thank you all for your very generous response to our Annual Church Gate collection. However as envelopes are still being returned we hope to give you the final figure in the New Year. We wish all in our community a very Happy and Blessed Christmas and sincere thanks for your great support throughout 2018.

St Vincent De Paul are here to help. If you would like to be considered for assistance please call before Wed 19th Dec. Phone 074-9146726

Hamper Boxes: A wee reminder to let all know that we have hamper boxes in our local shops and would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable food.

Christmas Lights : We thank you all for your support with this draw and I hope you all agree the town is looking marvellous. List of winners is displayed on the svp shop window.

Castlefin Celtic: Under-Age Awards Night will be held this Sunday December 16th at 7pm in the CPI. All players and parents are most welcome to attend.

St. Columba's College, Stranorlar: As mentioned last week, tickets are available for a Gala Ball on Sat 16th February 2019 in Jackson's Hotel. Contact (074) 9131246.

Veritas 20 Shipquay Street, Derry, invite you to 'A Leap of Faith' Book signing with Rev David Latimer on Monday 17th December 12.00-2.00 pm. All royalties donated to North West Cancer Centre.

Christmas Season Prayer

Lord Jesus, please forgive me for being so grumpy as I trudge through the never-ending tasks set before me this holiday season. My to-do list seems to keep growing with shopping, church services, and gatherings with family and friends — and I'm running short of time! Restore the joy of Christmas to my heart and help me to relax each day and make time for You, my one true Source of Joy, whose birth is the true meaning of all my activity. Amen.

