

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Third Sunday of Advent (17th Dec)

Daily Mass This Week:

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

Castlefin: Mon, Tues, Wed - 10am, Thurs – 7.30pm, Fri – 10am.

Christmas Mass Times:

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

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



We welcome into God's Church through Baptism, Sophia McCauley, Ballybun, Castlefin, Theo McMullan, 445 Milltown Cottages, Convoy, and Rebecca Catterson, Halftown, Castlefin.



We congratulate Michelle McGowan and Aiden McGroary, who were married recently in St. Mary's Church, Castlefin.

Penance Service/Confessions for Christmas

Penitential Services:

St Mary's Church, Melmound: Sunday 17 December at 6.00pm.

St Patrick's Church, Murlog: Monday 18 December at 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Castlefin: Tuesday 19 December at 7.30pm.

Confessions:

Doneyloop: – After Mass each day and on Saturday from 12 – 1pm.

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



Our prayer day for Marriage and Family Life takes place on Thursday 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.

Year of the Family - Family Christmas Concert will take place in St. Mary's Hall on 17th Dec at 7:00p.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.

Parish Christmas Draw: Due to the recent bad weather conditions a lot of the tickets for the Christmas draw have not been returned. For that reason the draw has been postponed until next Thursday. If your tickets have not yet been collected, and you would like to support the draw, please leave them with your promoter before Wednesday (or drop them into the St Vincent de Paul shop in Castlefin). Our thanks to the promoters and you the parishioners for your support of this annual fundraising appeal.

Eucharistic Adoration – There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in Castlefin on Tuesday 26th December. It will resume as usual on Tuesday 2nd January.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection: We thank you all for your very generous response to our collection last week-end. 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 2017. We are presently drawing up the Christmas Assistance Programme and if you feel you should be considered for help at this time with bills, heating etc. please contact any member or call 074-9146726 to have your request considered. **Hamper Boxes:** A wee reminder to let all know that we have hamper boxes in our local shops and beneath the Jesse tree in St. Columba's Church and would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable food. The hamper box in St. Columba's Church will be removed on Wednesday.

Robert Emmets: There was no winner in last week's lotto. The drawn numbers were 3-6-23-26. Next week's jackpot is €2650. Next week's bingo snowball is €1500. The clubs monster Christmas Bazaar takes place this Saturday the 16th in the Parochial hall Castlefin, commencing at 7:45. The club extends sympathy to the family and friends of the late Hughie Gillespie.

Donoughmore N.S., Liscooley invite you to their Christmas Concert on Tuesday 19th December in the CPI Centre, Castlefin at 7pm. Special guests include Matt McGranaghan, Meagan Lucas and the Donegal Junior Strings Orchestra. There will also be a crafts stall on the night for that perfect festive gift.

Derry Diocesan Society: names for enrolment as deceased and living members should be handed in this week. Enrolment fee is €25 or £20.

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.