

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent (18<sup>th</sup> Dec)**

**Daily Mass This Week:**

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

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

**Christmas Mass Times:**

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

**Castlefin:** Vigil – 6.30pm; Morning – 11.00am.



**Sincere Sympathy** to the family, relatives and friends of **Seamus Dolan**, Sessiaghmore, who died last week and to the family, relatives and friends of **Charlie Harper**, Drumnahaw who died on Thursday. May they rest in peace.



**Baptism:** We welcome into God's Church through Baptism,  
**Callum Anthony Lafferty**, Emmett Park, Castlefin

**Penance Service/Confessions for Christmas**

**Penitential Services:**

**St Mary's Church, Melmount:** Sunday 18 December at 6.00pm.

**St Patrick's Church, Murlog:** Monday 19 December at 7.30pm

**St Mary's Church, Castlefin:** Wednesday 21 December at 7.00pm.

**Confessions:**

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

**Castlefin:** – Tuesday during Exposition.



**Visitation of the Sick:** Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound this week; Thursday 22 and Friday 23 December

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



**Parish Carol Service:** Please come to our Parish Carol Service today, 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!

**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 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.

**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 Jan 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!

**'Stars in your Eyes':** Robert Emmetts are running this year's annual 'Stars in your Eyes' on Wednesday 28 December in McBride's, Castlefin, starting at 9pm, €5 entry. Come early to avoid disappointment – sure to be a great night!

**A special charity concert in memory of the late Bishop Daly** is being held on Saturday 4th February 2017 in St Columba's Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go to Bishop Daly's chosen charities: Children in Crossfire, Foyle Hospice and Foyle Search and Rescue. Hosted by renowned comedian Jean Fitzpatrick the evening will include entertainment from a variety of well known local artists. Tickets can be purchased through the Millennium Forum box office on 028 71264455.

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**Cruse Bereavement Care** invites applications to the Awareness in Childhood Bereavement Care volunteer training course running over 4 weekends in spring 2017. Please contact [maria.mcentee@cruse.org.uk](mailto:maria.mcentee@cruse.org.uk) or 02890-792419. Application Deadline: 10 January 2017

**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.