## Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Fourth Sunday of Advent (24<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Daily Mass This Week:

**Doneyloop:** Mon - Thurs – 10am, Fri – 7.30pm, Sat – 10am.

**Castlefin:** Mon – Fri: No Weekday Masses

## The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

"I bring you news of great joy.

This night a child is born for us, a son given to us".

**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, Jake Thomas McElchar, Dunowen Park, Clady.

**Sincere Sympathy** to the family, relatives and friends of Michael Bogan, Lisnafin Park, Strabane, whosefuneral was during the week. May he rest in peace.

**Readers for December:** Please check the notice board in the Porch for the list of readers for this month.

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who helped in any way with the Family Christmas Concert with a special word of praise for the children and young people who provided such wonderful entertainment. It was another important and enjoyable event in our programme for the Year of The Family.

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

**Whist:** There will be no whist next week. It will resume on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Parish Christmas Draw:** sincere thanks to all who supported the recent Parish Draw. The full list of winners and sponsors is on church notice boards.

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection:** 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 2017. The St. Vincent de Paul Castlefinn helpline number will be in operation over the Christmas period 087-4658381 if anyone feels the need to make contact. Our Thrift Shop is now closed for the Christmas period and will re-open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Castlefin Social Services** would like to thank everyone one who supported and attended events and trips held in our 50th Anniversary Year. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Robert Emmetts: There was no winners of the jackpot in last weeks lotto. The numbers drawn were 1-11-16-19 with one winner of the match 3 €100 prize, Next weeks jackpot is €2700, the Bingo snowball this week is €1520.Sincere thanks to all who helped, supported or sponsored our recent successful Christmas bazaar. The club extends sympathy to the Bogan Family on the sudden death of Michael Bogan, may he rest in peace. The club would like to take opportunity to wish all our supporters, members and sponsors a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas with best wishes for the New Year.

**Children in Crossfire:** If you took a box and still wish to be part of the Advent Campaign for 'Children in Crossfire' please bring your donation to Church next weekend. Thank you.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage 23rd Sept 2018**:COST: £579 (7 Nights / Half Board) Departing Belfast. Including full travel, Airport Taxes, & Insurance.Spiritual Director: Fr J Gates. Company: Marian Pilgrimages.For more details contact: Anne Duffy 07736005396

## **Christmas Dinner Grace**



In the peace of this season our spirits are joyful: With the beasts and angels, the shepherds and stars, with Mary and Joseph we sing God's praise. By your coming may the hungry be filled with good things, and may our table and home be blessed. Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which of thy bounty we are about to receive through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We wish all our parishioners a very Happy Christmas and Gods blessings in the year 2018.

There will be no bulletin next weekend.