

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Eighth Sunday of the Year (26th Feb)

Daily Mass This Week:

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

Castlefin: Mon & Tues - 10am; Wed & Thurs - 7.30pm; Fri 10am.



Mass Times: Doneyloop - 9am; Castlefin - 7.30pm.
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

Today is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Daily Masses during Lent in St Columba's Church will be at 9am except for Friday at 7.30pm. Divine Mercy Devotions will take place after the 7.30pm Mass on Fridays. Masses in St Mary's Church this week are Mon, Tues & Fri - 10am; Wed & Thurs - 7.30pm.

Shortcut to the Gospels: During Lent, on Thursday evenings, after the 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church, Fr. Crilly will lead 30 minute introductions to the 4 Gospels, the 4 Passion Narratives (read in Holy Week), and to the representation of the Passion of Christ on the great Irish crosses.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will take place in St Columba's Church each Sunday at 5pm.

Annual Holy Land Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

First Holy Communion: the ceremony will take place on Saturday 13 May in St Mary's Church and on Saturday 20 May in St Mary's Church. **First Confessions** will be heard in St Mary's Church on Monday 3 April at 6pm and in St Columba's Church on Tuesday 4 April at 6pm.

March Ministries:

Doneyloop:

Vigil

9.30am

Euch Ministers: E. O'Donnell, L. Hourican.

M. Crawford, H. Byrne.

Readers: Confirmation Class.

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Castlefin:

Vigil

11.30am

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Euch Ministers:

Claire Crawford, Martina Gamble, Mary Killen, Brendan Durning,
Bernadette McGlinchey, Collette Carlin.

Doneyloop Counters: Grace Corry, Leona Lafferty, Una Lafferty.

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound on Thursday and Friday, 2/3 March, and Fr Crilly will visit his sick and housebound on Thursday 2 March.

Advance Notice - Blessing of Graves: this year's Blessing of the Graves will take place in Doneyloop on Sunday afternoon 14 May and in Castlefin on Monday evening 15 May.

Church Music: Youth Folk Choir: Please join us for practice in Doneyloop Community Centre 7.30-9pm on Wednesdays! Next practice is on Wednesday 1 March. Contact Rachel 0868043065

St Mary's Castlefin Choir: practice on Monday February 20 at 8pm and every Monday thereafter. Please come along and prepare for Lent/Easter and the Confirmation in the Parish. Everyone welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council - Parish Census: meeting will take place in St Mary's Hall on Thursday 2 March at 8.15pm. All parishioners are welcome to come to it.

The Parish Youth Committee will meet on Wednesday 1 March at 8.15pm in St. Mary's Hall Castlefin. This is in preparation for our upcoming concert featuring music group 'I Am' and our Youth Folk Choir. Any parishioner interested in helping with this event is invited to attend this meeting.

Calling all young Parishioners from 13 to 16 years! We have been invited to attend a C.O.R. Weekend with young people from neighbouring parishes. Weekend takes place from 3rd-5th March in Gortin, Omagh and promises to be full of fun! Contact Rachel 0868043065 to book your place!

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. You can make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie or contact Collette Carlin or Gerard Coyle. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being.

Married Couples: Gift yourselves a special weekend break together to boost and refresh your relationship by making a Marriage Renewal Weekend. The next Weekend will be at The Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 3 to 5 March. For more info and / or to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call (087) 784 0408. Weekends are presented by Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland.

Raphoe Diocesan Pioneer Quiz Final takes place on Sunday 5 March in St Mary's Hall Castlefin at 2pm. All Young Pioneers from Doneyloop or Castlefin interested in taking part should contact Ernan Patton, Gerard Coyle or Collette Carlin before 1 March so teams can be organized.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church Crossroads at 8pm on Friday 3 March. Further details on are church noticeboard. Parishioners from all our local Presbyterian, Church of Ireland and Catholic Churches will be represented at the service. Everyone welcome.

CPI Centre:

Allotments are available at the CPI Centre and will be let on a first come first serve basis. If interested please call the office on 074 9143976 or contact Stephen Kennedy on 087 2655525.

Gardening Classes start on 8 Mar places limited Contact Kathleen at 0877763401 for more information.

Messy Hands Parent and Toddler Group will commence upstairs in the Centre on Tuesday 28 February from 10am to 11:45am. For queries contact Louise on 086 2251842

St Vincent de Paul: Thrift Shop now stocks a selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, rosary beads etc. **Candles** ordered are now blessed and we would ask all who ordered those to collect them as soon as possible. **Photo Copying Service** is now available Monday - Friday.

Robert Emmets: we wish the 'Best of Luck' to the Ballad Group and Quiz Team who are representing the Club, taking part in the Scór County Final tonight, Sat 25, in Glenswilly GAA Club at 7.30pm.

Twin Towns St Patrick's Day Parade on Fri 17 Mar starts at 3pm in Stranorlar. Theme is Peace and Harmony. We invite you all to come out and enjoy the parade with us or better still please take part. Details from Holly or Dawn 074 9190909 or Kathy 0863142886. If taking part booking is essential.

Regional Employment Outreach; The Regional Employment Service can help unemployed people get back into full/part-time employment, identify training opportunities, prepare CV and fill out application forms and much more. If you wish to avail of our service the Outreach Officer will be in attendance in the CPI Centre, Castlefin on Monday 6 March from 2pm to 4pm. No appointment necessary. Further enquiries to Helen or Mary on 074 9161979. This Service is supported by DLDC, is free and totally confidential.

Our Lady of Fatima: on 11 January this year, Pope Francis blessed six statues of Our Lady of Fatima to be brought to each continent, to appeal for prayer and reparation for world peace and to promote the sanctity of family life in our world. One of the statues blessed on that day will be brought to St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 7 March by representatives of the Alliance of the two Hearts. The schedule for this event is as follows: Reception of the statue at the Cathedral at 12.30pm, followed by Mass at 1pm. Eucharistic Adoration will continue throughout the afternoon until 7.30pm. Concluding with Mass at 7.30pm: those present at the 7.30pm Mass may be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and everyone is welcome to attend

Anam Cara: next monthly Parent Evening is on Thurs 9 March from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Thornhill Ministries Lenten Programme: *'Lent from the Inside'*: Five thought-provoking retreat days to help sense where I am on life's journey: Thursdays 10:30am – 2:30pm beginning 9 March. ***'Into the Twilight'***: An oasis for silent meditation – beyond words... beyond...: Mondays 6pm – 7pm beginning 6 March. ***'Opening to the Word'***: Allowing the Lenten Word of God to find a place in your heart. Tuesdays 10:30am – 11:45am beginning 7 March. To book, please phone 028 7135 1233, e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org, visit www.thornministries.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

Derry Youth Community: are you aged 18-25, interested in a Gap Year with a difference, living in community in the heart of Derry City from Sept 17-June 18 and serving the needs of young people in the Derry Diocese? If so contact: emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org or www.derryyouthcommunity.com