

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (06th March)
Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.
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Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon – 10am; Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sat - 9am; Fri – 7.30pm (followed by Divine Mercy Devotions).

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

Year of Mercy Holy Hour will take place in St. Columba's Church on Sunday at 5pm. During this time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed and **Confessions** will be heard.

Shortcut to the Gospels: Fr. Crilly's 30 minute introductions to the 4 Gospels, the 4 Passion Narratives and to the representation of the Passion of Christ on the great Irish crosses continue this Thursday, March 10, after the 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church.

Eucharistic Minister to the Sick: if anyone on Fr Porter's monthly visit list would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring Holy Communion to them at weekends can they please let Fr Porter know.

Eucharistic Ministers - Castlefin: meeting in St. Mary's Church on Monday 14 March at 7pm to agree arrangements for Holy Week rota and also ongoing rota.

Church Music: St Columba's Church: Choir practice on Saturday next, 12 March at 6.30pm. All members are asked to attend and new members are most welcome.

Year of Mercy Candles: We hope every household in the parish has received a candle and prayer. If your candle is used then you can replace it with a little tea light candle which fits perfectly in the holder. If you haven't received your candle please contact the Parish Office 9146183.

LOOK: a number of leaflets/worksheets, suitable for younger children, and based on the Sunday Gospels is available in the church porches. Please take one either before or after Mass each weekend.

'The Original Image of Divine Mercy' Film: this newly released Documentary Film can be seen at the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny on Wed 9, Thurs 10, Fri 11, Mon 14 and Tues 15 March at 7.30pm; on Sat 12 and Sun 13 March at 3pm and 6.30pm. Admission is free. For details phone 074 9121021 or go to Year of Mercy Raphoe Facebook page.



Parish Pastoral Council is distributing their Spring 2016 newsletter at all Masses this weekend. Please take one home.

Clady Cross Community Development Association (CCDA) Notes: Community Hall is now taking bookings for birthday parties, etc contact Barry at 078 58748890. Now that spring is here our environmental group is back in full swing every Saturday morning. Teams from all areas - Alt, Doneyloop, Cloughfinn, Drumbane etc are welcome. Meet this Saturday at Clady Hall at 10am. If interested contact Barry or Marcus or any CCDA member. Let's make a difference to our area and everyone is welcome to join us.

Is God calling you to be a priest? Vocations Information Day will be held at Ardstraw House, 21a Buncrana Road, Derry on Sat 19 March at 11 am. For enquiries or to confirm attendance please contact Fr Paul Farren, Diocesan Vocations Director: email ddcc@derrydiocese.org or Tel 028-7126 4087.

Lough Derg: Pope Francis has placed pilgrimage at the heart of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and Lough Derg is specially placed to enable pilgrims to enter into the Holy Year in a personal and unique way. For full details of the Three Day Pilgrimage and One Day Retreats see church notice boards.

Zara Holmes School of Drama classes for children aged 4-18 are now running in St Mary's Hall Castlefin. For more information call 087 3602008.

Foyle Down Syndrome Trust are asking you to please go online to www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk and vote for their Recipe For Success Project so they can provide a kitchen and qualified support staff to enable young people with Down Syndrome to learn essential culinary skills.

Children in Crossfire invite runners, walkers and families to join the 5k Colour Run/Walk on Sun 13 March. Pre-registration essential: <https://colourederry.eventbrite.ie>, Richmond Centre Kiosk, or ring 71269898. Register early to avoid disappointment - the funniest, coolest 5k fun run/walk on the planet.

Anam Cara Bereavement Information Evening: Thurs 10 March; 19:30 to 21:30 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. To confirm numbers for room set up, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wed, 9 Mar or ring 01 4045378.

Table Quiz organised by Finn Valley Together will take place next Friday evening 11 March at 8.30pm in The Gallery Room, Kees Hotel, Stranorlar. Entry is €5 per person. All welcome.

Twin Towns St. Patricks Day Parade will be held on Thursday 17 March commencing in Stranorlar at 3pm. Our theme is 100 years of Ireland. This year there we have fancy dress competitions for the Best Dressed St. Patrick, Best Dressed Family and Best Dressed Child with all fancy dress entrants invited to be part of the parade. Our other prize categories are Community, Schools, Music and Dance, and Business. If you wish to enter the fancy dress competition or your club, group or organisation would like to participate in this year's celebration please contact Kathy on 0863142886 to register.

Faith Renewal Events - Knock Shrine: Engaging the Heart – a weekend event for the Year of Mercy, 12 and 13 March; Making Good Decisions – a workshop with Fr Brian Grogan SJ, March 18; Women of the Well – a weekend retreat on women's spirituality, April 15, 16 & 17; Climate Change and Me – a day conference, April 30; Religion and the Republic - Lecture by Dr Gearoid Barry, May 14. See the full programme at www.knockshrine.ie

Celebrating Loreto Education and 160 years of Loreto Omagh: Loreto Choirs from Cavan, Coleraine, Milford, Mullingar and Omagh featuring Gerarda McCann will perform in the Sacred Heart Church on Monday 7 March at 1.30pm. Compere: Una Kelly