

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Second Sunday of Advent (06th Dec)

Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.
Doneyloop – 9.30am; Castlefin – 11.30am.



Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy: Bishop McKeown will open the Holy Door in St Eugene's Cathedral, on Sun 13 Dec at 12.30pm. Everyone is invited to be present at this solemn opening ceremony. In the words of Pope Francis – 'the Holy Door will become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope'. Everyone is invited during the Holy Year to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral to

enter through the Holy Door. A Jubilee Indulgence will be gained by those who make the pilgrimage. Speaking about the Jubilee Indulgence Pope Francis says – 'A Jubilee also entails the granting of *indulgences*. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy. God's forgiveness knows no bounds. Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act. But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes *indulgence* on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin'.

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon, & Thurs – 10am; **Tues – 10am & 7.30pm;** Wed – 7.30pm; Fri – 12.30pm; Sat – 11am.
Castlefin: Mon- 6.30pm; Tues, Wed– 10am; Thurs– 7.30pm; **Fri– 10am; 7.30pm;** Sat– no morning Mass.

The 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church on Friday next, December 11, will be the Month's Mind Mass for Teresa McNamee.

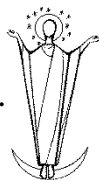
Tues 8 Dec

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Today we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception; the fact that Mary was, from the very first moment of her existence, without sin, and chosen to be the Mother of Jesus.

Mass Times: **Castlefin:** **Vigil (Mon) - 6.30pm; Tuesday – 10am.**
Doneyloop: **Tuesday - 10am and 7.30pm.**

This is a Holyday of Obligation



Congratulations:

to **Mary Callaghan**
and **Michael Sweeney**

who were married in St Columba's Church, Doneyloop on Friday 27 November.

The photographs of Fr McGoldrick's Retirement and Fr Porter's Induction will be on display in both Churches for one week as follows – St Columba's Church from Saturday 5 December and St Mary's Church from Saturday 12 December. Please do not remove any photos from the display.

Parish Youth Committee, along with Fr. Crilly, would like to invite all interested in attending a Special Youth Mass at the 6.30pm Mass on Sat 19 Dec in St Mary's Church, Castlefin. Parish Youth Committee next meeting will be held in St. Marys Hall on Wed 9 Dec at 8.15pm, new members welcome.

Also, congratulations to Kaitlyn McHugh, Amy Lafferty, Gemma Coyle, Leah Lafferty, Michaela Maguire and Darryl Maxwell who were Commissioned by Fr Porter in St Columba's Church on Sunday last, November 29, for the Pope John Paul II Award.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: the annual Christmas church gate collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish next weekend. Please give what you can to help those in need locally. Thank you. Please be aware of Money Lenders operating within the area - if you feel you should be considered for our Christmas Assist Programme contact any member/call 074-9146726 to have your request considered.

Christmas Lights Committee: lines are now available at €5 and we would appeal for your usual loyal support. We hope to have the draw on Sunday 13th December.

Parish Fundraising Committee meeting will take place on Thurs 10 Dec in Doneyloop Community Centre at 8pm. We ask all members who have sourced sponsorship to have their lists ready for this meeting and those who still have tickets outstanding are asked to return them to the sellers or leave them into SVP Thrift Shop. Our Big Draw takes place on Mon 14 Dec during the Bingo in Doneyloop. We thank you for your support and co-operation.

History Club: a limited number of our book "Visions of the Past" is available to buy in the St Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop. This may be a lovely present for Christmas.

Happy Faces Christmas Guest Tea: today, Sunday 6 December 3pm - 6pm, in Doneyloop Community Centre. All welcome - free entry, home baking, treats for all, activities for children, music and hopefully a visit from Santa!

Robert Emmets: Monster Bazaar takes place today, Sun 6 Dec at 5pm in St. Mary's Hall.

Minor Board AGM: if you have a view or opinion for the development of football and the social benefit that sport brings to your children, please come along to our Minor Board AGM on Tues 8 Dec at 8pm in the Club House. **Club Merchandise** available in all sizes: Kids – Adults would make an ideal Christmas or Birthday Gifts, for those at home or overseas. Contact Clancy's Foodstore or any Minor Board member. **Pitch Closure:** Please note that the Robert Emmett pitch will be closed until at least January.

Castlefin 50-60 Plus Group will meet up on 10 Dec at Drop-In Centre. New members always welcome

Castlefin Health Centre Update: the Doctors in the Lifford/Castlefin Primary Care Centres are working closely with the HSE and CPI to get Porta Cabins in place to get Castlefin Health Centre up and running again. We would like to thank you all for your patience.

Children in Crossfire Richard Moore would like to thank the parish for the warm welcome he received at all weekend Masses on 21/22 November. Your support with this year's Advent Campaign really will impact on the lives of children living in Tanzania this Christmas. www.childrenincrossfire.org

Moving Crib: Veritas in Derry warmly invites you to join Bishop McKeown for the unveiling of their Moving Crib at their store on 20 Shipquay Street, on Tues 8 Dec, at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to this very special occasion, especially parents and children.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 1 to 6 July 2016: Lourdes has been designated as one of the

Confessions:

Doneyloop: Saturday: after 11am Mass; 6.45pm – 7.15pm.
First Fridays: 7pm – 7.20pm.
Castlefin: Saturday: 12 noon; after the Vigil Mass.
Tuesday: at various times during the Eucharistic Adoration.

Baptism in the Parish:

Doneyloop: First Sunday of every month at 12.30pm.
Castlefin: Third Saturday of every month at 12.30pm.

international places of pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. Application forms are available from Rosemary at 71260293 or Theresa at 07517965751. Gift vouchers for any amount are available for purchase.

Trip to the Holy Land: Thornhill Ministries will lead an 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15 to 23 September 2016. For further details, contact Sr Perpetua at 028 71351233 or e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.