

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Fifth Sunday of the Year** (07<sup>th</sup> Feb)  
Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.  
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**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. This Thurs, Feb 11, will be an introduction to the Gospels of Mark and Matthew.

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

**Year of Mercy:** The Holy Hour for the month of February in St. Columba's Church will take place next Sunday at 5pm to coincide with the First Sunday of Lent. During this time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions will also be heard.

**Year of Mercy Candles:** At the beginning of Lent a special Year of Mercy Candle and prayer Leaflet are being delivered to each household in our Parish. We are asking parishioners to light the candle and say the prayer as often as possible beginning on Ash Wednesday. If you have not received your candle by next weekend please contact the Parish Office: 074 9146183; 9am - 1pm.

**First Holy Communion:** the ceremony will take place on Saturday 7 May in St Columba's Church and on Saturday 14 May in St Mary's Church. **First Confessions** will be heard in both Churches on Wednesday 13 April at 6pm.

## Eucharistic

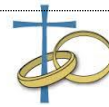


Adoration

The Eucharistic Adoration committee are promoting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. A newsletter will be distributed at all Masses next weekend, 13/14 February, giving everyone the opportunity to consider taking part in Adoration.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Fr Crilly will visit his sick and housebound on Monday 8 February 8.

**LOOK:** a small 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.



**Congratulations to Diane Gibney and Chris Patton**  
who were married in St Columba's Church on Friday 29 January.

**Theology Matters - The Priory Institute** is focused on providing solid, high-quality, and affordable theological education by distance learning. Contact: 01 4048124; email [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com); or visit [www.prioryinstitute.ie](http://www.prioryinstitute.ie). Application deadline is 22 February. Details are on church notice boards.

**St Columba's NS, Ballylast Open Day** in the school on Tues 9 Feb from 2pm-3pm: everyone welcome.

**Children in Crossfire** would like to thank the parishioners of Urney and Castlefin parish for their amazing contribution of €1625 & £798 to the Advent Campaign 2015. The money raised will help some of the most vulnerable children access vital healthcare, nutrition programmes and education in Tanzania. If you would like to find out more call into our office at 2 St Joseph's Avenue, or call us - 02871269898.

**Pioneer Lenten Challenge!** Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and joining online or by contacting Collette Carlin. 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.

**Diocesan Pioneer Quiz** takes place on Tuesday 21st February at 2pm in St. Mary's Hall, Castlefin beginning at 2pm. Any young pioneer interested in taking part please contact Collette on 0876707164

**St Vincent de Paul: our Annual Silver Circle Draw** will take place on Sun 14 Feb. Lines are €10 each and we would appreciate your usual generous support. We would also appreciate any unwanted gifts and donations of clothes, bric-a-brac, shoes etc. We are at present looking for a set of bunk beds, please contact: 074-9146726. **Blessed Candles:** those who purchased candles in our Shop can now collect them as they have been blessed. **Photocopying Service** is now available in the SVP Thrift Shop, Mon – Fri, A3 and A4 colour and black and white catered for. **Coffee Morning** in aid of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust, taking young people with special needs to Lourdes, will take place in the SVP Drop-in-Centre on Tues 9 Feb at 10.30am, specialising in Pancakes. Hope you all can make it for this worthy cause.

**50/60 + Group:** next meet-up in the SVP Drop-In Centre, on Thursday 11 February at 7.30pm. We welcome new members, male and female to join us at our monthly meet-up. Are you interested in outings, bowling, curling and more? Join now.

**Robert Emmets:** Ladies Referees - interested in becoming a referee for underage and senior ladies? Level 1 courses now available for first time refs; 2hr top up courses available for any qualified men's refs who would like to ref ladies games. Payment available for games! Lotto €4650; Bingo Snowball €4300.

**Castlefin Women's Circle:** we are having our Art Exhibition in ArtCo, 4B McKendrick Place, Pearse Road, Letterkenny. Opening night is Fri 12 Feb; paintings will be on display for 2 weeks; 10am – 5pm; Mon-Fri. **Art and Craft** Classes start on Tues 9 Feb; Art: 10.30am – 12.30pm; Crafts: 7pm – 9pm. Both classes are suitable for beginners and improvers and will run for 10 weeks. Everyone is welcome.

**The Friendly Face Befriending Services** is being extended to the Lifford & Castlefin area, thanks to the Primary Care Teams and Community Health Forums. Full details are on church notice boards.

**Anam Cara:** monthly Parent Evening on Thurs 11 Feb from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny (weather dependent). Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

The Friendly Face Befriending Services was identified through the Good Morning and has been delivered in Inishowen since 2012, and is now being extended to two other areas of the county with the support of a Department of Health National Lottery Grant. Milford Rosguill & Fanad and Lifford & Castlefin, the Primary Care Teams and Community Health Forums in these areas identified the need for a befriending service in their communities.

The service matches a volunteer with an individual who feels isolated, lonely or vulnerable; taking into account their shared interests, hobbies or pastimes. The volunteer provides companionship, friendship and a supportive relationship on a weekly basis that lessens the effects of isolation and loneliness.

The volunteer befriender is Garda vetted and receives training that supports them in carrying out their role as befriender. The befriender and befriender receive continuous support from the Befriending Organiser for the duration of the relationship. The client is encouraged where possible to participate in community events or social activities, supported by the volunteer in many cases.

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