

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent** (13<sup>th</sup> March)  
Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.  
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**Sunday next, March 20, is Palm Sunday; palms will be blessed at all Masses in the parish.**

**Easter Penitential Service: Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strabane, Sunday next at 5pm.**

**Daily Mass This Week:**

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

**Castlefin:** Mon, Tues & Fri – 10am.

**Thurs 17 March St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland**

**Mass Times: Doneyloop: Vigil (Wed) 6.00pm; 10am (Thurs)  
Castlefin: Vigil (Wed) 6.30pm; 10am (Thurs)**



**Sincere Sympathy** to the family, relatives and friends of **Lisa McGranaghan**, Alt Upper who was buried in Castlefin during the week. May she rest in peace.



**Baptism:** We welcome in to God's Church through Baptism,  
**Ruby Jane Shields**, Millburn, **Paige Jacqueline Catterson**, Diamond Court,  
**Dáithí Michael McGarrigle**, Tullymoan Rd and **Tom Shovelin**, Kellysmeadow.

**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, 19 March at 6.30pm. All members are asked to attend and new members are most welcome.

**Parish Youth Choir:** The Parish Youth Committee would like to invite musicians and singers of all ages to join our new Youth Choir in Doneyloop Hall on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm. Any queries contact Rachel on 0868043065.

**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 11am. For enquiries or to confirm attendance please contact Fr Paul Farren, Diocesan Vocations Director: email [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto: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.

**Traditional Latin Mass – St Patrick's Day** at 12:45pm in St Mary's Church, Lisnaragh Road, Aghabrack, Dunamanagh, Co. Tyrone, BT82 0SD. Everyone is welcome.

**Thanks:** the Diocesan Office has written to thank you for the proceeds of the recent Lourdes Hospitalité Collection which amounted to €875 and £180 from our parish. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Have your say on Flood Risk Management Options!**

**Public Consultation Day** at the Old Courthouse, Lifford on Tuesday 15 March from 1.00pm to 7.00pm. Full details are on church notice boards or visit [www.northwestcframstudy.ie](http://www.northwestcframstudy.ie)

**Robert Emmets:** Lotto No's 3-5-16-18. No jackpot winner and no match 3 winners. Next week's Jackpot is €4900. Next week's Bingo Snowball is €4400.

**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](http://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.

**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:** 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](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**Whist Drive** in Aghabrack Hall on Friday 20 March. Admission is £10 including supper. Proceeds are in aid of parish building fund and everyone is welcome.

**Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group:** monthly meeting, with two first class relics, on Mon 14 March in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty starting with Mass at 7.15pm and everyone is welcome.

**I AM Alive, Christian ROCKS Concert** on Easter Sunday in St Columb's Hall, Derry, 8pm-10pm. Join us in a musical celebration of our love for Jesus and his love for us. A 14 piece band will deliver music in a fresh new way that will lift your soul and inspire your faith. Tickets-Adult £10/Student £7 at Veritas

**Derry Youth Community:** Are you a young person aged between 18 and 25 and interested in a Gap Year experience with a difference? The DYC is a group of committed young people who live in community, based in Derry City, who serve the Diocese of Derry. You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be given the opportunity to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities and youth ministry. You will also live in mutual co-operation with others; explore and deepen your faith; participate and share in leisure activities such as music, art, sport and drama. If you feel you are equal to the very real challenges of the initiative, more information is available on [www.derryyouthcommunity.com](http://www.derryyouthcommunity.com). Closing date for applications is 27 May.

**Overnight Pilgrimage to Knock:** Join Veritas and James Kilbane for this Pilgrimage, departing Thurs 7 April from Derry at 8am, with stops at Strabane and Omagh. Presentation of the film "The Story of Knock" at 1pm. Mass in Apparition Chapel at 4pm - celebrant Fr Gerry Gillespie, music by James Kilbane. Overnight stay in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris (approx. 10 miles) with dinner and a night of music and song in the hotel. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Gillespie in the hotel the following morning after breakfast, with music by James Kilbane. Total cost £85 (incl bus, hotel accommodation, evening meal and breakfast. Booking and further information: Marie or Lucy at Veritas 028 7126 6888.