

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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First Sunday of Lent (14th Feb)
Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.
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Daily Mass This Week:

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

Shortcut to the Gospels: This Thursday, February 18, after the 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church Fr Crilly will give an introduction to the Gospels of Luke and John.

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.

Confirmation

The Confirmation Ceremony in our parish will take place in St Columba's Church on Thursday 14 April at 5pm, when 68 children will receive the Sacrament from Bishop Donal McKeown. In preparation for this special day, a **Mass of Commitment and Ceremony of Light** will be held in both churches on Saturday 22 February. The children, their parents and sponsors are asked to attend this Mass. Candles for the ceremony will be supplied.



Baptism: We welcome into God's Church through Baptism, **Kyron James Matthewson**, 12 Hillhead, Castlefin and **Jack Dean McCrory**, Skelpy

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.

Commissioning of New Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will take place in St Columba's Church at 7.30pm Mass on Saturday 5 March. A meeting will take place in next few weeks to prepare for this Commissioning.

Church Music Workshop: Sr Perpetua is hosting workshop in Stranorlar Parish Centre on Frid19 Feb, 8-9.30pm. Material covered will include music for the Year of Mercy and a new Mass setting. All those who are interested-musicians and singers- are warmly invited to attend.

Practices in St Mary's Castlefin will resume on Monday 22 February.

Lourdes Hospitalité Collection: this annual diocesan collection is the main funder for the care of the sick from across the diocese who travel on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It will be taken up as a second collection at all Masses in the parish next weekend. Please give what you can.

St Mary's NS, Castlefin Enrolment for new pupils beginning school in September 2016 will take place on Wednesday 17th February in the school office between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm. Please bring along your child's PPS number, baptismal certificate and birth certificate as applicable. Enrolment forms are available in the school office or can be downloaded at www.stmaryscastlefin.weebly.com

Ruby's 100th Birthday Celebrations: extensive coverage with lots of photos is in this month's diocesan newspaper "The Net", on sale in Church porches.

St Vincent de Paul: Annual Silver Circle Draw will take place today, Sunday, after 11.30am Mass. We would ask promoters to return their cards in good time for the Draw. We would also appreciate any unwanted gifts and donations of clothes, bric-a-brac, shoes etc. We are also looking for a set of bunk beds, please contact 074-9146726. **Photo-Copying Service** is now available in The St Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop Monday – Friday. Both A3 and A4 colour and black and white catered for.

Robert Emmets Membership Night: Thursday 25 Feb from 7.30-9.30pm in the Clubhouse. There will be a draw on the night for all members who pay before 9.30, for two first round Ulster Championship tickets. This year the Club also has an online membership option that should be up in running in the next few days. Please take note there will be only ONE membership night. Club members are now selling the big National Club Draw tickets and we appeal for your support as we prepare for the coming season.

'Lenten Reflection Mornings': These gentle, guided gatherings by the Thornhill Ministries Team, with time to pray and reflect, are a way of making a spiritual journey through the weeks of Lent. Beginning Mon 15 Feb; from 10:30am to 12 pm; (5 weeks) at the Thornhill Convent. Suggested Donation: £3.
'Understanding the Jubilee': Two evenings to provide a biblical background to 'The Jubilee Year of Mercy' and a presentation of mercy given to us through the parables Jesus told. Facilitator: Rosemary Gallagher; Thurs 25 Feb & 3 Mar; 7:30pm to 9pm. Venue: Thornhill College. Suggested Donation: £5. To book tel 71351233, e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org visit www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

Choir Director: St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, is seeking to appoint a Choir Director. Closing Date for applications is 12.00 noon on Friday 4th March. See Church notice boards for full details.

Divine Mercy Conference: 20 & 21 Feb, Streamed live from RDS to Plaza Buncrana. Confessions Sat; Mass Sun on site; refreshments served. Adm €5 per day / make a donation; 087 419 6045/ 07493 62444.

I AM Alive, Christian ROCKS Concert: Easter Sunday, 27 March, St Columb's Hall, Derry, 8pm-10pm. Join 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 aimed at lifting your soul and inspiring your faith. Tickets: Adult €10, Students £7 and are available @ Veritas.

Preparing for Marriage? Engaged Encounter is designed for couples preparing for Marriage to enrich communication in all aspects of their relationship. The next weekend will take place 5-6 March 2016 in St Malachy's Parish Centre, Coleraine. Details and booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028 276 38512.

Open Call: Are you planning a Community Summer Scheme or aiming to provide a learning or developmental programme for children, youth or adults in your local community? If so contact Susan, Donegal Local Dev Co on 07491 27056 / www.dldc.org. We have a simple application process in place.

Strabane History Society: Libraries NI teams up with our Society on Thurs 18 Feb at 7pm in The Strabane Community Library as part of the Decade of Centenaries. The speaker is Fergal McCluskey.

Table Quiz: Kee's Hotel Stranorlar Friday 19 February at 8pm. Proceeds in aid of the upkeep and maintenance of The Pound Stranorlar Historical Park. All welcome.