

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (17th April 2016)

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs – 9am; Fri - 7.30pm; Sat – 10am.

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



The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls who made their Confirmation on Thursday last in St Columba's Church. We hope it was a special occasion for them, and for their parents, sponsors and teachers. Our thanks to Bishop McKeown who conferred the Sacrament, and to all who helped in the preparation of the children, in the ceremony itself, and in providing the refreshments and meal afterwards.

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Porter will now visit his sick and housebound this week on Thursday and Friday 21/22 April.

Legion of Mary: meeting in St Mary's Church on Mondays at 6pm. New members welcome.

Our Annual Acies Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church on Thursday 21 March at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome and past members / auxiliary members are especially invited to attend.

Eucharistic Adoration in St Mary's Church on Tuesdays beginning after the 10am Mass until 8pm.

Bingo: on Monday nights in the Community Centre, Doneyloop at 9pm.

Whist: every Wednesday in St Mary's Hall at 8.30pm. Scorecard: €2.

Vigil of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life: on Friday 22 April at 7.30pm, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown. Bishop McKeown will celebrate Mass. This will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration. The event will be hosted by the St Joseph's Young Priests' Society and the Apostolate for Eucharistic Adoration. All welcome.

The theme of the Holy Father's Message for Vocations Sunday 2016 (17 April) is 'The Church, Mother of Vocations'. The full text can be accessed on www.catholicnews.ie

Sunday Envelopes: new boxes are currently being distributed throughout the parish. Anyone who has not previously received a box but who would like one should contact the parish office.

Tidy Towns "Community Clean-Up": on Monday 18 April at 6.30pm assembling at the SVP Drop-in-Centre. We appeal to everyone in the local community to come along and join in the spirit of the Tidy Towns. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Protective gear, bags, gloves etc, supplied. New members always welcome. This will be the first clean-up of the year, so let's make it a good one!

St Vincent de Paul: We would like to thank our local businesses for facilitating our Mite Boxes and those who contributed to them. New boxes have now been supplied and contents of old boxes receipted.

Congratulations to Doneyloop and Castlefin Pioneer Teams who qualified for the All Ireland Quiz Finals in Pallasgreen in Limerick on 30 April. Good luck to all our Young Pioneers

Doneyloop Community Spring Clean-Up will take place on Saturday, 23 April at 10am. Meet at the Community Centre - litter pickers, bags and gloves will be provided. We will try to tackle all approach roads. Please come along and clean up your road/area. Cup of tea in the Community Centre for the workers!

Robert Emmetts: our Annual Silver Circle will take place on Sunday 24 April in the SVP Drop-In Centre after the 11.30am Mass. Club members are selling lines at €10 We are appealing for your usual generous support. Thank you. Our Lotto Jackpot is now €5,100 and the Bingo Snowball is €4,480.

History Club: a meeting of the above group will take place in the SVP Drop-In Centre on Monday 25 April at 7.30pm. All existing members and those interested in this group are asked to attend.

Coffee Day in aid of the Romanian People: It's that time of year again for the Annual Coffee Day in Ruth, Anna and Neville Denniston's home at Ballyarl (turn right at Liscooley, left at the T junction, and second house on the right). Hopefully we will see you all on 28 April for some fun and good home baking. Call anytime from 10am until 10pm.

Coffee Morning: fundraiser in aid of the Foyle Hospice will take place on Friday 22 April in Murphy's on the Green from 9.30 until lunch time organised by Carol Donaghey.

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1 May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May. Booking is essential. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 00 353 71 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

Fr Peter McVerry SJ invites you to the launch of his book *The God of Mercy, The God of the Gospels* in Veritas, 20 Shipquay Street, Derry, on Thursday 21 April 2016, at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

As part of a Jubilee Pilgrimage with the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Cathedrals of Ireland, the Icon will visit St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry from Mon 2 to Tue 3 May. Mon 2nd: Opening Liturgy and Veneration of the Icon at 4.30pm, Concelebrated Mass 7.30pm, Holy Hour 9pm. Tue 3rd: Morning Prayer 7.45am, Mass 8am, Concelebrated Mass 10am, closing with Veneration until 11am.

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. Closing date for applications is 27 May.

Catholic School Leadership: working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, the Derry Diocese offers the MA in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If interested in starting the MA, in Autumn 2016, and would like further information, please contact Thérèse Ferry at the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre 02871264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.