

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Fourth Sunday of Advent (20th Dec)
Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.
Doneyloop – 9.30am; Castlefin – 11.30am.

**We wish all our parishioners a very Happy Christmas
and all the blessings of the Christmas Season.**

Daily Mass This Week:

Doneyloop: Mon – 10am; Tues – 9am; Wed – 7.30pm; Sat – 11am.

Castlefin: Mon & Wed – 10am; Tues – 10am & 7.30pm; Sat – no morning Mass.

The 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church on Tuesday next, December 22, will be the Month's Mind Mass for Richard McGlinchey.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

"I bring you news of great joy.

This night a child is born for us, a son given to us".

Christmas Masses:

Doneyloop: Vigil (Thurs) – 8.00pm; Fri – 10.00am.

Castlefin: Vigil (Thurs) – 6.30pm; Fri – 11.30am.



Holy Hour for Year of Mercy

**A Holy Hour for the month of December will be held in St Columba's Church,
Doneyloop today, Sunday Dec 20, from 5pm – 6pm. During this Holy Hour
individual Confessions will be heard.**

Penance Service/Confessions for Christmas

A Communal Penance Service will be held in the following parishes on the following dates:-

Melmount: – Sunday 20 December, at 6pm;
Murlog: – Monday 21 December at 7pm;
Urney & Castlefin: – Tuesday 22 Dec (St Mary's Church)
immediately after the 7.30pm Mass.

Confessions: Doneyloop: – Tuesday after the 9am Mass.
Wednesday after the 7.30pm Mass.
Castlefin: – Tuesday during Exposition at 12 noon and 4pm.
Wednesday at 7pm.



Visitation of the Sick: Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound on Monday 21 December as follows:
From 11am: Ballylast, Clady, Doneygowan, Doneyloop and Drumconnell - usual Friday areas.
From 2pm: Gortnagrace, Raws, Coolyslin, Drumnahaw and Drumbane – usual Thursday areas.

Derry Diocesan Society: names for enrolment as deceased and living members should be handed in this week. Enrolment fee is €25 or £20.



Congratulations: to **Joanne Potts**
and **Darren Arbuckle**

who were married in St Columba's Church on Friday 11 December.

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

There will be a Free Draw with every house this week.

Whist: there will be no Whist for the next 2 weeks. It will resume again on Wednesday 6 January.

Thanks: to Seamus O'Donnell for taking the photographs of Fr McGoldrick's Retirement and Fr Porter's Induction Ceremony and to Seamus & Emby for displaying them in the porches of our two churches. If anyone wants any of the photos please take them from the board after Mass on Sunday or contact Seamus.

Parish Draw: sincere thanks to all who supported the recent Parish Draw. The full list of winners plus the final financial returns from the Draw will be announced shortly.

St Columba's NS Ballylast will hold their Annual Christmas Play in the Community Centre, Doneyloop on Tuesday 22 December at 10am. Everyone is welcome. Teas and Mince Pies served.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Collection: thank you all for your very generous response to our collection last weekend. Envelopes are still being returned so we will have the final figure in the New Year. We wish all in our community a very Happy and Blessed Christmas and sincere thanks for your great support throughout 2015. If you feel you should be considered for help at this time with bills, heating, toys etc. please contact any member or call 074-9146726 to have your request considered. Our Helpline Number (087-4658381) will be in operation over the Christmas period. Thrift Shop will close Wednesday 23 December at 5pm. and re-open Monday 4 January. We will open on Wednesday 30 December from 10am – 11am to facilitate customers who wish to purchase pre-pay power.

Christmas Lights Committee - Annual Silver Circle will take on Sunday 20 December in St Vincent de Paul Drop-In Centre after the 11.30 Mass. Please support us by purchasing a line or two.

Robert Emmets Monster Christmas Bazaar takes place tonight, Sat Dec 19, in St. Mary's Hall at 7.30pm. Once again we appeal for your support. Lotto Jackpot - €4,400; Bingo Snowball - €4,200.

Ruby Druce - 100th Birthday Celebrations: Ruby will be 100 on 31 December (New Year's Eve). There will be a special Mass to celebrate the occasion in St. Mary's Church at 2:00pm followed by tea and light refreshments in the Parochial Hall until 5:00pm for anyone who wants to speak to her. Ruby is adamant that she wants no presents of any kind; she will be delighted to simply share her very special day with all her Castlefin friends!

Cursillo: are holding a reflection on the Nativity with Carol Singing on Sunday 20 December at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Stranorlar. Everyone is welcome.

Talent Competition: B&S Golf Club will hold an "Open" Talent Competition with a Prize Fund of €500. All proceeds will go to the Sean O'Hare Unit, Stranorlar. Entry fee is €10. First Heat commences Thursday 7 Jan 2016. Enquiries to: Gerry 086-3822609 or Mary 087-1234595 before 2nd January.

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