

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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**Second Sunday of Lent** (21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**Shortcut to the Gospels:** This Thursday, February 25, after the 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church Fr Crilly's topic will be: Passion Narrative in Mark and Matthew.

**Mass of Commitment and Ceremony of Light** will be held in both churches in our parish on Saturday next, 27 February. The Confirmation children, their parents and sponsors are asked to attend this Mass. Candles for the ceremony will be supplied.

## NOTICE FROM BISHOP DONAL McKEOWN TO PARISHIONERS

An important key to maintaining and handing on the faith is *knowledge* of the faith. In seeking to help us deepen our knowledge, I have arranged for every person in the parish to have trial access to online resources from the *Augustine Institute* (USA). Every parishioner will have free 24/7 access on any device, including computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access, until 17 March. You will find high quality, videos, courses and other material that explain the Catholic faith, explore Scripture and reflect on the deepest meaning of Marriage and Baptism, as well as many other inspiring audio talks and books on a variety of topics relevant to our faith.

After the period of free trial access, the *Augustine Institute* hopes to be able to offer a service to parishes who then wish to subscribe, on a permanent basis. You are encouraged to look at this online material and your feedback is welcomed by your Parish Priest.

**Sincere Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Hugh McGuire**, brother of Olive Byrne, who died last weekend in Athlone. May he rest in peace.

**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: St Mary's Church:** Practice on Monday at 8pm. Why don't you think about coming along and preparing for the Easter ceremonies with us? We'd love the company and a few more voices! Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the workshop on Friday.

**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.

**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 this weekend. Please give what you can.

**St Vincent de Paul:** We would 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** now available in the SVP Thrift Shop Mon – Fri; A3 and A4 colour and black/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. Lotto Jackpot is €4750. Bingo Snowball is €4340.

**Thornhill Ministries: 'Understanding the Jubilee':** Discover the biblical background to 'The Jubilee Year of Mercy' and 'mercy' in the parables of Jesus; Thursdays 25 February & 3 March; 7:30 pm to 9pm; Thornhill College. **Confession Workshop:** For those wondering about Confession, this workshop provides a safe place to ask questions; Tuesday 1 March from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in Thornhill Convent. More information/booking, please phone 7135123 or e-mail [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org).

**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.

**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](http://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](http://www.dldc.org). We have a simple application process in place.

**Diabetes Ireland** public information meeting titled: "Managing My Type 2 Diabetes Effectively", in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, today, 21 February, 2.30-5pm. Admission is free and you're welcome to bring your family and friends. Call 071-9146001 for more information.