

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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## Christ the King (22<sup>nd</sup> Nov)

Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.  
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### November is the Month of the Holy Souls.

We remember all those who have gone before us; we honour their memory, and give thanks for them and the legacies that they have left us.

**A Remembrance Service - not Mass but prayers, reflections and symbols - will take place today, Sunday at 3pm in St Mary's Church.**

### Daily Mass This Week:

**Doneyloop:** Mon, & Thurs – 10am; Tues – 9am; Wed – 7.30pm; Fri – 1pm; Sat – 11am.  
**Castlefin:** Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri – 10am; Thurs – 7.30pm; Sat – no morning Mass.

### Confessions:

**Doneyloop: Saturday:** after 11am Mass; 6.45pm – 7.15pm.  
**First Fridays:** 7pm – 7.20pm.  
**Castlefin: Saturday:** 12 noon; after the Vigil Mass.  
**Tuesday:** at various times during the Eucharistic Adoration.

### Baptism in the Parish:

**Doneyloop: First Sunday** of every month at 12.30pm.  
**Castlefin: Third Saturday** of every month at 12.30pm.

### Eucharistic Adoration in St Mary's

Church on Tuesdays beginning after the 10am Mass until 8pm.

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

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

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



**Annual Big Whist** takes place on Wednesday 25 November. Top prize: €200 plus lots more! Donations of sandwiches buns etc from parishioners for the refreshments are most welcome. Please contact Collette 9146243.

### Parish Ministry:

If you would like to participate in the Lay Ministries of Reading or the Eucharist could you please leave your name in the sacristy of either church or with Parish Pastoral Council Sec, Collette Carlin 0876707164 as soon as possible. If you would care to nominate someone please ask them before submitting their name. This is your parish and we are asking people of all ages to become more involved in Parish Ministry. We hope to have a Commissioning Ceremony for new Ministers during Advent.

**Parish Fundraising Committee:** tickets for our big Christmas Draw are now in circulation with books of tickets costing €10 / £8 we appeal to the people of our parish for their full support to this draw. Additional tickets are available if required.

**St Vincent de Paul:** Our Annual Christmas Party for Senior Citizens will take place on Saturday 5 Dec. Thrift Shop now stocks a large variety of Christmas toys, decorations, SVP Christmas Cards, Church Art Calendars etc. Christmas SMA Mass Bouquets are also available.

St Vincent de Paul Society actively seeks out those who find Christmas a struggle financially. If you find yourself in this situation we are contactable by phone 074-9146726 or any SVP member who will treat you with the utmost respect. Confidentiality is assured. We realise those who have students at third level can be financially stretched and we may be in a position to offer some assistance.

**Robert Emmetts:** our reconvened Annual General Meeting will take place in the Supper Room in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday 24 November at 8pm. Everyone is welcome.

**An Introduction to the Year of Mercy:** Thornhill Ministries will lead a reflective look at the essence of God's mercy, the prompting of Pope Francis and exploring the possibilities that the Jubilee Year of Mercy will present, in Sacred Heart Church, Leckpatrick after 10:00 am Mass on Friday 27 November and also in St Joseph's Hall, Omagh from 10:30 to 11:45am on Monday 30 November. Suggested donation: €2.

**St Columba's NS, Ballylast** is holding a **Craft Fair** in the school on Friday 27 November from 2pm - 4pm. Crafts created by the children will be on sale and all are very welcome to come along on the day.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimage:** Airport Transport and 7 nights

B&B €267/£195. Telephone: 01 (003531) 443 4510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). Call for flight information.

**1st Cycle against Suicide Orange Tie Ball** is being held in Jacksons Hotel on Sat 5 Dec. Tickets: €50 which includes Champagne and Music on arrival, 5 Course Dinner, Raffle, followed by music and disco.

**Strabane History Society** meets on Wednesday 25 November at 7pm in The Strabane Community Library, Abercorn Square. This meeting will be on "Streets though Time – featuring Butcher Street and Bowling Green". The speaker will be local raconteur Johnnie Kennedy.

### Advent: November 29<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Advent

The New Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostles to the Gentiles: 'Besides this you

know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed". (Rm 13:11).