

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

27 September 2015

Vigil Mass: Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.
Sunday: Doneyloop – 9.30am; Castlefin - 11.30am.

Daily Mass This Week:

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

We said farewell to Fr McGoldrick on Thursday in what was a very happy and sometimes emotional occasion. We wish him a very healthy and happy retirement.

On Thursday of this week we will officially welcome Fr Porter as our new Parish Priest at a Ceremony of Induction which will take place during Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday evening. Bishop McKeown will induct Fr Porter and the bishop will be the main celebrant of the Mass. As a parish community we look forward to welcoming Bishop McKeown among us.

The Ceremony of Induction is an occasion when a new Parish Priest is formally presented to the parish in a liturgical context. The ceremony is so arranged to remind priest and people of their responsibility together before God to serve Christ in his Church, and by their holiness and the example of their lives, individually and as a local community, to promote the mission of their Lord. Following the appointment of a Parish Priest by his Bishop, it is fitting that he be formally introduced to the people of the parish and in turn be welcomed by them.

After Mass there will be tea and refreshments in the Community Centre and everyone is invited.

Readings for next Sunday's Mass: 4th October. 27th Sunday in Year B:

1st Reading: (Gen 2:18-24). God intends man and woman to become one flesh.
2nd Reading: (Heb 2:9-11). Jesus became fully our brother and a saviour for all.
Gospel: (Mk 10:2-16). "What God has joined together" and receiving the kingdom of God as a little child.



Feast Days of the Week:

Tues 29 Sept **SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels** Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation; Raphael was guide to Tobias; Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular.

October Ministries:

Doneyloop:	Vigil	9.30am
Euch Ministers:	S. Gallagher, E. O'Donnell.	M. Crawford, S. Coyle.
Readers:	Cyril McGhee	Aussie Bryson
Castlefin:	Vigil	11.30am
Readers:	Kevin Monaghan	Mairead Carlin
Doneyloop Counters:	Nancy McGhee, Mary McCorkell.	Castlefin Cleaners: Town/Raphoe Road.

Sincere Sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Maureen Sproule**, Drumnahaw who died last weekend. May she rest in peace.



Congratulations: to **Emma Mungur** and **Barry O'Donnell** who were married in St Mary's Church on Saturday 19 September.

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound on Thursday and Friday 1 and 2 October and Fr Crilly will announce the times of his visitation in Castlefin.

Annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass: celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown; Sun 4 Oct at 3pm; St John the Baptist's Church Swatragh. All Pioneers and their friends are invited to attend. Refreshments served.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust- Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2016: The Trust travels to Lourdes every Easter Sunday with young people and children from all over Ireland. The Derry, Tyrone and Donegal groups are currently accepting applications.

lease contact Alice O'Hagan on 00353863460522 or Jimmie on 07802545282 for information / application form. Full details are on church notice boards.

Have you ever wanted to volunteer and help others? If you are interested in volunteering with The Irish Pilgrimage Trust please contact either of the numbers above or visit www.irishpilgrimagetrust.ie

Whole School Evaluation: In St Safan's NS we had a Whole School Evaluation last week and received very good feedback from the Inspector. She praised the children for their outstanding educational ability and good manners, and the school for its high standards and positive atmosphere. The principal, staff, parents and board of management of St Safan's NS appreciate everyone's prayers and good wishes.

50+ Group: next meeting is on Oct 8, at 7.30pm in the SVP Drop-In-Centre. New members welcome.

St Vincent de Paul: our "Monday Club" will recommence on Mon 28 Sept. New members welcome.

Tidy Towns "Clean-Up" is on Thurs 1 Oct. We appeal for greater support from the community and the estates in the town to come along at 6.30pm to the SVP Drop-in-Centre. High Vis vests/gloves supplied.

History Club: it is our intention to hold another Photograph Display in St Mary's Hall on Sat/Sun 7 & 8 Nov. We invite anyone with photos of interest to leave them in the SVP Thrift Shop Office, with details, before Friday 9 October. These will be scanned and returned to the owners immediately.

Robert Emmets: important dates for your diary: Presentation Dance - Sat 24 Oct; Annual General Meeting - Tues 27 Oct; Christmas Bazaar - Sun 6 Dec; Monster Christmas Bingo - Fri 18 Dec.

Castlefin Women's Circle: Art & Craft Classes recommence on Tuesday 6 October. Art Class: 10.30am – 12.30pm. Craft Class: 7pm – 9pm. Both classes are suitable for beginners and improvers and will run for 8 weeks. Cost per course is €25. Everyone is welcome.

Messy Hands Baby and Toddler Group will start back on Monday 28 September from 10:30-12:00. The group will give you the opportunity to meet with other parents/carers for a chat and support. Everyone is welcome from grandparents, aunts, uncles as well as carers and guardians.

Parish Fund-raising: the Parish Pastoral Council facilitated the setting up of a parish fundraising committee at a meeting recently. Officers elected: Chairperson Gerard Coyle, assistant - Liam McColgan; Secretary Carmel Foley, assistant - Dolores Hunter; Treasurer Kevin Monaghan, assistant - Patrick Kennedy; PRO Sam Gallagher. A Parish Christmas Draw is currently being organised; 1st Prize: €1,000; other prizes will include: Heating Oil, Coal, Hotel Breaks, Meal Vouchers, Christmas Hampers etc. Sponsors will be sourced for the above prizes and if you or your company would like to support this draw we would appreciate you contacting any of the committee members.

Refugee Crisis: A second collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish this weekend, giving us the opportunity to help ease the suffering of all refugees. Please give generously.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thurs 8 Oct from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

Social Prescribing Co-ordinator (Part-time) for the Primary Care Area of Lifford & Castlefin - Social Prescription Project. Full Job Description and Application Form can be obtained by emailing: marie.conwell@hse.ie Closing date for applications: 12.00pm on Wednesday 7 October.

Millennium Forum: Dementia Friendly Performance of Aladdin; on Fri 18 Dec at 7.30pm and a Relaxed and Signed Performance of Aladdin; on Tues 22 Dec at 3pm. Both performances are designed to create an enjoyable and supportive atmosphere for young people with learning & sensory difficulties and for people with dementia (and their families) to experience theatre in a caring environment.

Youth Ministry: Diocesan Conference will take place in Thornhill College, Culmore Road, Derry on Sat 24 Oct, beginning at 9.30am. Keynote speaker: John McAreavey. Fee: (incl lunch and refreshments) £20 or €27. Booking is essential. Contact: (028/048) 71264087 email ddcc@derrydiocese.org