

# Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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## First Sunday of Advent (29<sup>th</sup> Nov)

Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.  
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## Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning “coming.”

Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation.

## Daily Mass This Week:

**Doneyloop:** Mon, & Thurs – 10am; Tues – 9am; Wed & Fri – 7.30pm; Sat – 11am.

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



**Sincere Sympathy** to the families, relatives and friends of **Tommy Greer**, Cormakilly, and **Richard McGlinchey**, Magherabuoy, who died during the week. May they rest in peace.



**Baptism:** we welcome into God's Church through Baptism, **Mel Anthony McCready**, Mullanbuoy.

**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:** A special thanks to the players, sponsors, and all the ladies who helped with the refreshments at the Big Whist Drive which realised €1470 for parish funds – and we thank Collette for organising the Whist, not only last Wednesday but every week. Collette's hard work and dedication to the parish in every aspect is very much appreciated.

## 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.

## December Ministries:

### Doneyloop:

**Euch Ministers:** S. Gallagher, S. O'Donnell  
**Readers:** Leah Lafferty

### Vigil

**9.30am**  
P McElchar, M. Crawford  
Larry Griffen

### Castlefin:

**Readers:** Mairead Carlin  
**Doneyloop Counters:** Grace Corry, Leona Lafferty, Una Lafferty.

### Vigil

**11.30am**  
Sinead O'Brien

**Parish Pastoral Council:** meeting takes place on Thursday 3 December at 8.15pm in St. Mary's Hall.

**St Columba's Church Choir:** practice on Saturday next, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6.30pm. All members are asked to attend and new voices are always welcome.

**Thanks** to Castlefin Drama Group for their donation of €300 for the use of St Mary's Hall.

**St. Mary's PTAA:** meeting on Tuesday 1 December at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. We are looking for new subscribers for the Pioneer Magazine. It costs €17 for eleven issues.

**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:** Christmas Party is set for Sat 5 Dec, doors open at 12.30pm and meal served at 1pm. The support of our usual volunteers would be greatly appreciated. SVP will leave boxes in the local shops and would be grateful if you could donate non-perishable items to be distributed over the Christmas period. We are currently drawing up our Christmas Assistance Programme. If you feel you should be considered for help at this time please contact any member or call 074 -9146726. We appeal to those who are worried about the financial burden of Christmas to avoid approaching Money Lenders.

**Robert Emmets:** Bingo continues every Fri night in St Mary's Hall. Jackpot - €4,140; Lotto Jackpot is €4,250. Club meeting will take place in the Club Rooms on Tues 1Dec at 8pm. Monster Bazaar takes place in St Mary's Hall on Sun 6 Dec at 5pm. Valuable Prizes to be won. More details next week.

**Christmas Lights Committee:** we are now preparing for the Christmas period by erecting lights, crib, trees etc. Unfortunately this all comes at a cost and Tidy Towns have agreed to assist us with our Annual Silver Circle. Cards and Lines are available from all members of both committees and we hope all businesses will take at least one card. Lines are €5 and we appeal for your usual loyal support.

**“Follow the Star”** to the Celtic Garden Christmas Trail at the IOSAS Centre, Muff. An interactive family experience to recapture the true spirit of Christmas and learn about some of the Christian stories behind our favourite Christmas traditions; Fri 11 – Sun 13 Dec, Wed 16 Dec and Fri 18 – Sun 20 Dec at 4pm, 5:30pm and 7pm. Pre-booking essential; 074 93 84866 or Email: [goldenagecentre@hotmail.com](mailto:goldenagecentre@hotmail.com)

**Youth 2000** invites all young adults between 16 -35 to a Catholic Weekend Retreat at Newbridge College, Co Kildare from 18 – 20 December. Booking essential – contact 01 6753690 / [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or Youth 2000 Ireland Facebook page. More details on church n notice boards.

**Raphoe and East Donegal Riding for the Disabled** are hosting Donegal Presbytery Choir for a night of Christmas Music in Convoys Presbyterian all on Tuesday 8 Dec at 8pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. Donations on the night.

**Anam Cara Parent Evening:** Thurs 10 Dec from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.