

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Fourth Sunday of the Year (31stJan)

Castlefin – 6.30pm; Doneyloop – 7.30pm.
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Daily Mass This Week:

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

The 7.30pm Mass in St Columba's Church on Wednesday next, 3 February, will be a Month's Mind Mass for Johnny Tracey.

DDS Mass: the 10am Mass in St Columba's Church on Monday 1 February will be offered for the deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

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.

Sincere Sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Josephine McNulty**, Drumconnell who died last weekend. May she rest in peace.

February Ministries:

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| Doneyloop: | Vigil | 9.30am |
| Euch Ministers: | E.O'Donnell, S.O'Donnell | L. Lafferty, J. McGrenra. |
| Readers: | Erin Campbell | Clare Byrne |
| Castlefin: | Vigil | 11.30am |
| Readers: | Confirmation Class | Kiefira Quinn |
| Doneyloop Counters: | Cyril McGhee, John Duffy, Peggy Duffy. | |

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Porter will visit his sick and housebound on Thursday and Friday this week, 4 and 5 February. Fr Crilly will visit his sick and housebound on the following Monday, February 8th.

Shortcut to the Gospels:

During Lent, on Thursday evenings, after the 7.30pm Mass, 11 February - 10 March, (5 Thursdays), Fr. Crilly will lead 30 minute introductions to the 4 Gospels, the 4 Passion Narratives (read in Holy Week), and to the representation of the Passion of Christ on the great Irish crosses.

Ashes for Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday. If you still have last year's palms we would be grateful if could you please leave them with Larry before Tuesday 10 February.

LOOK: a small 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.

Catholic Schools Week begins today, Sunday 31 January, and continues until Sunday 7 February. The theme this year is 'Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy'.

9th Annual Award Ceremony for the Pope John Paul II Award: Archbishop George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff will present the awards in the Millennium Forum on Tuesday 2 February: Derry City and Inishowen deaneries at 5pm and Co Derry and Co Tyrone deaneries at 7.30pm.

Theology Matters - The Priory Institute is focused on providing solid, high-quality, and affordable theological education by distance learning. Contact: 01 4048124; email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com; or visit www.prioryinstitute.ie. Application deadline is 22 February. Details are on church notice boards.

St. Columba's National School, Ballylast are having an open day in the school on Tuesday 9 February from 2pm-3pm: Everyone is welcome!

St. Safan's NS Enrolment Day will be held on Fri 5 Feb between 1-3 pm. Parents are invited to come to the school at 1pm. The Infant Teacher Mrs Masterson will give a brief overview of infant curriculum & routines in Infant Room. Parents can complete enrolment forms in the school on this day. Forms are available to download from our website www.stsafans.com or by contacting the school. Please bring along the following documents: Birth Certificate; Baptismal Certificate (if available); Child's PPS No.

Happy Faces Playgroup Clady: we have some spaces left for September 2016. Contact 028 71883416.

St Mary's PTAA: Monthly meeting on Tuesday 2 February at 7pm. We have a few spare Pioneer Magazines at a cost of €1.55 per month or €17 for the year so if you would like to get a copy please contact Colette Carlin 0876707164 or Ernan Patton.

St Vincent de Paul: we may be in a position to help alleviate some of the costs involved in sending a child to Third Level Education, please contact us on 074-9146726. **Annual Silver Circle Draw** will take place early February. Lines are €10 each. **Photocopying Service** is now available in the SVP Thrift Shop Mon – Fri. Both A3 and A4 colour and black and white catered for. **Monday Club** will resume on Mon 1 Feb - looking forward to seeing all our loyal regulars back and hope to see some new faces.

Robert Emmets: Under age Presentation Night will take place on Monday 1 February in St Mary's Hall at 7.45pm. Lotto Jackpot - €4,600; Bingo Snowball - €4,280. National Club Draw tickets are now available at €10 each. All the expenses are covered by Central Council and 100% of sales go to the local Club. We appeal for your support of this Draw as we prepare for the coming season.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travel to Lourdes every Easter with children and young people from all over Ireland with physical needs/illness, intellectual disabilities and social needs. A group from the Derry area is urgently looking for a nurse to travel with them on March 27 for 6 nights. If interested please contact Jimmie on 07802545282 or Mary on 00353877962047 as soon as possible for details.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Oct5th 2016: Cost: £519 (7 Nights / Half Board); Departing Belfast; Incl full travel, Airport Taxes, & Insurance; Spiritual Director: Fr J Gates; Company: Marion Pilgrimages; Payment scheme available; £100 deposit. Contact: Anne Duffy 028 71880372 OR 07736005396.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 1-6th July 2016: The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office is now open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11am to 1 pm. Application forms are available from The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office (028) 71260293 or Mob: 07517965751 (Mon-Fri 9am to 6pm).

Year of Mercy Event in Dromantine will take place at the end of February to coincide with both the Year of Mercy and the Lenten Season. See church notice boards for details.

St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Muff presents a Series of Prayer and Meditation days every Wednesday during Lent 11am-12noon, led by Fr Neal Carlin. All welcome. Phone St Antony's directly on 0749368370 or email sarce@eircom.net to book. Donation £3 including tea and coffee.

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 or 028 276 38512.

Notices for the Parish Newsletter should be received before Wednesday evening.

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.