

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Second Sunday of Advent

Daily Mass This Week:

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

Castlefin: Mon, Tues, Wed – 10am, Thurs – 7.30pm, Fri – 10am

The 6pm Mass next Saturday 16th Dec., will be the 1st anniversary mass for the late Charlie Harper. The 10am Mass, Sunday the 17th, will be the Month's Mind for the late Johnny Corry.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 9th/10th December. Your usual generous response will be much appreciated.

St. Columba's Church Choir – there will be a practise for members next Saturday 16th December at 5pm.

The Children of the Eucharist is an apostolate which brings children before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration. This will be starting in the 4 Primary Schools in this Parish in January 2018. Would you like to be involved in this Ministry? If you are interested and require more information, please ring Mary on 087 7586350. To find out more about Children of the Eucharist, see www.cote.ie

Parish Fundraising Committee: Our Big Christmas Draw takes place on Friday 15th December after the Bingo in Castlefin. We thank you for your support and co-operation. To be included in this draw any person whose tickets have not yet been collected or returned can leave them in the Parish Office before 1pm or in the SVP Thrift Shop before 3pm on Friday 15th.

Year of the Family - Family Christmas Concert will take place in St. Mary's Hall on 17th Dec at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Parish Youth Choir and children from local schools. This will be followed by a visit from a red-suited gentleman for the little children and light refreshments for the grown-up children. All welcome, admission free.

“Charity that does not change the situation of the poor isn't enough” – Pope Francis. Children in Crossfire, through their advent campaign are committed to changing the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children. Only £6 can provide a child suffering with malnutrition with lifesaving treatment. Advent boxes are still available at the back of the church or you can make a donation by contacting 02871269898.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Appeal: There will be a SVP food hamper under the Jesse tree in St. Columba's Church, Doneyloop. If anybody would like to donate non-perishable foods with a good use by date, please do so before next weekend - Sunday 17th December. The hampers will then be distributed to households in the parish.

Castlefinn Christmas Lights Committee: Our Annual Silver Circle draw has taken place and a list of the winners is on display in the St. Vincent de Paul Shop window. Thanking you all for your very generous support.

Castlefinn Arts & Crafts Club would like to sincerely thank all who supported their 1st Coffee Morning which was a great success. A special word of thanks to those who donated home baking, bought tickets for the raffle and helped on the day. Well done to the ladies who sold their crafts. Thanks to St. Vincent de Paul for the use of their premises and facilities. Coffee morning & raffle raised €450.

Robert Emmetts: There was no jackpot winner in last week's lotto, the numbers drawn were 2-8-17-21 and 5 people matched 3 numbers to share the €100 match 3 prize. Next week's jackpot is €2600 and the bingo snowball is €1480. Plans are at an advanced stage for the clubs Monster Christmas Bazaar which takes place in St Marys Hall on Sat 16th Dec, commencing at 7.45pm. 10 draws will take place on the night with 5 valuable prizes on each draw with something to suit all age groups. A night not to be missed.

Congratulations to Naomh Colmcille (Newton) on their great win of the Junior Cup in Celtic Park Derry, especially to Assistant Coach Martin McCrossan.

Community Carol Singing & Christmas Music with the Derg Valley Choir in C.P.I. Centre, Castlefinn on Thursday 14th December at 8pm. Donations to local charities. All welcome.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next Parent Evening on Thurs 14th of Dec from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Christmas Craft Fair: On Thursday the 14th December 2017 Transition Year students at St. Columba's College, Stranorlar will host a Christmas Craft Fair in the school. The event will commence at 7pm and a percentage of the profits made on the night will be donated to the local Saint Vincent De Paul and Cunamh charities. All welcome.

Strabane History Society meeting will take place on Thursday 14th December at 7pm in Strabane Community Library. This will be a talk by Claire McElhinney and Amanda Porter on “Local Women in WW1”. The talk will recall the participation of local women and acknowledge their bravery and contributions.