

Parish of Urney and Castlefin

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Second Sunday (World Day of Migrants & Refugees) 19th January 2020

Vigil Mass: Doneyloop – 6.00pm; Castlefin – 7.00pm.

Sunday: Doneyloop – 10.00am; Castlefin - 11.00am.

Daily Mass this week:

Doneyloop: Tues – 7pm; Weds - 9am

Castlefin: Thurs – 7.30pm; Fri – 10am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Doneyloop – Saturday 12pm – 1pm and on request.

A Pastoral Area Gathering hosted by the Parish of Clonleigh to include the Parishes of Clonleigh, Killygordon and our own Parish of Urney & Castlefin will take place on January 26th in the Lifford and Clonleigh Social Centre, from 3pm until 4.30pm. Guest will be Bishop McKeown.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would like to invite people to put forward their names if they wish to serve as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. It is hoped the membership of the PPC be reflective of the wider parish and that all areas are represented. The role considers pastoral matters, reflects on them and reaches practical conclusions alongside the parish priest. It exists as a consultative body to work alongside the clergy to consider pastoral and other works and to propose and co-ordinate practical measures for implementing them. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Fr Hegarty, Fr Crilly, or any member of the PPC. Details are on the church noticeboards. If you wish to nominate another parishioner, please ask their permission before doing so. Closing date for nominations is 29th February. Urney and Castlefin Parish Pastoral Council

Volunteers Needed: Both churches in our parish are in need of regular cleaning. We are making an appeal for volunteers who would be able to give a couple of hours of their time to be part of a team to take on this very important job. If you are interested please contact the parish office, Parochial House, Doneyloop or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council or the Church sacristan.

Monthly Day of Continuous prayer for Marriage and Family Life is held in our Parish on the 21st of each month. The theme for January is 'Couples getting married in the parish this year'. (Pope Francis: The Joy of Love) Information sheets are available in the Church porch.

St Brigid's Night – Making and blessing of St Brigid's Crosses will take place in Doneyloop Community Centre on Saturday, 1st February, 2020 at 7pm – 9pm. Donation on the night with refreshments served. Prizes for Cross making. Everyone Welcome.

Our Lady's Prayer Cenacle – continues every Thursday evening during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6.20pm and ending at 7.20pm in St. Anthony's Chapel, Castlefin.

Weekend Collection:

11th/12th January:

St. Columba's Doneyloop

€540 £341

St. Mary's Castlefin

€975 £25

Thank you for your contribution.

Important Parish Dates in 2020:

Confirmation: Thursday 7th May at 5pm in St. Mary's Church, Castlefin.

1st Communion: Saturday 16th May at 11am in St. Mary's Church, Castlefin.

Saturday 23rd May at 11am in St. Columba's Church, Doneyloop.

St. Columba's P.S. Clady: Admissions for Year 1 and Reception 2020/2021: Application for Reception and Y1 procedure opens on Tuesday 7th January 2020 (12 noon) the on-line portal will close on Thursday 30th January 2020 (12 noon) for those children who will be starting school in September 2020. Children born 2nd July 2015 – 1st July 2016 (inclusive) must commence primary education in September. Anyone needing assistance can contact the school. An application received after 12 noon on 30 January will be treated as a late entry.

St Safan's N.S Doneyloop: Enrolment week will commence on Monday 27th - Friday 31st January with our **Open Day** on Friday 31st from 12 noon – 3pm. Enrolment forms are available from School Office, website www.stsafans.com or email stsafans@hotmail.com. You are welcome to contact us on 074 9146521 between 1 – 3pm for further details.

Robert Emmet's Club Notes: Lotto numbers 11-17-19-26 for the 10th of January, No Lotto jackpot winners or match 3 winners. Bingo as usual this Friday 24th of January at 9.00pm with a snowball of €1900. National Club Draw tickets are now on sale, there are some great prizes, this is a great fundraiser for the club so we would want everybody in our club to get behind it and appeal to everyone in our community to please support it. Tickets are available from any club officer at a cost of €10 each.

From A Jam Pot to a Sweet Factory – The Story of Urney Chocolates. To learn about this fascinating story come along to an illustrated talk by local historians – John and William Haire on Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm at The Stables, Sion Mills. The talk will be given in the Heritage Education Centre at the Stables and refreshments will be served.

The IOSAS Centre is running an eight week course led and facilitated by Bernie's Blooms culminating in an Easter Floral Display in St. Canice's Church. Total price of course (including all materials and tea/coffee) is €100 for the 8 weeks. An ideal present for Mothers' Day. Spaces are limited due to the nature of the course. Full details on Facebook #IOSASCentre or telephone +353 74 9384866.

St Maria Goretti Prayer Group Holy Hour for healing for victims of abuse and reparation for the Church. Immaculate Conception Church, Trench Road, Derry, on Tuesday 21st January at 8.15pm.

Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry - Fr Chris Ferguson will lead a Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry on Thursday 23rd January at 8:00 in St. Eugene's Cathedral. All Welcome

Thornhill Ministries Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road: **Mon. 20 Jan, 10:30 - 1:00** 'LOOK BOTH WAYS' A gentle morning to help hold with tenderness the struggles and the blessings of the past and to move into 2020. Offering: £10. **Tues. 21 Jan, 10:30 - 11:45** 'Spiritual Reading Book Club' Coffee, conversation and a review of 'A Cry is Heard' Jean Vanier. Offering: £10. Please contact us for more information at 028 7135 1233 Website: www.thornhillministries.co.uk.