

Paróiste na hUrnaí agus Chaisleán na Finne
PARISH OF URNEY & CASTLEFINN

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15th September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may already be aware that a special Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration will take place in St Mary's Church, Castlefinn next weekend beginning with Mass at midnight on Friday 19th/Saturday 20th September 2025 and ending with Benediction at 4pm on the afternoon of Sunday 21st.

When we hold these Forty Hours of Adoration for our parish we always like to give the children of our four parish schools an opportunity to join in by setting aside one of these forty hours especially for them. The children are familiar already with Eucharistic Adoration through the *Children of the Eucharist* programme which takes place regularly at schools. Those who lead this programme bring the Blessed Sacrament to the school, expose the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance and explain to the children what Adoration is about. Then they lead the children in a period of prayer before the Lord. I have attended a few of these sessions myself and am always amazed at how easily the children enter into this form of prayer as well as at how much they get out of it.

The special *Children of the Eucharist Hour* during these Forty Hours of Adoration will take place on **Saturday 20th September at 1pm in St Mary's Church**. We hope so much that your children and you will be able to come along and enjoy this time with the Lord. Not only will it give you a chance to witness what your children experience when the *Children of the Eucharist* visit their schools, but it will also give you the opportunity to pray yourselves and to bring whatever problems or pressures you might be feeling at the moment directly to the Lord himself present on the altar. There is not one of us who does not need his help.

Please God, your hearts will be opened this weekend to the many gifts and blessings which come to us when we adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Every blessing on your and all your loved ones

Fr Ciarán Hegarty, Adm.