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Liturgy Schedule Greencastle		
Saturday 3rd September	St Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm - Vigil Mass Anniversary Rita Fox(7th)
Sunday 4th September	Our Lady of the Wayside Broughderg	11.30am - Mass
Tuesday 6th September	St Patrick's, Greencastle	12.00pm - Mass
Wednesday 7th September	St Patrick's, Greencastle	2.00-4.00pm Adoration
Friday 9th September	St Patrick's, Greencastle	7.30pm - Mass Anniversary Michael Bradley(4th)
Saturday 10th September	St Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 11th September	Our Lady of the Wayside Broughderg	11.30am - Mass
Collection Greencastle £655		

Liturgy Schedule Badoney Lower		
Saturday 3rd September	St Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th September	St Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am - Mass
Monday 5th September	Cormac House, Gortin	10.30am-12.30pm Adoration
Friday 9th September	St Patrick's, Gortin	10.00am - Mass
Saturday 10th September	St Patrick's, Gortin	7.30 - Vigil Mass
Sunday 11th September	St Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am Mass
Rosary in Badoney Lower-The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before the beginning of masses in the parish beginning on Saturday evening before the 7.30pm Vigil Mass in Gortin and on Sunday Morning before 10.00am Mass in Rouskey.		
Collection: Badoney Lower £886		

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD GREENCASTLE- We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Rory Bradley(2nd), Michael Bradley(4th), Joanne Tracey(4th) and Rita Fox(7th) and also for the souls of James and Mary Gillen whose ashes were buried in Our Lady of the Wayside Broughderg this week.

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD BADONEY LOWER- Remembering our Dead- We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bernie Harley (Omagh and formerly Cairn Park, Gortin) who died this week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

SHORT CATECHISM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS- What are the most appropriate places for prayer? (Catechism of the Catholic Church Section 2691). The most appropriate places for prayer are: 1) the church for the liturgical prayer of the parish. 2) a prayer corner for personal prayer. 3) a monastery as a place for more intense personal prayer. 4) pilgrimages as symbols of our earthly journey toward heaven.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK- "There is no need for particular speech in order to be with God. We have only to be quiet and to contemplate his love. In the silence, we look at God and let him look at us." Robert Cardinal Sarah.

LOUGH DERG DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE - The One Day Retreat on Sunday 25th September, will have the special focus of praying for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest Speaker, refugee, Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at The Ukrainian Catholic University. More information at www.loughderg.org. **Boats from 9.15am | Retreat Programme begins at 10.15am | Boats return at 4.30pm.** Morning Coffee & lunch included. Booking essential. Special discounted rate of €25 for Ukrainian refugees (must be booked by telephone: +353 (0)71 9861518). Full price €45

THE MONTHLY MATT TALBOT FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION MASS will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7:30pm on Monday 5th September. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction, we also pray specifically for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. We welcome you to join us at this Mass to pray for yourself or somebody you may know who has an addiction. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or Call (028) 71262894.

SAVE THE DATE - DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: Saturday, 24th September 2022, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Stations of the Cross at 2:00 followed by Mass at 3:00, with Sacrament of the Sick. Buses will travel from a variety of pick up points. For further information please contact Fr Patrick Lagan at St Eugene's Cathedral on 028 7126 2894 or email the parish office at cathedral@derrydiocese.org.

NOTICE TO PATIENTS OF SPERRIN FAMILY PRACTICE, PLUMBRIDGE AND GORTIN As a result of Northern Ireland Electricity carrying out essential maintenance work in the area, and the electricity supply being off all day on Tuesday, 13th September 2022, Sperrin Family Practice, Plumbridge and Gortin will be operating **an emergency service only** on that day. Patients should therefore avoid contacting the Surgery that day unless it is urgent and cannot wait until the next day as there will be no access to the computer systems etc. Repeat prescriptions should be ordered in advance of this or when normal service resumes on Wednesday, 14th September. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, however it is beyond our control. Thank you for your co-operation.

DARCY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING - Classes continue every Monday 6.30pm-7.30pm in Owenkillew Community Centre. New beginners welcome. Contact: Clare-Marie Darcy TCRG 07706476615

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 Psalm 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 R/ Luke 15:19.1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-32 Lectionary 1:906

Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)

For the Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of

salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

National Vocations Office: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and

then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a diocesan priest? If you are considering such a vocation, contact your local priest or the Diocesan Vocations Director
Fr. Pat O'Hagan, PP Merville at pgoh2111@gmail.com
or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Prayer for the End of the Virus

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.

Amen

Accord Counselling Services: Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none.

To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:

Tel: (028) 9094 1690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

September Rota (Greencastle)

Greencastle (6.00pm Vigil)

Broughderg (11.30am)

Readers	Joanne McCullagh	Isabella McKenna
Prayers of Faithful	Molly Clarke	Cara-Rose / Colleen Brogan
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Bradley	Patricia Donnelly
Altar Society	Team Eileen	Carmel McCrory

Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome.

"A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.

You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)

Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)

'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)

Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

Sisters of Mercy, Bethany House of Prayer, Dundalk – Prayer by Telephone

For those wishing to request confidential prayer call

00353 42933 1602 between 9.00am and 9.00pm every day

One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you

A Prayer for Now: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

1. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
2. 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?
3. Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

September Rota (Badoney)

Gortin (7.30pm Vigil)

Rouskey (10.00am)

Readers	Jo Keenan	Patrick McCrory
Eucharistic Ministers	Ciaran McCreanor	Kathleen Haughey, Alice Woods
Altar Society	Teresa McGarvey, Marian McGarvey, Oonagh O'Neill, Geraldine McGoldrick	Roisin Bradley, Geraldine Bradley, Clare Ann Conway, Mary McNulty
Parish Counters	Team C: Sean McCullagh	

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre. *Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk*

What is Spiritual Communion? It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Our Faith – Developing What We Were Taught in School:

- Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice?
- Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith?
- Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist?
- Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life?

The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne addresses these and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. *More info, enrolment visit drumalis.co.uk/pathways*

Drink Wise, Age Well
Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?
For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240

Towards Peace: A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.
Website: towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@iecon.ie

Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	Thursday 31st March at 7.00pm First Confession (Greencastle)	Saturday 9th April at 11.00am Confirmation (Greencastle)
Saturday 14th May at 11.00am First Communion (Greencastle)	Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June Blessing of the Graves in Greencastle / Broughderg	

2020	PARISH STATISTICS	2021
(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	10 Boys • 7 Girls [17]
(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls	First Communion	7 Boys • 9 Girls [16]
(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	10 Boys • 6 Girls [16]
0 within parish • 1 outside parish	Weddings	5 within parish • 2 outside parish [7]
8	Deaths and Burials	12

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics
17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.
8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000
6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people
3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people
The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics
7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?
In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025. The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.
Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s
The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

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Fr. Shields Camogie Club, Greencastle: An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to try camogie for the first time or return to the game they love. We welcome all who want to try at the following training sessions:
Mondays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm (seniors) Wednesdays, (post-primary, 7.00pm to 8.00pm (U14s and U16s)
Thursdays, 6.30pm to 7.10pm (U6s and U7s) *Support will be given to those who have never played before*
We can assist with online registration, sticks and helmets can be provided during training sessions and matches
Add our club page and message us or come on the nights at the above times
[@frshields.greencastle](https://www.facebook.com/frshields.greencastle) or call Kira on +44 7833 4188 50

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration
12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage
2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound
3.00pm – 4.00pm Strengthening of Faith in our young people
4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth
6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

Prayer for Synod on Synodality (2021 – 2023)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 9th September – **St. Ciarán (abbot)** Born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of 33 while the monastery was still being built.