

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (5th February, 2017)

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Thought for the Week: "...but the way forward in all our difficulties is not to change our circumstances but to work through the problem with the powerful grace of God." Taken from Words of Life from Exodus, Frances Hogan

Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (5th February, 2017 – 12th February, 2017)

Saturday 4th February	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Mary Ann McCullagh (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 5th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Monday 6th February St. Paul Miki and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	NO MASS	
Tuesday 7th February St. Mel (bishop)	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 8th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass followed by Padre Pio Devotions
Thursday 9th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Friday 10th February St. Scholastica (virgin)	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Saturday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes • St. Gobnait	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Mary Ellen Daly (Month's Mind)
Sunday 12th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 12th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass

Weekly Collection Amount: £940, thank you all very much for your continuing generosity to the parish
Lourdes Hospitality Collection: Will take place as a second collection next weekend (11th and 12th February)
If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more

Baptism Congratulations: We welcome into God's family Baby **Michael Peter O'Donnell** who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 29th January in St. Patrick's Church

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Ann McCullagh (1st)** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Padre Pio Prayer Group – Prayers and Devotions in Honour of St. Pio:
 Wednesday 8th February after 7.30pm mass. Padre Pio relics will be present at each prayer group meeting
It is hoped that this Prayer Group will meet every second Wednesday of the month after mass

Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs and their families and friends:
 Saturday 6th May at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass
If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co Donegal: The next retreat will be held on Sunday 5th February. Breige O'Hare will lead a day of Guided Prayer and Quiet Reflection starting at 11.00am and concluding with Mass celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin at 3.00pm. **Cost:** £22 / €25 • **Tel:** 00353 74936 8370 • **Email:** sarce@eircom.net

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279. – Call for flight info.
Tel: 01 443 4510 **Email:** reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Vocations Information Day: Saturday 18th March from 11.00am to 4.00pm in Ardstraw House, 21a Bunrana Road, Derry.
To find out more call Fr. Paul Farren on (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Special Charity Concert in Memory of the Late Bishop Daly: Saturday 4th February in St. Columb's Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go to Bishop Daly's chosen charities of Children in Crossfire, Foyle Hospice and Foyle Search and Rescue. Hosted by renowned comedian Gene Fitzpatrick, the evening will include entertainment from many well-known local artists.
Tickets can be purchased by calling (028) 7126 4455

Greencastle Community Centre – 6 Week Spinning Classes *If interested call Darryl McCullagh on 07979 378 732*
 Starts Monday 20th February for over 50s, beginners and advanced individuals. Cost is €25

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 15:15-20 • Psalm 118:4-5, 17-18, 33-34, R/ v 1 • 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
 Matthew 5:17-37 • Lectionary 1:652 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 4 th February The family of Alice McGlinchey	Offertory Gift Rota Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 5 th February The family of Neamh Donnelly
Saturday 11 th February* The family of Vanessa Chojak	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 12 th February The family of Aimee Gumley

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented
***Do This in Memory Programme (week 6)**
 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award: Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow will present the awards on Tuesday 7th February at 5.00pm for the Derry City and Inishowen deaneries and at 7.30pm for the Derry and Tyrone deaneries. Both ceremonies will take place in the Millennium Forum, Derry. *Limited number of tickets available*
If you wish to attend call the Catechetical Centre as soon as possible on (028) 7126 4087 or email amhickey@derrydiocese.org

Celebrations: **Knock Shrine:** Wednesday 5th April from 11.00am to 4.00pm (Mass at 3.00pm)
Rome Pilgrimage: [Group 1] Sunday 29th October to Thursday 2nd November
 [Group 2] Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)
 All Pope John Paul II Award participants, past and present are invited to take part in these very special celebrations along with their parish leaders and Award leaders. Please note you must be over 18 to take part.
To find out more visit thepopejohnpauliiaward.com or call Sean at the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
 £619 for half-board • *Price increase due to falling rate of sterling*
 Contact Maria ASAP on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

St Columb's College Past Pupils Union – An Evening with Phil Coulter: Friday 17th February at 8.00pm in the college, pre-concert reception at 7.00 pm. Proceeds in aid of St Columb's College Sports Hall.
Tickets: £30 • **Tel:** (028) 7128 5000 / (028) 7137 2310

Omagh CBS – 5K / 10K Run and Walk: Saturday 11th February at 11.00am. This is a charity fundraiser for Edmund Rice Schools 'Education for Liberation' Programme to raise funds to provide a nutritious daily meal for all students in a school in Zambia.
Entrants can enter via the school website (cbsomagh.org) or on the morning of the run

Holy Trinity College – Community E-Safety Talk and Workshop:
 Be the Change: Unite for a Better Internet delivered by Reim Training Solutions
 Tuesday 7th February at 7.00 pm in the Assembly Hall
 The workshop will explore the practical skills needed to set up parental controls and protect our young people online. Information on how to keep children safe while using some of the frequently used social media sites and tips on dealing with cyber bullying will also be available.
We look forward to welcoming you all to the College for what promises to be a very interesting and informative evening

Meeting of Overseas Volunteers and Lay Missionaries: Have you ever volunteered overseas in any kind of profession or have worked as a lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet up with like-minded people? If so, then you are invited to a special gathering on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm in Bishop McKeown's house, 21A Bunrana Rd, Derry next to St Columb's College. For more info contact Jim Farrell of AMRI (Association of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland):
Email: jim.farrell@amri.ie • **Phone / Text:** +353 83 842 2468

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street Derry – Secretary Required:
 14 hours per week on a temporary one year contract providing particular support to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office.
For an application pack call (028) 7136 3475 or email safeguarding@derrydiocese.org
The closing date is Thursday 9th February at 3.00pm with interviews being held week commencing 20th February
A full ad is available on the Diocesan Website at derrydiocese.org

The Net – February Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:
 Carnhill choir help Little Orchids • Coleraine scout group appeal • Ballinascreen choir to host charity concert
 Culdaff parishioner volunteers for Malawi project • Drung fund raises thousands for Aleppo
 Strabane family's decade of dancing for charity • Ardmore prayer service marks US Naval Base anniversary
 Dungiven Bible Study leaves faithful hungry for more • Ballinascreen priest celebrates Diamond Jubilee
 Holy Family farewell to Sean Mulrine • Carnhill celebrates 40 years of worship in St Brigid's Church
 Ballinascreen delight at honour for Sr. Rose • Fr. George Doherty laid to rest in beloved Desertegney
 Holy Family faith story • 'I Am' concerts continue to draw crowds • Diocesan preparation for WMOF2018
 First Friday-Saturday devotions in Ballykelly Oratory • Diocesan Vocations Day
 New Cursillo chaplain as Fr. Doherty • Maghera, steps down after 20 years,
 Growing up under spire of St Eugene's • Children's Catechism Club • Diocesan Diary • Parish Post-its

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

Pope Francis' Intention for February (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalised may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Walking Challenge:
 Thursday 30th March to Tuesday 4th April. Walk the way of St. James. *Limited places*
Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. 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) 90941690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – MA in Catholic School Leadership: In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.
For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.
If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office
Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

ACCORD – Relationship Counseling: A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-judgmental setting.
An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com

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

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

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in prayer for a priest.
 The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: *prayerforpriests.com*
Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com
Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm: If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Contact us using the details below.
Address: IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal
Tel: (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • **Website:** celticprayergarden.com • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

Parish Liturgy for February, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Rosemary McCullagh	Conan Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Leo Donnelly	Brendan Daly Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna and Catriona McCullagh		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact:
Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592
Email: email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:
 The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.
From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

Child Safeguarding: If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI / Local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively, if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities. *See poster at entrances*

MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas): Find out if you're missing out on benefits, services or grants by booking your FREE home visit. Referrals can be made for benefits checks, home safety visits, occupational therapy assessments as well as others. You'll also receive a FREE bag containing £25 worth of items to help keep you warm this winter.
Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.
St. Patrick's: Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass
 First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour: Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.
Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Sunday 5th February – St. Agatha (virgin and martyr)** Died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3rd century. Patron Saint of bell-founders. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]
- Monday 6th February – St. Paul Miki and Companions (martyrs)** Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit, and his twenty-five companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. They were the first Martyrs of East Asia to be canonized. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and then stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion of Christ.
- Tuesday 7th February – St. Mel (bishop)** St. Mel or Moel died in 488. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with St. Patrick, his uncle, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He helped evangelise Ireland while supporting himself through manual labour.
- Friday 10th February – St. Scholastica (virgin)** Sister of St. Benedict. She spent her life as a consecrated virgin. Patron of convulsive children. Died in 543.
- Saturday 11th February – Our Lady of Lourdes** On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of Prayer of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- St. Gobnait** One of the best loved saints in west Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvaurney, Co. Cork, where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily, her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick.

Musings: *Fr. John Cullen (Kiltoom, Athlone, Co. Roscommon)*

We now celebrate and practise the Eucharist in a society of many faiths and none. In celebrating, we recognise that when Christ offers himself for the world, he offers himself for all. In the words of the Prayer over the Offerings, 'God sustains us in our frailty.' At every celebration of the Eucharist the memory and moment of betrayal and the breaking of that first Eucharistic community is present. At the very heart of the Eucharist we include and incorporate our own fragile brokenness and the searing, fractured brokenness of our world, precisely because it mirrors the brokenness of Christ himself. In the presence of the body of Christ we become the body of Christ. The Prayer after Communion reminds us that 'we are made one in Christ'. Later this week, we mark World Day of Prayer for the Sick, as it coincides with the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In the words of St Paul in his first Letter to the Corinthians today, he reminds us 'that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.'

2016 Parish Statistics

Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16)	Funerals (10)	Station Masses in October
7 within parish 9 outside parish	8 within parish 2 outside parish	8

Events The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8th August
 Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5th October

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 5:13-16: *John Byrne OSA (jbbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

1. Jesus uses the image of salt as something that makes food tasty. Without it food can be tasteless. Who are the people who give zest to your life and make it enjoyable? For whom have you done this? When have you been particularly aware of your potential in this regard?
2. The second image is that of light. Who have been the people who have been a light for you, particularly in moments of darkness? For whom have you been a light? Recall these experiences and give thanks.
3. The images of salt and light can also be applied to communities to which we belong, a family, a parish, or other group. Thinking of the groups of which you are a member, how can their potential be enhanced to enrich the lives of members and offer them a guiding light? How can you make a contribution to this?

The Deep End – Salt and Light: *Jane Mellet (mellet@gmail.com)*

In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned: one is that we are called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life 'taste'. You might recall someone who brought 'taste' to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the 'salt' or the 'taste' was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost.

There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to God in heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be: how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our lives?

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017

Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm Service of Light (Primary 7 Children and Families)	Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday	Friday 17th March St. Patrick's Day
Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)	Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday	Friday 14th April Good Friday
Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday	Saturday 6th May at 11.00am Confirmation	Saturday 3rd June at 12.00noon First Holy Communion
Saturday 1st July at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead	Sunday 2nd July at 11.00am in Broughderg Cemeteries Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead	