

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
First Week of Lent [Year A] (5th March, 2017)
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Thought for Lent: "Lent ... a school of repentance to which every Christian must go every year in order to deepen their faith, to re-evaluate, and, if possible, to change their life."
Alexander Schmemmann (Great Lent: Journey to Pascha)

Liturgy Schedule for the First Week of Lent [Year A] (Sunday 5th March, 2017 – Sunday 12th March)

Saturday 4th March St. Casimir	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Rose Morris (Anniversary)
Sunday 5th March First Sunday of Lent	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) Mass
Monday 6th March First Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	6.45am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Tuesday 7th March First Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 8th March First Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass
Thursday 9th March First Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Friday 10th March First Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am 7.30pm	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross Mass: Philomena Feeney (2 nd Anniversary)
Saturday 11th March St. Aengus (Oengus) (bishop and abbot)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 12th March Second Sunday of Lent	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) Mass

Lenten Programme: In addition to the usual Mass schedule there will be 6.45am Mass on each of the Mondays of Lent, along with Stations of the Cross after 10.00am Mass each Friday of Lent. *Mass at 7.30pm on the Fridays of Lent* • All in St Patrick's

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£900**
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 **Caolan Dermot Bradley** who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 25th February in St. Patrick's Church.

Remembering our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Philomena Feeney** whose anniversaries occurs now.

Lenten Reflection – Be transformed by the renewal of your mind (Romans 12:2)
 Saturday 11th March in St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean starting at 2.00pm and concluding with Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
 Fr. Neal Carlin and Josephine Stroker • Light meal included • **Cost:** £22/€25 • **Tel:** 00447 4936 8370 • **Email:** sarce@eircom.net

Padre Pio Prayer Group – Devotion Prayers: Wednesday 8th March after the 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church.
A Padre Pio relic will be present at the Devotions

Catholic Grandparents Association – First Annual Retreat / Conference: *Speakers include Fr. Benny McHale*
Theme: *Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly-secularised times*
 Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th April in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24
 (Day only and overnight attendance options available). Inspiring talks, lively discussion
Tel: Connie on +353 098 24877 • **Email:** catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

Visit of Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to St. Eugene's Cathedral: On Wednesday 11th January Pope Francis blessed six statues of Our Lady of Fatima to be brought to each continent to appeal for prayer and reparation for world peace and to promote the sanctity of family life in our world. One of the statues blessed on that day will be brought to St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Tuesday 7th March by representatives of the Alliance of the 2 Hearts.
 Reception of the statue at St. Eugene's Cathedral at 12.30pm followed by Mass at 1.00pm
 Eucharistic Adoration will continue throughout the afternoon until 7.30pm – Everyone is welcome to attend
 Concluding with Mass at 7.30pm: those present at the 7.30pm Mass may be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4 • Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22, R/ v 22 • 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 Matthew 17:1-9 • Lectionary 1:223 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 4 th March The family of Mary-Jo Morris	Offertory Gift Rota First Sunday of Lent	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 5 th March The family of Mollie McCullagh
Saturday 11 th March The family of Cira McLaughlin	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday 12 th March The family of Brian McDermott
Saturday 18 th March (<i>DTIM Week 7</i>) The family of Shea Treacy	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday 19 th March The family of Ryan McGlinchey
Saturday 25 th March The family of Tadhg Clarke	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 26 th March The family of Orla Morris

First Confession is scheduled for Thursday 30th March at 7.00pm
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. You can make your Lenten pledge by visiting pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting local parish Pioneer representatives. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub
 This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.
 We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.
 An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.
 To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.
The questionnaire will also be available online
 Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.
 We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.
Community Hub Development Launch: Mon. 6th March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm (available to view in clubrooms until Fri. 10th March)

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

ST Joseph's Church Kileenan – Special Evening of Gospel and Folk Music: Sunday 5th March at 7.00pm.
 Guests include Malachi Cush, Andrea Begley, Justin McGurk, Gerry Loughran with guest speaker Mickey Harte
Proceeds in aid of Church Building Fund and Kildress Health Matters
Tickets: £20 available from Justin McGurk (07747 692 749) • Des Keenan (07768 535 626) • Seamus McNally (07775 617 630)

Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. *Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011*

Cursillo – 3-Day Residential Weekend for Women at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry
 Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th March *For more information call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174*

50th Mid-Ulster Festival of Amateur Drama: Launches Sunday 5th March at 3.00pm in The Patrician, Carrickmore. All of our patrons, players, producers, playwrights and providers of sponsorship who have supported us over the years are cordially invited.
Some entertainment, some eats and some excitement on the day!

Thornhill Ministries – Lenten Programme: *Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry*
Lent from the Inside Thursdays from 10.30am to 2.30pm
 Five short retreat days as we reflect on the road of life
Into the Twilight Mondays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm
 An hour of silent meditation
Opening to the Word Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.45am
 Lectio: Quiet guidance in Scripture-praying
Tel: (028) 7135 1233 • **E-mail:** thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • **Online:** thornministries.co.uk / find us on Facebook

Alzheimer's Society – FREE 6 Week Course for Carers of People with Dementia
 Thursday 23rd March at 10.30am in Bishops Gate Hotel, Derry **Email:** roisin.flynn@alzheimers.org.uk • **Tel:** 07484 507178

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

Pope Francis' Intention for March (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Support for Persecuted Christians
 That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church

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

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

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

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

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.mcmenamini@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

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

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 pray 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

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

Parish Liturgy for March, 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	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Maria Bradley	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Aileen Tracey	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Frank Keenan Patrick Tuohey	Tony Donnelly Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

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

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

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

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

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 4:1-11: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. In today's Gospel Jesus is enticed to gratify his own needs, or to perform some spectacular act in public. He rejects the temptation because he chooses commitment to his mission and to dependence on his Father over any immediate gratification. We can all be tempted to go for some immediate satisfaction, but is that where happiness lies? Have you found that sometimes there is more contentment in saying 'no' for the sake of some long-term goal? What are the goals, aims, values that inspire you in this way?
2. One way of looking at this Gospel is to say that Jesus went into the desert to face his demons. We all have demons we need to face – compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing our demons that we find a way to live a fuller life. Can you recall a time when you grew through facing a 'demon' in this way?

Musings – 'One Does Not Live on Bread Alone': Sacred Space, 2017 – Messenger Publications

Our real hungers are fed by the meaning and the love of the word of God. One form of prayer is to allow ourselves to be addressed in the heart by the word of God. Let a phrase or word from this passage of Scripture echo in your mind today.

That Jesus was tempted meant that he truly desired what the devil offered him. Of course he was hungry. His body desired what it needed. In what ways might the devil use my legitimate, real desires to lead me astray? Open my eyes, Lord, so that I can recognise temptation when it comes.

The Deep End – He is the Bread: Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Lent is a time of renewal and new beginnings. It is a time for us to enter into the suffering and death of Jesus, before celebrating the joy and hope of Easter. It is a time to reflect in a special way on God's word. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that God's words are nourishing – man does not live on bread alone.

Our focus should not only be on earthly things. Lent reminds us that there is more to life than the physical world. We are all guilty of getting caught up in the practicalities of life; it is only natural to work and rush and plan and worry. Lent offers us an opportunity to reflect on what is really important. The sacrifices we make or the extra effort we put in to become better people this Lent are all part of that spiritual journey.

'We have everything in Christ ...
He is everything for us.
If you wish to heal a wound, He is the doctor.
If you burn with fever, He is the rising spring of refreshing water.
If you have need of support, He is your strength.
If you long for heaven, He is the way.
If you seek nourishment, He is the bread.'
St. Ambrose

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Saturday 11th March – St. Aengus (Oengus) (bishop and abbot) Was a monk in Clonenagh, Co. Laois, who came to the monastery at Tallaght at the end of the eighth century during the abbacy of Maelruain to spend a period under his direction. He was renowned for his devotion to both foreign and native saints and composed two martyrologies. He returned to Clonenagh where he became abbot and bishop. Died around 830.

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@jecon.ie

JMC Counselling and Training – Level 2 Award – Communicating with Children and Young People
Begins Thursday 2nd March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm in the Loreto Grammar School, James Street, Omagh BT78 1DL

This course explores development across childhood and adolescence
Participants will also understand the specialist nature of working with children and young people

Duration: 8 Weeks • **Entry Requirements:** None

Suitable for the following individuals: Teachers, Youth Workers, Social Workers, Community Workers, Child Minders or anyone who comes into contact, or works with children

To find out more call (028) 8774 6582 or visit jmccounsellingandtraining.co.uk

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award 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 that 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

Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579

Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details

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	