

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B) (6th May, 2018)

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Thought for the Week: "The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts, rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them." Pope Francis in Gaudete et exsultate. Apostolic Exhortation on Holiness

Liturgy Schedule for the Sixth Week of Easter [Year B] (Sunday 6th May – Sunday 13th May)						
Saturday 5th May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Maureen Fox (10 th Anniversary)				
Sunday 6th May	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)				
Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass				
Monday 7 th May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass				
Tuesday 8 th May	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass				
Wednesday 9th May	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.15pm Adoration				
		7.30pm Mass followed St. Pio Devotions				
Thursday 10th May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass				
Friday 11th May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass				
	Our Lady of Wayside	7.30pm Mass: Jim McCrory (Month's Mind)				
Saturday 12th May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass				
Sunday 13 th May	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)				
Ascension of the Lord [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass				

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Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of Julia Stewart (nee McGuigan) who was buried last weekend and for the soul of Jim McCrory whose Months Mind occurs this Friday. We also pray for the souls of John McCullagh (8th), Maureen Fox (10th), Gareth McNamee (11th) and Patrick McElhatton (27th) whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society Mary Fox, Jim McCrory, Mary McCullagh and Julia Stewart.

Rosary - Month of Mary: For the Wednesdays of May the rosary will be recited after 7.30pm mass in St Patrick's.

Prayers for Life: Next weekend we have been asked in a particular way to reflect on and Prayer for the Protection of all Human Life as the referendum seeking the Repeal of the Eighth Amendment approaches. In our parish we will do so through our homily reflection and an opportunity in each of our parish churches to offer a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday 13th May, 5.00pm-6.00pm Our Lady of the Wayside • 7.00pm-8.00pm St Patrick's Church, Holy Hour with Benediction. Please come and pray for the Protection of all Human Life from the moment of conception to Natural Death

Padre Pio Devotions - Monthly Devotions with Rosary and Veneration of the Saints Relic: Wednesday 9th May after 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church.

Mediugorie Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Rosary on the Coast Event for Life and Faith and to Keep the Eighth Amendment: Sunday 20th May at 2.30pm at Benone Strand, Magilligan, Derry and Fahan Beach, Donegal. Please come along and pray for this crucially important cause, six days before the Referendum is held. For more details call +0044 (0) 7730330028

Special Days on Lough Derg this May

Day of Friendship and Prayer: Wednesday 16th May. Arrival from 10.30am and departure from 3.00pm. Guest Speaker is Rev. Dr. Laurence Graham, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. Keynote address at 12noon followed by Prayer Service. Admission €25 / £22 inc. boat fare, refreshments on arrival and lunch

Care for Creation: Saturday 19th May, Arrival from 9.15am and departure from 4.15pm, Begins 10.30am, Guest Speakers are Sr. Nellie McLaughlin and Jonny Hanson. Admission €45 / £40 inc. refreshments on arrival, lunch and closing prayer service

Next Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6 • Ephesians 1:17-23

Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2] Mark 16:15-20 • Lectionary 1:552

Offertory Gift Rota 6.00pm Saturday Vigil 9.00am Sunday Morning Saturday 5th May • Cathan McDermott Sunday 6th May • Michael McGlinchey Sixth Sunday of Easter Saturday 12th May • Ruairi McDonald Ascension of the Lord Sunday 13th May • Daire Tracey If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July Led by Bishop McKeown • 2018 marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes Address: Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ • Tel: (028) 7126 0293 • Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com

> Greencastle Community Rosary: Every night from Tuesday 1st May at 7.30pm at the Statue of Our Lady on Crockanboy Hill Mass Rock. For more information call Helen on 07585 950 724 or email helen.a.t@hotmail.com

Rally for Life - Save the 8th Amendment! Saturday 12th May at 2.00pm in Merrion Square, Dublin. Sponsored bus from Buncrana. Book with Marie Fuery 07493 616 25, Mary Doherty 086 / 3218 303 or Peter Mullen 087 / 2521 441

Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith: Sunday 20th May at 3.00pm at Benone Strand, Magilligan and Lisfannon Strand, Buncrana. Come along and pray for Ireland and for the retention of the Eighth Amendment in particular. Call 0044 (0) 75925 58 380 (Lisfannon event) and 0044 (0) 77303 30 028 (Benone event) for more info

Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events Email: kathleenburnsiil@gmail.com • Tel: (028) 8775 7800 Gaeltacht Thir Eoghain: Monday 2nd to Thursday 6th July Enrol now, your support is appreciated

Annual Glenlark Walk: Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm. Starting and finishing at McKenna's Bar, Gorticastle. Refreshments provided after • Proceeds to Foyle Hospice

Mass for Intentions of all Pioneers and Non-Drinkers:

Everyone welcome Tuesday 15th May at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Ardmore. Light refreshments served in nearby Pastoral Centre

Family Care Adoption Services Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm) Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk us using any of these details

Thornhill Ministries – Celebration of Friendship:

Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry

Monday 14th May Friends can come together to give gratitude for friendships shared. Arrival time is 11.30am for 12:00noon. Gratitude Prayer and Celebration Lunch. Cost is £20 • Pre-booking essential

Clanabogan Drama Circle - Tom, Dick and Harry: Saturday 19th May in Strule Arts Centre, curtain up at 8.00pm. Final performance of their award-winning play . Come along for loads of laughs and a great night's entertainment

Children in Crossfire – Walk the Path of the Camino De Santiago:

Only 6 places remain

Tuesday 31st July to Monday 6th August • Help the children of Tanzania and Ethiopia

Website: childrenincrossfire.org • Email: shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org • Tel: (028) 7126 9898

Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service?

Applications are invited from individuals wishing the join for the Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship) Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth. For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.

If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com accord-ni.co.uk

Accord Marriage Preparation Course (2018 / 2019): 1st and 2nd June • 22nd and 23rd June

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray IPAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAMEI.

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us Pope Francis' Intention for May (please remember this in your personal prayers)

Evangelisation – *The Mission of the Laity*: That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Cherish the Ladies Concert: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel.

Tickets (£15) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service – Facilitator Required: Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses. Professional training provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award). Accredited by Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Email: omagh@accordni.com • Tel: (028) 8224 2439 • Website: accordni.com

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

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

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday

Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Singing in Irish 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm

Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com

Tel: 07747 899 249

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

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:

All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice
provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness

For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

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

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Cost £669

Address: 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ • Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com • Tel: (028) 7126 0293

Hours: Tuesday. Thursday and Saturday. 11.00am to 1.00pm from Saturday 3rd February

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall
For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent
Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • Advanced: 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

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

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by
Providing free, confidential face-to-face support
Helping you identify a way forward
Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk
Website: ruralsupport.org.uk
To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

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

Parish Liturgy for April, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)	
Readers	Nuala Glass	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague	
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke	
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Lauryn Hollywood	Grace Conneely	
Collectors	Megan Coyle	Peter Tracey	Perry McCrory	
	Orla Coyle	Leo Donnelly	Sean McKenna	
Altar Society	Rosemary McCullagh, Nuala Glass,		Ann McDermott, Carmel McCrory,	
	Louise O'Brien and	d Alannah Coyle	Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris	

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

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
To be eliqible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.

Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen Office: (028) 6632 6478 • Facebook: Aspire Employability Programme The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

Family Care Adoption Services: We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children

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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

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

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

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.

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 13th May – Our Lady of Fátima The title based on apparitions to three shepherd children at Fátima, Portugal, on the thirteenth day of six consecutive months in 1917, beginning on 13th May. The three children were Lúcia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

ASPIRE: Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.

For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 15:9-7: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- 1. A commandment of love could seem a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife; a wave from a friend; words of comfort and affirmation not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.
- 2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?
- 3. 'I chose you.' Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are chosen by Jesus to bear fruit through our love.

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.

If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

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 entrance

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre - Traditional Music and Singing Classes:

Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018? For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

Baptisms (26)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14)		Confirmations (15)				
10 Boys • 16 Girls	8 Boys • 6 Girls		7 Boys • 8 Girls				
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish							
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in							
Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13th April							
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13th December in St Patrick's Church							

Musings Musings between now and the World Meeting of Families are kindly provided by Brenda Drumm of WMOF2018

Jesus' light is a humble light. It is not a light that imposes itself, it is humble. It is a gentle light, with the strength of meekness; it is a light that speaks to the heart and it is also a light given by the cross. If we, in our inner light, are gentle people, we hear the voice of Jesus in our heart and look fearlessly at the cross in the light of Jesus ... We must always distinguish: where Jesus is there is always humility, gentleness, love and the cross. We will never find Jesus without humility, without gentleness, without love and without the cross. He was the first to travel this path of light. We must walk fearlessly behind him, because Jesus has the strength and the authority to give us this light.

Pope Francis, Homily at Domus Sanctae Marthae (Tuesday 3rd September, 2013)

The Deep End – A Brief History of Love:

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

God does not have favourites, Peter tells us. You wouldn't think that was the case sometimes, listening to some of the people who purport to speak on his behalf.

When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning, and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love, and is quoted as saying 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.'

And yet, after his death, there were some who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask: where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes?

Today we bring everything back to one word: love. There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. God's love does not discriminate. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.' That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others – whether their beliefs align with ours or not. God does not have favourites.

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

Saturday 19th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion Tuesday 21th to Sunday 26th August in Dublin
World Meeting of Families

Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery
Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Sunday 1st July at 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead followed by Broughderg Old Cemetery