

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (7<sup>th</sup> July, 2019)**  
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**Thought for the Week:** "There is a growing sensitivity to the environment and the need to protect nature, along with a growing concern, both genuine and distressing, for what is happening to our planet... Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it."  
*Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment (Laudato Si – Section #19)*

**Liturgy Schedule for Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (7<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2019)**

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: John and Mae Coyle (4 <sup>th</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversaries)
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
St. Killian (bishop and martyr)		
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>12 noon to 7.00pm</b> Adoration followed by Rosary
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
St. Benedict (abbot)		
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass

**COLLECTIONS**    **Weekly:** £750 • **Peter's Pence:** £440 • **Blessing of the Graves:** £2,055  
*Thank you for your continuing generosity to all our parish collections*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **John (4<sup>th</sup>) and Mae (2<sup>nd</sup>) Coyle, Peter and Annie McAleer and Jane McDermott (17<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Welcome:** During July and August we welcome back from Nigeria, Fr. Mark and Fr. Danny Monaghan for some of our Weekday and Sunday Masses and also Visitation of the Sick and Housebound in August. We thank them for their help and assistance and hope they enjoy their time among us this summer. Please pray for them and all their fellow SMA missionaries throughout the world especially those ministering in places of danger.

**Parish Bulletin for Summer:** The parish bulletins for 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August will be printed in advance. If you have faithfully departed to be prayed for (and you have not already left notice with Fr. Gallagher) please leave the name to be added to the list in the sacristy with either Fr. Mark or Fr. Danny Monaghan before mass begins. Many thanks for your co-operation.

**Holy Hour for Vocations:** Fr. Malachy Gallagher, CC Glendermott will lead a Holy Hour to pray for an increase to vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral.  
*All are welcome*

**Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.  
 £579 (includes half board in Leone Hotel, tax and insurance). Spiritual Director Fr. John Forbes.  
*Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or WhatsApp on 07768 395 038 for more info*

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

**Next Week's Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:10-14 • Psalm 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37, R/ cf. v 33  
 Colossians 1:15-20 • Luke 10:25-37 • Lectionary 1:878  
**Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

**Greencastle Community Association – Upcoming Events:**

<b>Couch to 5k / 10k</b>	Training starts Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July for 6 weeks (7.00pm to 8.00pm). Registration night Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July (7.00pm to 7.30pm). £20 for 6 weeks to be paid on night Open to everyone - come along and give it a go even if you haven't ran before!
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am to 12.30pm. <i>Everyone welcome</i> Proceeds will raise funds for running costs of Greencastle Community Centre

**The Priory Institute – Paul: The Radical Gospel:** This summer we are offering a two week online Summer School for those who are interested in the Gospel of Paul. The course is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online and is available to start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August.  
 One lecture per day • €80 • *No previous knowledge of theology is required*  
**Email:** enquiries@prioryinstitute.com • **Website:** prioryinstitute.com • **Tel:** +353 1 404 9124

**Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage:** You can begin any day until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.  
 The Lough Derg team can help to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality.  
*Call Lorraine on 0(0353) 71 986 1518 or email info@loughderg.org • Advance booking not necessary*

**Castle Vintage Club – Run and Fun Day:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.  
*Proceeds in Aid of Termonmaguire Cancer Patient Comfort Fund*

**Millennium Forum – Access Information Day:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am and 12 noon.  
 We are holding an Access Information Day to show people everything that we do, this will include tours, question and answer sessions, demonstrations on our accessibility equipment and entertainment from Stage Beyond. We will also have a "wee cuppa and a biscuit" as well!!  
*For more info or to book a place on the tour email Lisa Heaney on lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk or call (028) 7127 2779. Book early to avoid disappointment, places are limited*

**Guided Muckish Hill Climb:** The Irish Pilgrimage Trust provides a pilgrimage for children and young people with intellectual disabilities, medical conditions and social needs to Lourdes every Easter and depends on fundraising to do this. The IPT is delighted to host its first Muckish Mountain Charity Guided Climb on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July starting at 10.00am with registration near Our Lady's Shrine on the R256 Falcarragh Road. Cost €10.  
*For info call (087) 6888 230 or (087) 7962 046 or visit Facebook page Muckish Charity Climb in Aid of The Irish Pilgrimage Trust*

**In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II – 10 Night Pilgrimage to Poland:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020.  
 Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit the capital of Divine Mercy, venerate the messenger of Mercy, St. Faustina's relics, see the cell that imprisoned St. Maximilian Kolbe (martyr) as well as visit the largest Marian shrines and sanctuaries in Poland – daily Mass and spiritual activities.  
 Flights from Belfast, luxury coach travel and excellent accommodation.  
*For more info, a detailed itinerary and price email Fr. Micheál McGavigan at michealmcgavigan@icloud.com*

**St. Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth – Diploma in Pastoral Theology at Drumalis**  
 Applications are now being accepted for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September  
**Website:** drumalis.co.uk • **Email:** maura@drumalis.co.uk • **Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / 2827 6455

**An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg – Gala:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November in Silver Birches, Omagh.  
*Celebrate 50 continuous years of An Caisleán Glas*

**Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland Weekend:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney.  
*For more information and / or booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call 07702 812 321 or (087) 784 0408*

**Prayer for the Summer – Giving Thanks for Summer:**  
 Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.  
 Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.  
 Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.  
 As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and thirst for You. *Amen*

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

**The Integrity of Justice:** That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

**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

**Owenkillew Credit Union – Death Benefit Insurance (DBI):**

DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.

**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

**ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training**

To be eligible 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

**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@fermanaghmagh.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

**Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):**

Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies

Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) • Join our faith family!

**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

**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

**The Big Knit for Age NI** Calling all knitters! For every hat knitted Age NI receives 25p.

To register or find out more call Dorothy on (028) 9024 5729, email bigknit@ageni.org or visit ageni.org/bigknit

**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

Parish Liturgy for July, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Nuala Glass	Siobhan McKenna	Martina Daly
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Shea McElhatton	Ronan Hollywood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	John Bradley Shea McElhatton	Colm Keenan Ronan Hollywood	Sean McKenna Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Mary McCrory and Patta McDermott		Anne McDermott Martina Daly

**Rural Support:** We could help you with financial stress by

Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt  
Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action

**Email:** info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk

To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**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

**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

**Armchair Exercises:** Continue every Monday night in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. Suitable for all ages

**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

**Troicaire – Recruiting Volunteers:** To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland. If you are interested in volunteering visit troicaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages (April to October):** 7 nights B&B and Airport

Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing, any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service.

Call us on 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com for further info and book dates that suit

**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

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

1. Jesus sent out his disciples on a mission to let people know that 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Recall when you have reached out to another, in word or in deed, to help them realize that they were cherished, perhaps by a word of sympathy or encouragement, or by giving a hand with a difficult task. What was it like for you to experience yourself as a person bringing help and encouragement to another?
2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. When have you found it beneficial not to be working alone, but with another by your side? How did companionship change the experience? What you were able to achieve together that you could not have done on your own?
3. The instructions Jesus gave the disciples suggest appropriate attitudes for the one who 'goes before Jesus.' Let the images speak to you and evoke memories of times when you were welcomed and times when you were not. When have you found that it was good news to have the attitudes Jesus describes?
4. When the disciples returned, Jesus warned them not to focus on the thrill of what they had been able to achieve. It was more important that their 'names are written in heaven.' Sometimes we too need reminders that who we are is more important than what we do. Who have been the people who brought this home to you? Have there been experiences that helped you to appreciate this?

**The Deep End – Synergy:** *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

Earlier in Luke's Gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve disciples to heal disease and to teach about God's Kingdom. Here he sends out a much larger group ahead of him, in pairs to every town and place where He himself intended to go. Being sent in pairs reminds us of the value of team work. In order for communities to grow and flourish the gifts of many people are needed. Synergy is needed. This happens when individual talents are harvested and aligned, as in the beauty of a choir singing in perfect harmony, or a sports team at the peak of their performance. Synergy is like a power of the Spirit that rewards collaborative efforts. It is when we can dream and strive for the possibility of things before they happen. Synergy promotes collaboration, not competition or exclusion.

Jesus gathered his followers around him, men and women, who were enthused by his vision. He sends his followers out in pairs so that they can support one another. In all our different roles, we too are sent out ahead of him, as parents, ministers of various kinds, politicians, educators, social workers, nurses ... In any team – a parish council, a ministry group, a choir, we need a type of synergy. We are all responsible for our Church, not just a select few. We all have different roles to play, we all have responsibilities. When we promote collaborative team work and strive for synergy, we embrace each other's stories and work for the common good. Then, exciting things are possible!

**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*

**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

**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 service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

**PARISH EVENTS IN 2018**

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> Service of Light for P7	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> First Confession for P4
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Confirmation by Bishop McKeown	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries	
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> Mass for Parish Deceased
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> Advent Penance Service	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> 2 New Altar servers welcomed
<b>31 December</b> Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018	

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	12

**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*

**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

### Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019

*Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace*

'Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have." This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: "Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening. Blessed be the politician who is without fear." Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.'

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – St. Killian (bishop and martyr)** Was probably born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With 11 companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and Eastern Franconia. With two others he was put to death c. 688. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurtzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – St. Benedict (abbot)** Father of Western monasticism and brother of Scholastica, is considered the patron of speliolegists (cave explorers). He was born in Nursia, Italy and educated in Rome. He was repelled by the vices of the city and in about the year 500, fled to Enfide, 30 miles away. He decided to live the life of a hermit and settled at the mountainous Subiaco, where he lived in a cave for three years, fed by a monk named Romanus. Despite Benedict's desire for solitude, his holiness and austerities became known and he was asked to be their abbot by a community of monks at Vicovaro. He accepted, but when the monks resisted his strict rule and tried to poison him, he returned to Subiaco and became a centre of spirituality and learning. He left suddenly, reportedly because of the efforts of a neighbouring priest, Florentius, to undermine his work, and in about 525, settled at Monte Cassino.
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – St. Camillus de Lellis (priest) [1550-1614]** Rough tempered and a gambler in his early life as a soldier was converted at the age of twenty-five. Guided by Saint Philip Neri he became a priest and worked for the sick with two companions. His Servants of the Sick prospered and founded hospitals especially where others would not go. Patron of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

**Mid Ulster Agewell:** Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

*For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email [marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org](mailto:marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org)*

**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

### 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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