

#### Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (7th October, 2018) Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU

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# Pope Francis speaks to Ireland

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin [Saturday 25th August]

"Looking out at you, at your youth. I ask myself: so then it isn't true what everybody says." that young people don't want to get married! Thank you. Getting married and sharing one's life is something beautiful. We have a saying in Spanish: "Sorrow shared by two is half a sorrow; joy shared by two is joy and a half". That's what marriage is like."

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (Year B) (7th October - 14th October)

Saturday 6th October St. Bruno (priest)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 7th October	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass: Francis McCullagh and Anthony Loughran (Anniversary)	
Monday 8th October	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Tuesday 9th October St. Denis and Companions	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass	
Wednesday 10th October	St. Patrick's	12 noon – 7.15pm Adoration	
		7.30pm Mass followed by Padre Pio Devotions	
Thursday 11th October	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
St. Canice			
Friday 12th October	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass: Michael Bradley (Month's Mind)	
Saturday 13th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: John McCullagh (1st Anniversary)	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass: John Conway (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	

Weekly Collection: £940

Thank you for your generosity

Church Door Collection: A special Church Door Collection will take place this weekend after all masses in the parish on behalf of Sr. Consilio's Cuan Mhuire Centre in Newry which helps people with addictions of various kinds. Please give as generously as you can

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of *Francis McCullagh (7th)* and Anthony Loughran (3<sup>rd</sup>) whose anniversaries occur at this time

Baptism: We offer our best wishes and prayers to the family of Tomás James Tuohey who was welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 30th September in St. Patrick's Church.

Do this in Memory of Me Programme: The Enrolment Mass for the Primary Four Children making their First Holy Communion next year will take place Saturday 13th October at 6.00pm during the Vigil Mass. There will also be a short meeting immediately after mass to organise help for this year's Do this in Memory Programme.

> Monthly Devotions in Honour of St. Pio of Pietrelcina: Wednesday 10th October after 7.30pm Massin St. Patrick's Church on. A relic of the saint will be present for veneration.

Derry Diocese - 2 Cursillo 3-Day Weekends: Thursday 11th October to Sunday 14th October (women) and Thursday 25th October to Sunday 28th October (men) at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry. These are residential weekends and places are available on both. For info call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174

October Station Masses: There are only a small number of dates available for Station Masses in October. Monday 15th • Friday 19th • Monday 22nd • Thursday 25th

It is hoped that due to a late Easter (Sunday 21st April) there will be dates made available in the latter part of Lent. If you are interested in hosting a station during October please contact Fr. Gallagher

Thornhill Ministries – Holy Land Retreat: Thursday 11th to Saturday 20th October.

Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11 • Psalm 89:12-17, R/ v 14 • Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30 • Lectionary 1:810 Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2] Irish Pilgrimage Trust (IPT) - Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Easter, 2019. The IPT is currently accepting applications for this pilgrimage from young people (11 – 30 years) with a medical condition, physical disability, illness, learning disability, social or emotional need or applications for children under the age of 11, who must be accompanied by a parent or close relative. IPT covers the cost of the young person selected to travel.

For more info / application form call Mary on 00353 87 7962 047 • Closing date is Wednesday 31st October

Derry Diocesan Trust - Part Time Parish Secretary required for Claudy Parish: 10 hours per week, Mondays and Fridays, 9.00am to 2.00pm. All administrative duties that may be required in the day-to-day running of the office and parish activities. For full details visit derrydiocese.org. For application pack email office@derrydiocese.org or call (028) 7126 2302. Completed applications must be returned to Bishop's House, Francis Street, Derry. BT48 9AP or via emailing office@derrydiocese.org no later than 5.00pm on Monday 22nd October. Equal opportunities employer

# Cappagh / Badoney CCE:

Resumes Monday 8th October in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge. Registration: 6.15pm. Classes: 6.30pm. Music Classes: Banjo (Erin Hood) • Fiddle (Aoibheann McArdle) • Whistle (Moira O'Kane) • Accordion (Martina Quinn) To book or enguire call Tom on (028) 8464 8719 or Roisin on 07789 697 238

Thank you to everyone who attended, helped or contributed to the fabulously successful and Jim Conway enjoyable events in The Mellon Country Inn and Plumbridge last weekend. Much Appreciated

**Draw** 1st Prize (£100) Joseph McCullagh, Plumbridge

Winners: 2nd Prize (£50) Peter and Philomena Kennedy, Cranagh • 3rd Prize (£25) Laura Ward, Plumbridge

Rouskey Community Centre

For more info call Bridie on 07591 047 556

Rouskey Hearing Loss - Free Drop-in Support Sessions: Tuesday 9th October from 10.00am to 11.00am. We run free, drop-in support sessions for those who need a bit of help with everyday issues like comfort, maintenance, changing ear mould tubing and batteries and adapting to life with their NHS hearing aids. No need to make appointment • For more info call Mary Cruickshank on (028) 7132 0167 / 07918 767 640 Chest Heart and Stroke Support Group: Wednesday 10th October at 2.00pm. Sorcha Forbes from Patient and Client Council will do a talk about how to involve the public on health and social care issues. Patient and Client Council work in partnership with the people of N. Ireland to help shape the future of local health and social care service and to ensure that your voice is heard by the decision makers. New members always welcome Health and Information Evening: Thursday 11th October at 7.00pm. Different speakers from a range of organisations: Mary Cussack of Action on Hearing Loss; Ann Gallen of Chest Heart and Stroke; Joe Doran Multiple Sclerosis; Speaker from Marie Curie and Rouskey Walkers. Our aim is to promote awareness of

# Donations will be distribute to all charities above • Refreshments will be served Macalla na hÉireann - Comhaltas Concert Tour of Champions:

different support groups and will benefit people in local and neighbouring communities.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30pm in the Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre.

An Caisleán Glas CLG: It has been proposed that the club will host a 'Youth Concert' at the beginning of November involving singing, recitation, music and dance relating to Ireland and our native culture. If your child is aged between 7 and 16 years and is interested in taking part please call Grainne Bradley (Culture Officer) on 07813 465 503 ASAP. Material can be provided and help will be given with music, recitation and singing

Foyle Hospice - Hearts of Hope Fundraising Event: Wednesday 10th October at 8.00pm in St. Patrick's Hall. Strabane. Crescendo Community Choir, Moville will be singing. Light refreshments provided. £10 admission. Photographs of loved ones (if you would like their memory to be included) should be emailed to cwest823@btintemet.com or nuala.logue@yahoo.co.uk

Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock.

For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group - Day of Prayer for Healing: Sunday 21st October in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh. Registration from 9.00am. Mass at 3.30pm. Speaker: Fr. Columba Jordan CFR. £25 (inc. lunch/tea/coffee). Booking essential to facilitate catering • Call (028) 8224 2092 (office hours) or mobile 078 7641 1435

Alzheimer's Society - Memory Walk: Saturday 13th October at 12 noon, Lissan House and Demesne, Cookstown. £10 for adults to register – free for children · Visit eventbrite.co.uk to register or do so on the day from 11.00am

Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan - God Is Love: The first theme of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, that we are asked to implement in our parishes, is To Build Welcoming and Inclusive Communities. Through the very values of the Gospel message that is what we are called to do as individuals and as Church! As baptised Catholics we are Church. We are called to be there for our brothers and sisters in Christ, wherever they are in their life's journey and especially, when they need us most: we are called to be the face of Jesus, to bring light and meaning to the lives of others.

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

Evangelisation – *The Mission of Religious*: That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

Medjugorje 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

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019?

Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November • Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

# 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

**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

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

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

- 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

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

Parish Liturgy for October, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Scullion	Catriona McCullagh	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Kira Donnelly	TBC	Caoileann Maguire
Collectors	Mary Bradley	Patrick Tuohey	Tony Donnelly
	Megan / Orla Coyle	Leo Donnelly	Pat McGuigan
	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott,		Ann McDermott, Josephine Clarke,
Altar Society	Mary McCrory, Louise O'Brien,		Lucy-Marie McCrory
	Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		and Leanne Morris

Family Care Adoption Services

For a free information contact
us using any of these details

Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children

Tel: (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

**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

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

**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

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

**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

**Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers:** To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.

If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

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

**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

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

### 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

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: Working in partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre offers this post-graduate degree, dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to or have an interest in leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Autumn, 2018.

For more info call Thérèse in the Catechetical Centre 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Foster Carers Needed: The Western Trust urgently needs people to come forward who can offer a loving home to foster children. At present there is a greater number of children in need of homes than there are foster carers available. If you have room in your home and in your heart to care for a child, please contact:

Vanessa Nelis – WHSCT Recruitment Officer for Fostering

Tel: (028) 8283 5264 Mob: 07554 552 989 Email: vanessa.nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net

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: qillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • Website: kindercareni.co.uk

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

**Sunday 7**th **October – Our Lady of the Rosary** Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

**Tuesday 9th October** – *St. Denis and Companions* Beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258, later buried at Montmartre. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, one of the Patron Saints of France.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – St. Canice [527-603] Born in Co. Derry. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mabhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Columba with whom he worked for a time in Scotland where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory but this was replaced centuries later by his Church in Kilkenny.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October – St. Callistus I (pope and martyr) After a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences he was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus. Later died at the hands of a mob in 222.

## Seeing your life through lens of Gospel – Mark 10:2-16:

John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- 1. Marriages do break down, but in this story Jesus appears as the wise person urging people to seek first the original harmony where possible, rather than seek escape routes when difficulties arise. When have you found that, in marriage or in other relationships, the bonds have been strengthened when you have been prepared to work through difficulties?
- There are other things that we needlessly and wrongly put in opposition: young and old, male and female, people from different cultures, body and soul. Perhaps at times you have discovered the advantages of exploring the richness in combining such apparently exclusive opposites.
- 3. The children in the second story can be taken as representing any group of 'little ones' whose opinion we may be inclined to dismiss. When have you found that you have been taught an important lesson about life, about love, or about faith by people whose views you had been inclined to dismiss?

Musings: '[The Rosary's] most characteristic element ... the litany-like succession of Hail Mary's, becomes in itself an unceasing praise of Christ, who is the ultimate object both of the Angel's announcement and of the greeting of the Mother of John the Baptist: 'Blessed is the fruit of your womb' (Lk 1:42). We would go further and say that the succession of Hail Mary's constitutes the warp on which is woven the contemplation of the mysteries. The Jesus that each Hail Mary recalls is the same Jesus whom the succession of the mysteries proposes to us – now as the Son of God, now as the son of the Virgin – at his birth in a stable at Bethlehem, at his presentation by his Mother in the Temple, as a youth full of zeal for his Father's affairs, as the Redeemer in agony in the garden, scourged and crowned with thorns, carrying the Cross and dying on Calvary; risen from the dead and ascended to the glory of the Father to send forth the gift of the Spirit.'

The Deep End – Asking the Wrong Question: Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Today's gospel is challenging. It contains two instances of Jesus correcting a popular opinion of the time and offering an alternative way.

The first is one of the few times Jesus is presented as speaking about marriage. The question asked by the Pharisees is whether it is 'against the Law' for a man to divorce his wife. Note that they do not ask whether divorce is right, or just – only whether it is legal. They are testing Jesus of course. They know the answer and so does he: divorce was indeed allowed under the law. Divorce was relatively common in the society of the time, though there were different interpretations of the law.

But Jesus, as always, is less concerned about the law than the rightness of a situation. He directs his questioners instead to God's plan for marriage and the unity between a married couple. When he delivers his strongest words about divorce, it is in the context of adultery; the sin is not the breaking of the legal agreement, but the betrayal of one's spouse. The Pharisees are asking the wrong question.

The second part of the gospel sees Jesus once again teaching people to look at things in a new way. Children at the time of Jesus, not unlike wives, were often viewed as property, without any rights of their own. The disciples fail to show any concern for them when they turn them away. But Jesus welcomes them, blesses them, and treats them with love and concern. He goes so far as to present them as teachers, on account of their faith and openness. Another surprising attitude!

### 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 13 <sup>th</sup> April					
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13th December in St Patrick's Church					