



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (9<sup>th</sup> July, 2017)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Thought for the Week** *St. Alphonsus Liguori*  
 "True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over."

**Liturgy Schedule for Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July)**

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Killian (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass: Peter Fox (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>St. Benedict (abbot)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Please note that there will be NO MASSES on any Wednesdays throughout July and August</b>			
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Camillus de Lellis (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mass: Patsy O'Neill (Month's Mind)
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Bonaventure (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass

**Weekly Collection:** £1,160      **Cemetery Collection:** £1,875  
**Special Trócaire Collection for East Africa:** Due to the deteriorating famine situation in East Africa the Irish Bishops have requested a special collection will be taken up in all churches across Ireland on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Please keep this in mind. *Further details next weekend*  
**World Meeting of Families:** A second collection will take place after communion at all masses this weekend to support preparations for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August, 2018 at which it is hoped that Pope Francis will be present. *Your generosity is appreciated*

**Baptism Congratulations:** The parish welcomes into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism Baby **Aoibheann Sarah McCullagh** and Baby **Ella Rose Conway** who were baptised on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July past in St. Patrick's Church and congratulate their parents and godparents and family circles on this day of joy.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Patsy O'Neill (Broughderg)** whose Month's Mind Mass occurs this Friday and **Peter and Annie McAleer** and **Peter Fox** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Greencastle Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg:** Due to the disappointing response this is now cancelled. *A proposed date in late August / early September for the One-Day Pilgrimage with details will be in next week's bulletin Please also keep in mind the Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September with booking details in late August*

**St. Pio Monthly Devotions:** The monthly devotions through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina that take place the second Wednesday of each month in St. Patrick's Church will resume 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. after summer break.

**Pilgrimage to Knock:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August, a day of prayer for priests. **Bus Fare:** £15 • **Meals:** €30 (optional)  
**Pick-up Point:** Along Omagh / Cookstown Rd. *Call Mona (028) 8673 7954 or Una on 07743 575 969*

**Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July starting with Mass at 7.15pm.  
*There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic at the meeting • All are welcome*

**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

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 64: 10-14, R/ Lk 8:8; Luke 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23;  
 (Lectionary I, page 675)      **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Traditional Music Festival:** *Concert tickets and workshop spaces are limited*  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August** Concert featuring Zoe Conway, Mairtin O'Connor and Donal Lunny  
 8.30pm in Plumbridge Parochial Hall *Tickets £15 (ticket only event)*  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August** Music Workshops – Advanced / Intermediate  
 10.00am to 12 noon in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge Fiddle (Zoe Conway) • Button Accordion (Mairtin O'Connor)  
 10.30am to 12.30pm in Glenelly St. Joseph's Clubrooms Lá Le Spraoi  
 9.00pm in Plumbridge Parochial Hall Night of Song, Storytelling and Recitation  
*To reserve a ticket or workshop space call Tom on (028) 8164 8719 or 07704 526 870*

**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September for 4 nights. 4 nights full board in Hotel Centro di Spiritulita. The pilgrimage will include visits to of Padre Pio and Monte Sant Angelo – the shrine in the cave where the birthplace St. Michael the Archangel appeared. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Daniel Ilhunnia MSP • **Cost:** €689  
 If interested call JWT on 00353 1241 0816, Marie on 07799 112 224 or Clare on 07778 025 587

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged 16-35; an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1,400 young people from all corners of Ireland expected to attend.  
 Donation only • Just bring sleeping bag and pillow • Free buses travelling from all around Ireland  
 For more information and to book online visit youth2000.ie or call 00353 1675 3690

**IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden – Summer Serenity:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August, light lunch at 1.00pm with music / storytelling followed by a visit to the Prayer Garden or Organic Garden.  
**Cost:** €10 / £8 (booking essential • Tel: (00353) 7493 84866 for further info and booking • All Welcome

**Picnic on the Hill – Family Fun Day with Open-Air Concert in Greencastle:** Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> July from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. Featuring some of the best musical acts Tyrone has to offer, this will be a fun-packed day out for the whole family. There'll be a wealth of activities to keep the kids happy – bouncy castles, face painting, craft tent etc. Check out our Facebook page 'Picnic on the Hill'. On the day follow signs from Greencastle Community Centre. Bring a picnic and leave the rest to us.  
*All proceeds to Charis Cancer Care and Chest, Heart & Stroke*

**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre invites applications for the post of Diocesan Youth Coordinator**  
 This post represents the continuing development and commitment in Youth Ministry by the Diocese of Derry and will be a challenging undertaking for the successful candidate. The focus of the post will be working with young people, schools and parishes to help them develop their knowledge and understanding of youth ministry in the context of the Catholic Church leading to active youth ministry at parish and diocesan level.  
 To be successful you will need to have:  
 A degree in a relevant discipline - Education, Theology, Religious Education or Pastoral Studies  
 Evidence of working with young people in a leadership capacity  
 Active involvement in the spiritual and sacramental life of the Catholic Church at parish and/or diocesan level  
 Application Form, Job Description and Personal Specification may be obtained via the following details  
**Email:** office@derrydiocese.org **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 during normal office hours  
**Address for Returning Applications:** The Director, Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, The Gate Lodge, 2 Francis Street, Derry, BT48 7DS no later than 4.00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**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*

**MA in Catholic School Leadership:** Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders.

**Pope Francis' Intention for July (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Lapsed Christians:** That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

**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:** a.hagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

**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*

**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

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**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.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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

**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

**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*

Parish Liturgy for July, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Maeve McCullagh	Rachael Clarke	Cara-Rose Brogan
<b>Collectors</b>	Mary Bradley Patrick McElhatton	Brendan Conway Eugene Tracey	Perry McCrory Sean Clarke
<b>Altar Society</b>	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

**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

**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*

**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*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 11:25-30:** John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. For Jesus the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?
2. Jesus was dealing with a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created so that all would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.
3. In v.27 Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?
4. Recall and give thanks for people who, like Jesus in the story, were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and understanding. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.

**Musings – I Will Give You Rest:** Sacred Space – The Prayer Book, 2017 • sacredspace.ie – Messenger Publication

In today's Gospel Jesus offers a lifeline. 'Come to me,' he says. Sounds simple, doesn't it? And yet we find it difficult to believe that reaching out to Jesus can make a difference.

Lord, you invite us to take your hand walk with you; how stubborn we can be sometimes. Help us to receive your whispered invitation and respond with faith.

Jesus is inviting those who are not in the comfort zone, who feel oppressed by anxiety and uncertainty.

Lord, I do not ask that you bring my life completely under control; to be mortal is to face uncomfortable realities. I beg you to be my uncomfortable comfort zone.

Saint Ignatius thought that a thick and shapeless tree trunk would never believe that it could become a statue, admired as a miracle of sculpture, and would never submit itself to the chisel of the sculptor, who sees by her genius what she can make of it.

I ask for grace to let myself be shaped by my loving Creator.

**The Deep End – Rest for your Souls:** Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Pope Francis had some strong words of advice recently for priests. As he ordained ten men to the priesthood on Good Shepherd Sunday, he said in his homily: 'A priest who has perhaps studied much theology and has achieved one or two or three advanced degrees, but has not learned to carry the Cross of Christ, is useless: he will be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest. Please, I ask you in the name of Christ and of the church to be merciful, always: do not saddle the faithful with burdens they cannot carry – nor ought you so burden yourselves.'

He must have been thinking of the extract from Matthew's Gospel that we hear today, where Jesus talks about the exact opposite of laying burdens on people – he promises to take them away, and to lighten our load.

I don't think Jesus is saying that the Christian life is always going to be easy, that there will not be burdens or crosses to carry, or that we should not hold ourselves to high standards. Rather, he is reminding us that when we find ourselves overburdened – tired, frustrated, afraid, overwhelmed, disheartened – help is at hand. He invites us to come to him, and to unload our troubles onto him. He is a place of rest for our weary souls. With Jesus on board, our minds and hearts will be lighter, and we can get on with our tasks with renewed energy and zeal.

**Pope Francis – 'Vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit'**

The Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations has launched a prayer initiative for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in Ireland. In this centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, parishes, schools and families are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary, for vocations in Ireland, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May until October.

*Those taking part in the prayer initiative are invited to use the social media hashtag #Pray4Vocations*

**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.

**SUSE+ Community Programme:** Are you aged between 16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week?

If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid

If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below

**Address:** SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

**Email:** conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk • **Tel:** 07834 129 213 *Courses will be run, subject to minimum number interested*

**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

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:**

**Rome Pilgrimage:** [Group 1] Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

[Group 2] Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)

God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;

To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word,

To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.

Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done

with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*

Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

**Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions**

Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month from May to October with the exception of 19<sup>th</sup> August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary

Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour

**Celebrant:** Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown • *All are welcome*

**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](mailto:prayerforpriests.com)

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2016 Parish Statistics		
<b>Baptisms (18)</b> 7 Boys 11 Girls	<b>First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)</b> 10 Boys 6 Girls	<b>Confirmations (21)</b> 10 Boys 11 Girls
<b>Marriages (16)</b> 7 within parish 9 outside parish	<b>Funerals (10)</b> 8 within parish 2 outside parish	<b>Station Masses in October</b> 8
<b>Events</b> The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		

**The Net – June Edition:** Now on sale, with coverage including:  
 Limavady looking forward to HOPE Camp • Faughanvale's young pioneers • Strathfoyle Youth Choir in concert  
 St. Eithne's, Ballymagroarty pupils enjoy May Procession • Special Needs Mass a special occasion  
 Confirmation feature • Aghyaran First Holy Communion • Derry Adoration pilgrims in Knock  
 Divine Mercy celebrations in Altinure and Cappagh • Greencastle parishioners at RTE studio Mass  
 Lovely surprise for Gallagh sacristan • Omagh get-together for Indian children sponsors  
 Carnhill launches monthly Fatima vigils • Dungiven celebrates Fatima anniversary • Claudy Ceili Mission  
 Bellaghy thanks for volunteers • Sun shines on Malin Well pilgrims • Large crowds at St Eugene's Novena  
 Celebrating Mary in Culmore • Burt prepares for Golden Jubilee • Maghera retreat day for families  
 Pioneers gather for Ardmore Mass • ACCORD Mass of remembrance • Derry Cursillo Easter Bonnet show  
 Termonbacca Crochet Group helping charities • Three decades of Marian Prayer in Termonbacca  
 Derry bishops' pilgrim walk • Waterside faith story • Joy of Love journey continues in Ardmore  
 Croke Park Conference for young Catholics • Fortifying Youth Ministry in Ireland  
 Relevance of Cursillo today • Flower Festivals • Ramsey in the kitchen  
 Feature on St. Canice • Children's Catechism Club • Diocesan Diary • Quiz Time  
*For coverage of your parish or school faith activities email editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852*

<b>Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes:</b> Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 469 428 or (028) 8164 8706	
<b>Child Care Level 2</b> <i>Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College in Rouskey Community Centre in September</i>	Provides learners with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare them for employment or to provide career development opportunities to progress onto a relevant Level 3 programme. As work placement is a vital part of this programme, learners will get the opportunity for both 'learning' and 'doing'.
<b>Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma</b> <i>Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College</i>	Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring.
<b>Essential Skills Levels 1 and 2 in English and 2 in IT</b> These September courses are free	

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

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – St. Benedict (abbot)** Father of Western monasticism and brother of Scholastica, is considered the patron of spelilogists (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.

**Friday 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.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July – St. Bonaventure (priest and doctor of the Church) [1221-1274]** Born in Tuscany, Minster General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop of Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons, known as the Seraphic Doctor.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel** The Carmelite Communities inherit the early hermits' devotion to Elijah and his solitary prayer, and to Mary under this title of Mount Carmel.