

# The Mass

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A  
9TH AUGUST, 2020

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

## PENITENTIAL ACT (2)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so  
prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**People:** For we have sinned against you.

**Priest:** Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**People:** And grant us your salvation.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Christ, have mercy. **People:** Christ, have mercy

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.



## GLORIA

Glorify to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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## FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

*A reading from the first book of Kings*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he  
went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was  
told, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord."  
Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind,  
so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks  
before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the  
wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the  
earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the  
Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the  
sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he  
covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at  
the entrance of the cave.

*The word of the Lord.*

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 84

[R] Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

[1] I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. .... [R]

[2] Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. .... [R]

[3] The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. .... [R]

## SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union  
with Christ—it is the truth—my conscience in union with  
the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is  
this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so  
endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off  
from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own  
flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were  
given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the  
ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were  
made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs  
and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above  
all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

*The word of the Lord.*

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:*

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on  
ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds  
away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the  
hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was  
there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake,  
was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind.  
In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them,  
walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him  
walking on the lake they were terrified. "It is a ghost,"  
they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called  
out to them, saying, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."  
It was Peter who answered, "Lord," he said, "if it is you,  
tell me to come to you across the water." "Come," said  
Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started  
walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as  
he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to  
sink. "Lord! Save me!" he cried. Jesus put out his hand at  
once and held him. "Man of little faith," he said, "why did  
you doubt?" And as they got into the boat the wind  
dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him  
and said, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

(Sit)

## THE CREED

(Stand)

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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## PREFACE DIALOGUE

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right and just.

## SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

◀◀ KNEEL ▶▶

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (2)

**Priest:** The Mystery of Faith.

**People:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb ...

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (9th August, 2020)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
**Website:** greencastleparish.com • **Email:** greencastlepp@yahoo.com • **Tel:** (028) 816 48474

**Thought for the Week:** "Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate the news of his own death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines Himself as: 'I am Who am.' The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself as: 'I am who am not.' Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side."  
*Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (Life of Christ)*

<b>Saturday 8th August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Sheskinshule (minus Maryville and Sheskinshule View)
<b>Sunday 9th August</b> Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside Facebook Live	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: Broughderg and Crock <b>11.00am</b> Mass <b>12 noon</b> Angelus and Rosary
<b>Monday 10th August</b>	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>6.00pm</b> Angelus and Rosary
<b>Tuesday 11th August</b>	Facebook Live	<b>9.00am</b> Mass and Rosary
<b>Wednesday 12th August</b> St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious)	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration <b>7.30pm</b> Mass followed by Padre Pio Devotions
<b>Thursday 13th August</b>	Facebook Live	<b>10.00am</b> Mass and Rosary
<b>Friday 14th August</b> St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr)	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>6.00pm</b> Angelus and Rosary
<b>Saturday 15th August</b> Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Vigil Mass of the Assumption <b>11.00am</b> Holyday Mass of the Assumption: Kathleen Gillen (6th Anniversary) <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Muninamale, Alworries and Aughascribba Road
<b>Sunday 16th August</b> Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: Crockanboy, Maryville and Sheskinshule View Ita McDermott (2nd Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> Mass <b>12 noon</b> Angelus and Rosary

**Weekly Collection:** £1,685      *Thank you for your generosity*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Bishop Francis Lagan** and **Kenny Conway (Teebane West)** recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society and for all who have died due to Covid-19.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Mass for this solemnity will take place in Our Lady of the Wayside on Friday 14th August at 8.00pm and St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 15th August at 11.00am. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If, and when the church is full the outside speakers will be put on, you can follow mass from your car in the car park. *Communion will only be distributed to those inside*

**Padre Pio Devotions – Monthly Devotions Through the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**  
 Wednesday 12th August after 7.30pm mass St. Patrick's Church. *First Class relic will be present during prayers*

**An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg – Annual Fundraising Barbeque:**  
 Saturday 22nd August • Food served from 7.00pm • Tickets: £15

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 • Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R/ v 4 • Romans 11:13-15  
 Matthew 15:21-28 • Lectionary 1:690      **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Face Coverings in Church:** Over the last few weeks there has been widespread discussion regarding face coverings in enclosed or indoor spaces. As of this weekend in all places of worship in England members of the congregation are expected to wear some form of face covering. Therefore I would encourage you to begin the habit of wearing a face covering in the church during mass. This does not apply to those under the age of 13. The priest will only wear his face covering during the distribution of communion as he is many metres away from the congregation in the sanctuary area during the mass. This of course may bring about issues for some who for a medical reason cannot wear a face covering. In the absence of any guidance from the diocese at the moment I would ask anyone in this position to get in touch with me in advance so that I can discuss how we can accommodate you. Once more this is a difficult issue but one better faced now rather than when it becomes obligatory. I look forward to your help in this matter. In the meantime let us continue to pray for all those in authority who continue to have to make very difficult decisions during these turbulent times.  
*Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Our Parish celebration of Confirmation is due to take place on Saturday 5th September at 11.00am in St. Patrick's Church. As indicated last weekend our Parish Covid-19 Task Force met to discuss the issue of numbers in the church. After that discussion it was agreed that only the parents, child and brothers and sisters will be present in the church. This means that one of the parents will act as a proxy sponsor. The name of your original sponsor will be recorded in the Confirmation Register. Each household will have a row set aside for them. We also need to be aware of any rules regarding face coverings which may be in place at that time. The sponsor can be involved in any family celebrations later in the day. Once more it needs to be repeated that even this decision may have to be revisited in light of Public Health Guidelines in place at that time. This decision will be disappointing to many but is taken with public health in mind. It is hoped that we can bring the Confirmation Candidates together in the church on the 3 Wednesdays before the ceremony at 8.00pm from Wednesday 19th August for some preparation time using their Confirmation book and also watching some videos before each gathering which will be highlighted on the Parish Website and Parish Bulletin next weekend. *We pray for each other in the coming weeks, especially for our Confirmation candidates and families for whom this is a bewildering time*

<b>Greencastle Parish Public Mass Schedule</b>			
<b>Saturday 15th August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Muninamale, Alworries and Aughascribba Road
<b>Sunday 16th August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Crockanboy, Maryville and Sheskinshule View
<b>Saturday 22nd August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Binnfreaghan
<b>Sunday 23rd August</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b>	Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacroy and Coneyglan
<b>Saturday 29th August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Formil (not Aughascribba Road)
<b>Sunday 30th August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Cashel, Leaghan and Brackagh South
<b>Saturday 5th September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule (not Maryville and Sheskinshule View)
<b>Sunday 6th September</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b>	Broughderg and Crock

**Arrangements for other Sacraments and Ceremonies:**  
**Baptism:** If you have a child for baptism contact Fr. Gallagher and a date and time for baptism will be organised.  
**Marriage:** Most weddings for 2020 have been rearranged for 2021. Any weddings in church in 2021 will follow government capacity regulations.  
**Confirmation:** It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday 5th September at 11.00am.  
**First Communion:** It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday 26th September at 11.00am with First Confession shortly beforehand.  
**Confession:** In the short-term during summer months (weather permitting) Fr. Gallagher will be available for Confession at the Calvary in the graveyards on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 5.50pm in St. Patrick's Church and Sundays from 8.30am to 8.50am in Our Lady of the Wayside. Confession with social distancing and privacy in the church building is quite difficult to achieve hopefully this will resume in the near future.  
**Funerals:** According to present regulations only 30 people are permitted in the church or cemetery at any one time.  
*Please note that as regulations change we will either extend or roll back on these arrangements*

**Holy Trinity College – Post 16 Sixth Form Enrolment Day:** Thursday 20th August from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Offers a wide range of A Level Academic / Applied Subjects, BTEC Nationals, Enrichment, and Leadership opportunities.  
 Visit [holyltrinitycollege.org](http://holyltrinitycollege.org) to view the Post 16 Prospectus and download an Application Form  
 Forms may be forwarded in advance to the College or contact the College on (028) 8676 2420

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

**The Maritime World:** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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

Commercial free 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)

**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

**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*

**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*

**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*

**Epilepsy Action NI:** Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?

Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

**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

**Online Youth Programmes:** To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit:

**Facebook:** DerryDiocesanYouth **Instagram:** derryyouth

**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*

**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*

**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

**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

**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*

**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*

**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*

**A Prayer for Now:** God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**Scripture Saturday with Bishop Donal:** Created by Derry Diocesan Youth, Bishop McKeown presents a series of short lessons on the Gospel in easy-to-understand, short (3-4 minute) videos, with tips and references of where and how to use these lessons in your daily life. *View the series at derrydiocese.org/scripture-saturday*

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection:** O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Derry Youth Community:** A faith-based Gap Year opportunity for young adults aged between 18 and 25 is now open for applications for the year starting September, 2020. DYC offers the opportunity to live in community, to develop and be formed in faith and be involved in youth ministry in parishes. The three main aspects of DYC are: Accompaniment, Community and Encounter. *If interested and for more info email [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)*

**Trócaire:** Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. As with your parish envelope please leave at Broughderg Post Office, St. Patrick's Church Sacristy outside door postbox or the Parochial House. No boxes please.

Please also fill in Gift Aid details on envelope. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Can't stop? There is a solution.  
Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email [csoofaa@btinternet.com](mailto:csoofaa@btinternet.com). [alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://alcoholicsanonymous.ie).

**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).*

**Prayer for the End of the Virus:** Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

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

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious) [1572-1641]** At the age of twenty she married Baron de Chantal but after nine years she was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St. Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941]** A Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

**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%

**An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg GAA / Greencastle Community Association:** Like all communities at the minute Greencastle is about to enter into unfamiliar territory as we face the influx of the Covid-19 coronavirus. No one knows what the incoming days and weeks bring, however, what we are sure of, is that we as a community will be supporting each other. We have a number of volunteers within our community who have already put their names forward to help where needed. If you, your family or someone you know is currently in self isolation and require some help please contact any of the individuals below. We would encourage everyone to make a call to your neighbour as they may need help and again please contact any of the individuals below. We have a team of volunteers willing to help where required, it may be something like picking up some shopping, posting some mail, lifting a prescription or just a friendly phone call. *For up to date info and advice visit [www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus)*

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**Community Coordination Hub:** Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Covid-19 Community Coordination Hub will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline to assist residents who may have become isolated and vulnerable due to the impacts of Coronavirus and the associated mitigation measures. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure those most at risk will have access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. **Access to Food Parcels** provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who can't leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, don't have support through family, friends or access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. Please complete the Food Parcel Request Form and a member of the Council's Community Coordination Hub will contact you. We aim to respond to requests within 24 hours. Referrals to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Coordination Hub for other support services are directed through the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline:

**Freephone 0808 802 0020 Text ACTION to 81025 Email [covid19@adviceni.net](mailto:covid19@adviceni.net)**  
Support and advice is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week.

**Help is available for the Unemployed:** Have you recently been made redundant or are unemployed? If so, SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support with job searches, CV building, interview preparation. mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in the local area. An online course provision is also available which includes mindfulness and meditation, money management, holistic therapies, self-care, employability, confidence and motivation, job club and much more.  
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2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2019
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	1 within parish • 6 outside parish
10	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	11