



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Baptism of the Lord [Year B] (10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021)**  
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**Thought for the Week:** "We need to develop the awareness that nowadays we are either all saved together or no one is saved. Poverty, decadence and suffering in one part of the earth are a silent breeding ground for problems that will end up affecting the entire planet."  
*Pope Francis (Fratelli Tutti No. 137)*

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (Facebook)	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> Baptism of the Lord [Year B]	Greencastle (Facebook)	<b>11.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (Facebook)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (Facebook) Badoney Lower (Facebook)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's Greencastle (Facebook) Badoney Lower (Facebook)	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration <b>7.30pm</b> Mass followed by Padre Pio Devotions <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (Facebook)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Ita (vigin)	Greencastle (Facebook) Badoney Lower (Facebook)	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass: Patrick O'Hagan (Month's Mind) <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (Facebook)	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Peter Leo McCullagh (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Greencastle (Facebook)	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: Packie Glass (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**COLLECTIONS**    27<sup>th</sup> December: £1,600 • 3<sup>rd</sup> January: £950    *Thank you for your generosity*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Pete McCullagh (Sheskinshule)** who died this week and **Patrick O'Hagan** whose Month's Mind will be celebrated on Friday evening.  
 We also pray the souls of **John Tuohey Snr. (16<sup>th</sup>)**, **Bridie Toner (1<sup>st</sup>)**, **Eddie Tracey (47<sup>th</sup>)** and **Nellie Tracey (8<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all those who have died due to Covid-19.

**Monthly Devotions Through the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January after the 7.30pm Mass via the Greencastle Parish YouTube channel.  
*The relic of the saint will be used for the Blessing at the conclusion*

**What Is Spiritual Communion?** It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.  
*Amen*

**Next Week's Readings:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 • Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10, R/ vv 8,9 • 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20  
 John 1:35-42 • Lectionary 1:740      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Pandemic Church Restrictions:** As you have already heard it has become necessary to reintroduce Mass and other services online only. You can follow Mass on the Greencastle Parish YouTube Channel 7 days a week with Night Prayer and Rosary at 8.00pm Sunday to Friday as indicated below on Greencastle and Badoney Lower Facebook Pages. The church will be open for private prayer. Funerals, weddings and baptisms will continue with restrictions on numbers.

**Badoney Lower and Greencastle YouTube / Facebook Schedule**

Begins Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January and expected to continue until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
*May go further depending on the pandemic situation*  
 Fr. Eddie will celebrate mass via Greencastle Parish Facebook and Fr. John will celebrate mass via Badoney Lower Parish Pastoral Council Facebook

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00am Fr. John	11.00am Fr. Eddie
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00am Fr. Eddie	10.00am Fr. John
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**Night Prayer and Rosary Schedule**

Fr. Eddie and Fr. John will broadcast Sunday to Friday at 8.00pm from their respective Parish Facebook Pages

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Fr. Eddie	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Fr. Eddie
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<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Fr. Eddie	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Fr. John

**Death Benefit Insurance (DBI):** DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. This is normally deducted from your annual dividend – but if you have not 'earned' it, you will be asked to pay it manually. The premium this year is subject to change annually. Members must join before the age of 70. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so – Premium is £16.13.

**Greencastle Community Association is working with Omagh Forum for Rural Associations to help support local people in the Greencastle area.** Due to the Covid-19 situation, things can be or may become difficult for members of our community, so we would like to help.

*If you or someone you know would value a weekly dinner delivered to their home call Fiona on 07813 935 996*

**Some Important Dates**

<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> First Confession for P4 Children	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Sunday	<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am</b> Confirmation
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon</b> First Holy Communion	<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> / Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> Blessing of the Graves in Greencastle / Broughderg	

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	8

**Pope Francis' Intention for January (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Intention for Evangelization – *Human Fraternity*:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all

**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)*

**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 to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**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

**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*

**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

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

**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*

**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](mailto:lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk)*

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

**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.

**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](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Website:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.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*

**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).

**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*

**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).*

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [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.

**ASPIRE:** Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview prep. Also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements. Omagh (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen 028 6632 6478 • Mobile 07799 471 448 • [aspire@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:aspire@fermanaghomagh.com)

**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](mailto:info@ruralsupport.org.uk) **Website:** [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)  
To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster?** Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.  
*To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit [barnardos.org.uk/foster](http://barnardos.org.uk/foster)*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:** *John Byrne OSA ([jbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbyrneosa@gmail.com))*

1. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.
2. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?
3. 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Remember these experiences with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.
4. It is easy to lament the growing secularization in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ-event is active today. How can we be open to the new things the Spirit is saying to the church today?

**SUSE+ New Courses in January:** Have you recently been made redundant or are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support to gain qualification and employment. We run Job Searches, CV Building, Interview Preparation. Mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in local area. New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success & Wellbeing, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management, Retail, Business Administration, Barista and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy.  
*For more information email [tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk](mailto:tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk) or call 074 3653 3475*

**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%

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – St. Ita (virgin)** Was one of the early Irish women saints whose name is remembered in many place-names. A native of Co. Waterford, in the 6<sup>th</sup> century she founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland.' Died in 570.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January – St. Anthony (abbot)** 'Father of Monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits, died in 356.

**The Deep End – Come to the Water:**

*Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God  
— we must be born from above.

*J. Vernon McGee*