

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year B] (11th March, 2018)

11.00am Mass for St. Patrick's Day

9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)

6.00pm Vigil Mass: Philomena Feeney (3rd Anniversary)

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Thought for Lent: "As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

St. Teresa of C St. Teresa of Calcutta

Liturgy Schedule for Fourth Week of Lent [Year B] (Sunday 11" March – Sunday 18" March)							
Saturday 10th March	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Margaret and Willie Joe Morris (6th and 11th Anniversaries)					
Sunday 11th March	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)					
Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass					
Monday 12 th March	St. Patrick's	6.45am Mass • 10.00am Mass					
Tuesday 13th March	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass					
Wednesday 14th March	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.00pm Adoration					
-		7.00pm to 7.20pm Confessions • 7.30pm Mass					
Thursday 15th March	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass					
Friday 16th March	St. Patrick's	6.45am Mass					
•		10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross					
	Our Lady of the Wayside	8.00pm Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day					

Thank you for your generosity Weekly Collection: £1,145

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Our Lady the of Wayside

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the souls of Margaret Morris (6th) and

Saturday 17th March

St. Patrick (bishop and Principal Patron of Ireland)

Sunday 18th March

Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year B]

Willie Joe Morris (11th) whose anniversaries occur at this time.

11.00am Mass

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: This Mother's Day we pray for mothers across the developing world who strive to create a better future for their children. Mothers like those in Kenva. Somalia. South Sudan and Ethiopia where a hunger crisis still grips the land. Mothers there are doing without food so their children can have a little more to eat. To find out more about Trócaire's Lenten campaign visit trocaire.org Motherhood: All love begins and ends there Robert Browning

Official Icon of the World Meeting of Families will be in the Derry Diocese

St. Eugene's Cathedral. Derry City Wednesday 7th to Monday 12th March Sacred Heart Church, Omagh Monday 12th from 10.00am to Tuesday 13th March to 5.30pm St. Mary's Church, Bellaghy Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th March

A Petitions Box will be at each venue

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Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Nurses Needed: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July Led by Bishop McKeown, 2018 marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes Address: Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ • Tel: (028) 7126 0293 • Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com

Padre Pio Monthly Devotions – Praying Through the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

Wednesday 14th March after the 7.30pm Mass. A First Class Relic of the Saint will be available for veneration

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 • Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15, R/ v 12 • Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-30 • Lectionary 1:310 Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning	
Saturday 10th March • Darren Tracey	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 11th March • Caolan McKenna	
Saturday 17th March • Clodagh Brogan	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 18th March • Tara Haughey	

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Mid-Ulster Festival of Amateur Drama 2018: Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th March at 8.00pm nightly in The Patrician, Carrickmore, Box Office open from Monday 12th March. See local press and Facebook for programme • 10.00am to 5.00pm daily • (028) 8076 1906

Loreto Grammar School, Omagh - Post 16 Information Afternoon Loreto...making young dreams possible Friday 16th March at 1.30pm to 3.35pm • All Year 12 students and their parents / quardians are welcome

Lenten Talk with Richard Moore: Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Rouskey The Family - Where we learn to be kind and cope with acceptance and forgiveness

Richard's story is an example of where triumph overcomes tragedy. As a young boy Richard had a tragic experience which resulted in his life changing forever. However he did not allow this experience to hold him back and has gone on to live an inspiring and fruitful life. In 1996 Richard felt the need to harness all that he had learned and put it at the service of humanity, particularly children around the world who have been caught in the crossfire of poverty and thus he set up Children in Crossfire who work in Tanzania and Ethiopia and respond to the needs of young children in the areas of health and education. Richard has been recognised globally for his charity work and is described by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as 'His Hero and Friend'.

Camowen Farmers Group Ltd. - Annual General Meeting:

Monday 12th March at 8.00pm in the Milestone Centre, Carrickmore. Speaker: David Wright, Northern Editor Irish Farmers Journal • Topic: Topical Farming issues

Gaeltacht Summer Course: If anyone (adult or child) is interested in attending to learn Irish please call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001 and she will keep you updated on Scholarship opportunities. Ulster ladies currently have some available and the deadline for applications is Tuesday 27th March.

Irish Language Collection: After each mass next weekend. This money will go towards helping our local children with the cost of attending the summer Gaeltacht Colleges to learn Irish. We have a long tradition of the Irish language in our area and this is a great way to continue this tradition. For info on scholarships or to register your child to be eligible call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001

> Last Ever Colour Run: Sunday 25th March. Let's make it the best! Register online at childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898

Cappagh / Badoney CCE - Upcoming Events:

Monthly Seisiun Friday 16th March in the Greencastle GAA clubrooms

Come along and join in or sit back and enjoy the entertainment • Admission free • Supper served

Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel

Cherish the Ladies Concert

Tickets (£15) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

Institute of Irish Leadership – *Upcoming Events*:

Everybody welcome • Your support is appreciated

Wednesday 14th March, 10.45am to 1.00pm An enjoyable morning of card making celebrating St. Patricks Day with your blessings in Irish with visual artist. A bilingual workshop Thursday 15th March. 7.00pm to 9.00pm Showing the Film Saoirse, a follow up to Mise Eire (recently shown)

Green Elves Playgroup - Bingo Club: Every Wednesday at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm)

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray IPAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAMEI.

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

Pope Francis' Intention for March (please remember this in your personal prayers) Evangelisation - Formation in Spiritual Discernment: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.

If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Accord Marriage Preparation Course (2018 / 2019): 11th and 12th May • 1st and 2nd June • 22nd and 23rd June accord-ni.co.uk

South West College - Dungannon Campus Open Day: Tuesday 27th March from 2.00pm to 8.00pm. Come along to learn about the excellent courses on offer. Meet with the lecturers, talk to current students and view the brilliant facilities and equipment on site.

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues: All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

ACCORD - Relationship Counseling: A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-iudamental settina.

An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com

Beginning Experience - Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change: The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March in Drumalis, Larne. The Support group continues Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in St. Bride's Hall. Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast. To find out more call Phil on (028) 9020 7645. Marie on 07896 119 669 or email bebelfast@hotmail.com

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Cost £669 Address: 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ • Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com • Tel: (028) 7126 0293 Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11,00am to 1,00pm from Saturday 3rd February

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with gualified tutor Frank Nugent Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • Advanced: 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

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

Family Care Adoption Services: We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • Online: familycaresociety.co.uk

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

ASPIRE Employability Programme - Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training

To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week. Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen Office: (028) 6632 6478 • Facebook: Aspire Employability Programme The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes:

Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018? For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

Parish Liturgy for March, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Scullion	Orla Scullion	Brendan/Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Michaela Gillen	Rosemary McCullagh	Colleen Brogan
Collectors	Megan Coyle Orla Coyle	Ronan Hollywood Patrick Tuohey	Brendan Daly Patrick McGuigan
Altar Society	Altar Society Maria Morris, Kathleen Tracey, Louise O'Brien and Alannah Coyle		Ann McDermott, Martina McBride, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

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

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Saturday 17th March - St. Patrick (bishop and Principal Patron of Ireland) Born in Roman Britain in the early 5th century. Patrick was taken captive at 16 years of age and brought by pirates as a slave to the Braid Valley in the glens of Antrim. He worked as a shepherd around Sliabh Mis (Mt. Slemish) near the present-day town of Ballymena. After six years he escaped back to Britain, but he heard God's call to return to convert the Irish. After studies for the priesthood in France, he returned as Bishop c. 432 and commenced the remarkable conversion of the Irish. Died in 491.

Sunday 18th March - St. Cyril of Jerusalem (bishop and Doctor of the Church) St. Cyril became the Archbishop of Jerusalem at 35. He was present at the Council of Constantinople in 381, where Jerusalem was first recognised as a patriarchal See, along with Rome, Antioch, Alexandria and Constantinople. This council is responsible for the Nicene Creed which was promulgated in its final form. Died on the 18th March, 386 at the age of 70, after 35 years as a bishop, of which 16 were spent in exile.

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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

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.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

Saturday 17th March St. Patrick's Dav Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday Sunday 22nd April at 2.00pm Confirmation

Saturday 19th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion Tuesday 21th to Sunday 26th August in Dublin World Meeting of Families

Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery
Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Sunday 1st July at 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead followed by Broughderg Old Cemetery

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

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:

Tel: (028) 90941690 • Email: qillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • Website: kindercareni.co.uk

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

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

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday

Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • Singing in Irish 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm

Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com • Tel: 07747 899 249

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 reguest after Mass

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

ſ	Baptisms (26)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14)		Confirmations (15)		
	10 Boys • 16 Girls	8 Boys • 6 Girls		7 Boys • 8 Girls		
ſ	Marriages (5) 2 within pa	rish • 3 outside parish	Funerals (12) 11 w	(12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish		
ſ	April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in					
	Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13th April					
ſ	December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13th December in St Patrick's Church					

ASPIRE: Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.

For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *John 2:14-21*: *John*

John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play
 on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love,
 despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his passion was
 a sacrament of God's love for you.
- It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being lifted up by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.
- 3. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

Musinas:

Pope Francis (General Audience) [Wednesday 7th January, 2015]

'A society without mothers would be an inhuman society, as mothers always know how to show tenderness, devotion and moral strength, even in the moments of greatest difficulty. Mothers often also transmit the deepest sense of religious practice ... It is a message that mothers who believe know how to transmit without much explanation; this arrives later, but the seed of faith is planted in those first precious moments. Without mothers ... faith would lose a good part of its simple, profound warmth.'

The Deep End - Rejoice!

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the opening words of the entrance antiphon of the Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem' or 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. Listen to the words of St Paul: 'You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.' Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or resources, more patient, more attentive to the needs of others – living as true followers of Jesus. What changes do I need to make to be 'God's work of art'?

And in John's Gospel we hear: 'The [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' One question we might ask this Lent is: Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I think or do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? How might I step out into the light this Lent?

Child Safeguarding: If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI / local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively, if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities. See poster at entrance

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children - Use of Photography and Video:

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek written permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs
 or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person
 who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be
 incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee