

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (12th February, 2017)

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Thought for the 15th World Day of the Sick (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – 11th February)

"On this World Day of the Sick, may we find new incentive to work for the growth of a culture of respect for life, health and the environment. May this Day also inspire renewed efforts to defend the integrity and dignity of persons, not least through a correct approach to bioethical issues, the protection of the vulnerable and the protection of the environment.

Mary, our Mother, in Christ you welcome each of us as a son or daughter.
Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts,
succour us in our infirmities and sufferings,
and guide us to Christ, your Son and our brother.

Help us to entrust ourselves to the Father who accomplishes great things. Amen"

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of the Sick

Liturgy Schedule for the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (12th February, 2017 – 19th February, 2017)

Saturday 11th February	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Mary Ellen Daly (<i>Month's Mind</i>)
Our Lady of Lourdes • St. Gobnait	<i>Do This in Memory (week 6)</i>		
Sunday 12th February	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass
Please note that there will be NO MASS between Monday 13th and Friday 17th February			
Saturday 18th February	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time	<i>Do This in Memory (week 6)</i>		
Sunday 19th February	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass

Weekly Collection Amount: £945, thank you all very much for your continuing generosity to the parish

Lourdes Hospitalité Collection: Takes place today after communion to support the Sick who may be going on the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.

If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more

Baptism Congratulations: We welcome into God's family Baby **Ava Rose Brogan** who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 5th February in St. Patrick's Church

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Geraldine Daly (Keerin Road)** who was buried last Sunday and for the soul of **Mary Ellen Daly** whose Month's Mind is at this time as well as for the souls of **Cheryl McCullagh, Myles McCullagh (Canada), Jane McNulty, James Daly, Kay McCrory, Packie V Morris** and **Fr. George Doherty** who were recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society. We also pray for the souls of **Mary McCrory** and **John Joe Hollywood** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting: Monday 13th February in the Holy Family church, Ballymagroarty, Derry starting with Mass at 7.15pm. *There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting and everyone is welcome*

Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs and their families and friends:

Saturday 6th May at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass

If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co Donegal: The next retreat will be held on Sunday 5th February. Breige O'Hare will lead a day of Guided Prayer and Quiet Reflection starting at 11.00am and concluding with Mass celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin at 3.00pm. **Cost:** £22 / €25 • **Tel:** 00353 74936 8370 • **Email:** sarce@eircom.net

Vocations Information Day: Saturday 18th March from 11.00am to 4.00pm in Ardstraw House, 21a Buncrana Road, Derry. *To find out more call Fr. Paul Farren on (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org*

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

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
£619 for half-board • *Price increase due to falling rate of sterling*
Contact Maria ASAP on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

Next Week's Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 • Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R/ v 8 • 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48 • Lectionary 1:356 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 11 th February*	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 12 th February
The family of Vanessa Chojak		The family of Aimee Gumley
Saturday 18 th February	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 19 th February
The family of Francis McNamee		The family of Odhran Hughes
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented		
*Do This in Memory Programme (week 6) We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award: We congratulate Maeve McCullagh and Lauryn Hollywood of Loreto College, Omagh who received their awards from Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow at the Millennium Forum in Derry on Tuesday 7th February. We thank them for their contribution to parish and community life and look forward to their continued support.

Celebrations: **Knock Shrine:** Wednesday 5th April from 11.00am to 4.00pm (Mass at 3.00pm)
Rome Pilgrimage: [Group 1] Sunday 29th October to Thursday 2nd November
[Group 2] Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)

All Pope John Paul II Award participants, past and present are invited to take part in these very special celebrations along with their parish leaders and Award leaders. Please note that you must be over 18 to take part.
To find out more visit thepopejohnpauliiaward.com or call Sean at the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Monthly Seisium:

Friday 17th February at 9.00pm in The Glens Cottage (adjacent to the History Park on the Gortin-Omagh Road)
Free Admission - Supper Served - Everyone is most welcome to come along and listen or join in

St. Columb's College Past Pupils Union – An Evening with Phil Coulter

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Greencastle Youth Club – Movie Night: Wednesday 15th February (£5 per child)

First Show (Playgroup – P3) 6.00pm to 8.00pm • **Second Show (P4 – P7)** 8.15pm to 10.00pm

*Price includes 1 set of cinema treats per child with extra treats available at £1 per treat
Children are to be collected promptly after each film*

Cursillo – 3-Day Residential Weekends at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry

Men: Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th February • **Women:** Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th March

For more information call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174

Meeting of Overseas Volunteers and Lay Missionaries: Have you ever volunteered overseas in any kind of profession or have worked as a lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet up with like-minded people? If so, then you are invited to a special gathering on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm in Bishop McKeown's house, 21A Buncrana Rd, Derry next to St Columb's College.

For more info contact Jim Farrell of AMRI (Association of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland):
Email: jim.farrell@amri.ie • **Phone / Text:** +353 83 842 2468

Greencastle Community Centre – 6 Week Spinning Classes *If interested call Darryl McCullagh on 07979 378 732*
Starts Monday 20th February for over 50s, beginners and advanced individuals. Cost is £25

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

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Check out greencastleparish.com/newsheetarchive.htm for extra notices not printed here

Pope Francis' Intention for February (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalised may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Walking Challenge:
 Thursday 30th March to Tuesday 4th April. Walk the way of St. James. *Limited places*
Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

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

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.mcmenamini@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

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

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:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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*
Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com
Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.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

Parish Liturgy for February, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Rosemary McCullagh	Conan Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Leo Donnelly	Brendan Daly Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna and Catriona McCullagh		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

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

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 entrances*

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

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

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:

Tuesday 14th February – St. Cyril (monk) [826-869] and St. Methodius (bishop) [815-885] (both Patrons of Europe) Brothers from Thessalonica in Greece. They preached the gospel in Moravia using their own translation of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were in an alphabet, now called Cyrillic, which they devised. They are honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples and in 1980 Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe.

Friday 17th February – St. Fintan (abbot) Born in Leinster, he received his religious formation in Terryglass, Co. Tipperary under the abbot Colum and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of the Rule. Fintan made his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co. Laois. He died in 603.

Seven Founders of the Order of Servites (religious) In the early 13th century seven young merchants of Florence decided to help one another live more perfect Christian lives. As the result of a vision they became known as the 'Servants of Mary' and followed the Rule of St. Augustine.

Musings: *Fr. John Cullen (Kiltoom, Athlone, Co. Roscommon)*

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has a beautiful way of explaining creation, which according to him should be understood not with the model of a craftsman, but with the creative mind and creative thinking. The Church places freedom and dignity at the heart of its message about the unrepeatable uniqueness of every person from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Human beings are not just mere individuals, but persons embodied with the gift of freedom. Life seems simpler if we blot out awareness of its mystery, but such a life is an impoverished one. Yes, there are the complexities of our human existence. There is a confusion and chaos where we cannot fully understand the meaning and events that make up our conscious experience – in relationships, in family, in faith, in prayer, in work, or whatever. But the swirls of events are the context wherein we discover a presence, a way, a possibility as cited in the last words of St Paul today, 'for the spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.'

2016 Parish Statistics

Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16)	Funerals (10)	Station Masses in October
7 within parish 9 outside parish	8 within parish 2 outside parish	8

Events The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5th October

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 5:17-37: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

1. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour. He challenges our inner attitudes. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances?
2. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others?
3. For Jesus, persons with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force?

The Deep End – Going Deeper: *Jane Mellet (mellet@gmail.com)*

This Sunday we have a third extract from the Sermon on the Mount. It can appear at first glance to be a series of moral statements and rules from Jesus. On closer reflection we can see Jesus' message here is the call for each of us to 'go deeper'. The Scribes and the Pharisees followed the letter of the law but without depth. Jesus is clear that he has not come to demolish the law, rather, this whole passage is a call to a more profound reflection on our lives; not ticking boxes but moving towards a deeper change of heart in dealings with others. Jesus gives many examples of how people might do this: warning against the hypocrisy of offering gifts and rituals at the altar when we may have huge anger and resentment towards another. Is the real sacrament not in reconciling that relationship first? Which offering is more life-giving? It is not enough to 'not murder', but we must watch our anger which can lead to violence. Jesus is calling on people to watch their thoughts which can lead to serious actions like murder and adultery. When we encounter Christ, the grace that this experience brings can make us aware of what is not ok in our lives. We are called to a radical conversion, a change of heart. And so we read today's passage with our hearts, not our heads. It may help to recall a time when you felt God's grace bringing you to a deeper realisation about your life.

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The Net – February Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:

Carnhill choir help Little Orchids • Coleraine scout group appeal • Ballinascreen choir to host charity concert
 Culdaff parishioner volunteers for Malawi project • Drung fund raises thousands for Aleppo
 Strabane family's decade of dancing for charity • Ardmore prayer service marks US Naval Base anniversary
 Dungiven Bible Study leaves faithful hungry for more • Ballinascreen priest celebrates Diamond Jubilee
 Holy Family farewell to Sean Mulrine • Carnhill celebrates 40 years of worship in St Brigid's Church
 Ballinascreen delight at honour for Sr. Rose • Fr. George Doherty laid to rest in beloved Desertegney
 Holy Family faith story • 'I Am' concerts continue to draw crowds • Diocesan preparation for WMOF2018
 First Friday-Saturday devotions in Ballykelly Oratory • Diocesan Vocations Day
 New Cursillo chaplain as Fr. Doherty • Maghera, steps down after 20 years,
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