



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] (13th August, 2017)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
Website: greencastleparish.com • **Email:** greencastlepp@yahoo.com • **Tel:** (028) 8164 8474

Thought for the Assumption: "From this we can see that she is there bodily...her blessedness would not have been complete unless she were there as a person. The soul is not a person, but the soul, joined to the body, is a person. It is manifest that she is there in soul and in body. Otherwise she would not possess her complete beatitude."
St. Bonaventure (doctor of the Church)

Liturgy Schedule for Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 13th – Sunday 20th August)

Saturday 12th August St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 13th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass
Monday 14th August Assumption to the Blessed Virgin Mary	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	8.00pm Vigil Mass of the Assumption 11.00am Mass: Kathleen Gillen (3 rd Anniversary)
Please note that there will be NO MASSES on any Wednesdays throughout July and August		
Thursday 17th August	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Friday 18th August St. Claire (virgin)	Our Lady of Wayside	8.00pm Mass: Nellie O'Brien (Month's Mind)
Saturday 19th August St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Nellie O'Brien** whose Month's Mind Mass takes place this Friday and for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Gillen** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Annual Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan
 Friday 25th August • Music by Cascades • £5 including refreshments

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

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

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
 Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579
Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details

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

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

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

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 • Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R/ v 4 • Romans 11:13-15., 29-32
 Matthew 15:21-28 • Lectionary 1:690 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Parish Liturgy for August, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Joanne McCullagh	Orla Scullion	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Conan Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Seamus Keenan Eoghan Clarke	Brian Gillen Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Eileen McKenna and Anne McAleer		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

Lough Derg One Day Pilgrimage from Greencastle Parish
 Saturday 2nd September. Departing from outside St. Patrick's Church at 8.15am, we leave the island at 4.30pm.
 Estimated cost including bus is £40 • Tea and scones are served on arrival with a light lunch included
 If interested please call Fr. Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474 • Booking essential • Not suitable for children

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.
 For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** a.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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

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*

Camowen Farmers Group trip to National Ploughing Championships, Tullamore: Leaving Carrickmore Tuesday 19th September at 12noon and returning Thursday 21st September at 3.00pm. £250, this includes luxury coach for 3 days, entry to Ploughing Championships, 2 nights B&B and 2 dinner in 4-star Trim Castle, Co. Meath, Lunch on Tuesday 19th in Glencarn Hotel, Castleblayney and dinner on 21st in Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan.
 £100 deposit by Tuesday 15th August to secure booking • Call (028) 8076 1339 / 07789 067 231 for more details

Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Artists: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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

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

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.
If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by
 Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt
 Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action
Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk
 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:
Tel: (028) 90941690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas): Find out if you're missing out on benefits, services or grants by booking your FREE home visit. Referrals can be made for benefits checks, home safety visits, occupational therapy assessments as well as others. You'll also receive a FREE bag containing £25 worth of items to help keep you warm this winter.
Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.
If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office
Email: t.mcmenamain@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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

Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm: If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Contact us using the details below.
Address: IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal
Tel: (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • **Website:** celticprayergarden.com • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

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Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub
 This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.
 We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.
 An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.
 To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.
The questionnaire will also be available online
 Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.
 We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

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

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:
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)
 God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;
 To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word,
 To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.
 Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done
 with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*
 Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 14:22-33: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. The story illustrates the power of faith. Have you noticed that when you believe in someone, or something, you can do things that would not be possible when you are full of doubts? Recall moments when your faith gave you strength and courage? Name for yourself the different kinds of faith that had this effect: belief in yourself, trust in another, faith in God.
2. When Jesus got into the boat the winds ceased. Who has been a Jesus person for you and helped to calm a storm that frightened you or made you anxious?
3. The experience of Peter gives encouragement to us when we waver in our trust and belief in God. In his doubt and fear Jesus reached out to him. Who has reached out a helping hand to you when you felt you were sinking?
4. The story ends with a profession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Have you had experiences of being rescued from some hazard or danger, experiences which deepened your faith in the presence and compassion of God for you?

Musings – Looking at Jesus:

I'm fascinated by the first step of Peter as he climbed over the side of the boat. He was looking at Jesus, not at the water. His mind was charged with Jesus' invitation 'Come.' So often the way out of depression, fear or anxiety is not a thought or a consideration but a physical step. I take a risk and find myself strong enough to walk forward, keeping my eyes on the Lord.

From Sacred Space – The Prayer Book 2017 • sacredspace.ie • Messenger Publications

There is an African American saying that we are always either going into a storm, in a storm, or coming out of a storm. Disciples are those who are learning to call on Jesus the Son of God in all three conditions. When our boat is battered by waves, we can call on Jesus. When our boat is far from land, we can call on Jesus. When our boat has the wind against it, we can call on Jesus. He knows our sufferings. He is approaching. He is present and able to offer assistance. He has been here all along. The question is, how are we going to respond to that knowledge? Are we going to keep focusing on the wind and the waves, or on the outstretched hand of our Lord?

Alyce M. McKenzie

The Deep End – Back to the Mountain Top:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

Jesus once again goes to the mountain-top to pray. We too are encouraged to carve out space and time out in our everyday lives for quiet, for reflection for prayer or meditation; for whatever it is that we do to nourish that deeper spiritual heart of ourselves. It is so important.

The famous story of Jesus walking on the water follows in the Gospel today. What a shock the disciples must have received! Initially Peter is so brave and enthusiastic. Peter is able to walk on the water until he notices the wind, then fear takes over and he begins to sink.

If you have read the book *The Shack* (and if you haven't I highly recommend it!) you might remember a scene where the main character, Mack, is led onto the water by Jesus and they walk together on the lake. Mack, like Peter in today's Gospel, is full of fear, mostly about what might happen in the future. Jesus is clear to Mack that he lives in the present and that we waste time trying to play God and control what might happen in the future: "You neither believe I am good nor know deep in your heart that I love you. You sing about it, you talk about it, but you don't know it" (*The Shack*, p. 151)

Jesus' message for Mack in the story; for Peter in the Gospel and for all of today is 'Why did you doubt?' What eliminates our awareness of the love of God? We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on him. It is in the present that Jesus lives, not in our fears about the future or worries about the past.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions

Every 13th of the month from May to October with the exception of 19th August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry

beginning on Saturday 13th May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary

Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour

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

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

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Monday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941]** A Conventional Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.
- Tuesday 15th 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.
- Saturday 19th August – St. John Eudes (priest) [1601-1680]** From Normandy France, he spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory then left to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.
- Sunday 20th August – St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church) [1090-1153]** Became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a strong grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. He is patron of Gibraltar and bee-keepers.