

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


St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg**
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (13th October, 2019)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Thought for the Week: "I will make it clear that not all discussion of doctrinal, moral or pastoral issues need to be settled by interventions of the magisterium. Unity of teaching and practice is certainly necessary in the Church, but does not preclude various ways of interpreting some aspects of that teaching or drawing certain consequences from it."
Pope Francis Encyclical on the Family (Amoris Laetitia, chapter 1, #3)

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (13th October – 20th October)

Saturday 12th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: John McCullagh (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 13th October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass: Francis McCullagh (8 th Anniversary) and Anthony Loughran (4 th Anniversary)
Monday 14th October St. Callistus I (pope and martyr)	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Tuesday 15th October St. Teresa of Avila	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Wednesday 16th October St. Gall, St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.00pm Adoration followed by Rosary NO MASS
Thursday 17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Friday 18th October St. Luke the Evangelist	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass: Rose Hollywood (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 19th October St. Paul of the Cross (priest)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Francis O'Hagan (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 20th October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass Mary Rose McCullagh (2 nd Anniversary) and Margaret Leddy

Weekly Collection: £800 *Thank you for your continuing generosity to the parish*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Rosie Hollywood** whose First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated this coming Friday and for the souls of **John McCullagh (2nd), Francis McCullagh (8th), Anthony Loughran (4th) and John Donnelly (40th)** whose anniversaries occur now.

Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Applications are invited from / for young people (11-30 years) with a medical condition, physical disability, illness, learning disability, social or emotional need. Applications also invited for very seriously ill children under the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or close relative. Those over 11 years travel without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers. Those participating have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence. The pilgrimage can also provide respite for parents / carers. The IPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Call Maureen Devine after 5.00pm on 0044 7717 7325 50 or Mary Dunning on (087) 7962 047 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October. More details can be found on irishpilgrimagetrust.ie.
Volunteers, particularly male, are also required; training will be offered

Fr. Bill Healing and Faith Renewal Retreat: Monday 4th to Friday 8th November in St. Mary's Convent, Knock. Given by Fr. Anthony Saji VC. *For more info call Roisin on 074 93 63336*

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Next Week's Readings: Exodus 17:8-13 • Psalm 120, R/ cf. v 2 • 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
 Luke 18:1-8 • Lectionary I:922 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
12 th October • Emma Conway	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	13 th October • Erin Donnelly
19 th October • Caoimhe Coyle	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 th October • Danielle Gumley

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented

Derry Diocesan Trust – Part-time Parish Financial and Administrative Secretary (Banagher Parish):
 9 hours per week – days and hours flexible. For an application pack email payroll@derrydiocese.org or call 048 / (028) 7126 2302. Completed applications to be returned to Derry Diocesan Trust, Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP by Wednesday 16th October at 5.00pm.
Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Regional Adoption and Foster Care Service – Recruiting: Could you foster to meet the growing demand of children and young people who need to be cared for in Northern Ireland? You can apply to foster whether you are married or single; you have children of your own or not; you are in employment or are claiming benefits; you own or rent your own home. All foster carers receive financial allowances, ongoing training and 24-hour social work support.
If interested visit adoptionandfostering.hscni.net or call 0800 0720 137

Precious Life – Stormont Rosary Vigil for Life: Join us for a special Rosary Vigil for Life at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, (meeting at main gate entrance on Upper Newtownards Road) at 2.30pm on Saturday 19th October.
For more info call Rosary Crusade for Ireland on (028) 9027 8484 or email info@preciouslife.com

Diocese of Derry – Cursillo – 2 Renewal Weekends: 10th to 13th (women) and 24th to 27th October (men) in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry.
For more info call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174
There are still some places available on both weekends

Derry Diocesan Trust, Three Patrons Parish – Pastoral Youth Ministry Co-ordinator Required:
 10-month contract to cover maternity leave (possibility of extension). 30 hours per week.
 For an application pack email: payroll@derrydiocese.org or call 048 / (028) 7126 2302.
 Closing date for applications: Wednesday 16th October at 5.00pm.
 Send to Personnel, Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry (or payroll@derrydiocese.org)
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SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry – Days of Prayer / Workshops: 9.30am to 5.00pm
 Saturday 19th October – The Green Platform led by Mr. Declan Coyle (£45 / €50)
 Saturday 9th November – Finding God in the Mess led by Fr. B McManus SJ and Jim Deeds (£30 / €35)

An Caisleán Glas – Gala: Saturday 9th November in Silver Birches, Omagh. Black tie event. £100 per person. Tables of 10 are on sale at a reduced rate of £900 until Monday 30th September. Finance options available. Celebrate 50 continuous years of An Caisleán Glas. Tickets will be available to purchase at the club rooms immediately after Saturday evening mass.
greencastle50gala@outlook.com

Meditative Mornings – She Inspires Me: Monday 14th, 21st and 28th October from 10.30am to 12noon in Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry. A series of meditative mornings that allow women from the Scriptures to inspire us as we are led into reflection on texts from the Bible (suggested offering £7.50).
For more info call (028) 7135 1233, email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit thornhillministries.co.uk

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events: *To enquire call Tom on (028) 816 48719*

Music	Monday nights at 6.30pm in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge – whistle, fiddle, banjo and accordion.
Lessons:	All levels catered for beginners – advanced. <i>Call Tom on number above for relevant class times</i>
Singing Classes:	With Ciara Fox Sunday 13 th and 27 th October and 17 th and 24 th November at 2.30pm in Plumbridge. <i>Call Tom on the number above to register</i>
Seisium:	Friday 18 th October at 9.00pm in Glens Cottage, Lislap (adjacent to History Park). <i>Supper served</i>
AGM:	Saturday 20 th October at 6.00pm in Glens Cottage, Lislap. We would appreciate those interested in becoming a committee member to let us know, everyone welcome to come along on the night.

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Upcoming Events: saconlon15@hotmail.co.uk • (028) 8775 7800

Reading Group: Every Tuesday (10.30am to 11.30am). *Please donate your old books / magazines*

Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge / Irish Language Conversation Circle: Thursday 17th October, 10.30am to 11.30am

Walking Group: Continues every Monday (11.00am – 12.00noon). Meet in Pomeroy forest car park.

Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)
A Missionary "Spring" in the Church: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church

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

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

Owenkillew Credit Union – 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. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.

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

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@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

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

Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):
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) • Join our faith family!

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Armchair Exercises: Continues every Monday night in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. *Suitable for all ages*

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

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

Drink Wise, Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?
For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240

ACCORD – 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

Parish Liturgy for October, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Patricia Reusch	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Sean Conneely	- - -	Cara Rose Brogan
Collectors	Michael McNamee Shea McElhatton	Frank Keenan Michael Clarke	Tony Donnelly Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

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

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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.
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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

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@jecon.ie

St. Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth – Diploma in Pastoral Theology at Drumalis
Applications are now being accepted for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September
Website: drumalis.co.uk • **Email:** maura@drumalis.co.uk • **Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / 2827 6455

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

In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II – 10 Night Pilgrimage to Poland: Tuesday 21st April to Friday 1st May, 2020.
Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit the capital of Divine Mercy, venerate the messenger of Mercy, St. Faustina's relics, see the cell that imprisoned St. Maximilian Kolbe (martyr) as well as visit the largest Marian shrines and sanctuaries in Poland – daily Mass and spiritual activities.
Flights from Belfast, luxury coach travel and excellent accommodation.
For more info, a detailed itinerary and price email Fr. Micheál McGavigan at michealmcgavigan@icloud.com

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

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

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall
 For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified 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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Monday 14th October – St. Callistus I (pope and martyr)** After a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences he was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus. Later died at the hands of a mob in 222.
- Tuesday 15th October – St. Teresa of Avila [1515-1682]** Established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lacemakers, and headache sufferers.
- Wednesday 16th October – St. Gall** Monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. Lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. Died around 630.
St. Hedwig [1174-1243] Wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted to charitable works.
St. Margaret Mary [1647-1690] Visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, exemplary in her patience and trust.
- Thursday 17th October – St. Ignatius of Antioch (bishop and martyr)** Died a martyr in Rome c.107. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.
- Friday 18th October – St. Luke the Evangelist** One of the Four Evangelists—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical Gospels. The early church fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel according to Luke and the book of Acts of the Apostles, which would mean Luke contributed over a quarter of the text of the New Testament, more than any other author.
- Saturday 19th October – St. Paul of the Cross (priest)** Paul Francis Daneo, founder of the Congregation of The Passion, is considered to be a visionary and mystic in his time.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

- The cure of the lepers is not just a physical cure, it also brought the people healed back from exclusion into the community. Perhaps you have experienced the movement from exclusion to inclusion. What was it like for you to be accepted once again when you had felt excluded?
- Who were the 'Jesus people' for you who brought about this change? For whom, and how, have you been able to do this? Perhaps by healing a rift with a friend, or by listening to the opinion of someone you had dismissed out of hand, or by opening the door to another in some other way?
- Some people work hard at breaking down barriers in society, seeking inclusion for those who find themselves labelled as lepers. Where have you seen this happening? Who has been doing this kind of work? Where is the good news in such action?
- When we do good for another, we may not do it for the thanks we hope to get, yet it can hurt when no gratitude is shown. How have you experienced the positive effects of thanks given and received?

PARISH EVENTS IN 2018

Thursday 1st February Service of Light for P7	Thursday 8th March First Confession for P4
Monday 12th March 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral	
Sunday 22nd April Confirmation by Bishop McKeown	Saturday 19th May First Holy Communion
Thursday 14th June P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry	
Thursday 21st June Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal	
Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries	
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park	
Saturday 1st September Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	
Sunday 2nd September All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin	Friday 2nd November Mass for Parish Deceased
10th November Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal	
Wednesday 21st November Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council	
Sunday 16th December Advent Penance Service	Saturday 22nd December 2 New Altar servers welcomed
31st December Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018	

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	12

The Deep End – I Wish You Goodness: *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.
Melody Beattie

What a difference an 'attitude of gratitude' can make! Pope Francis has spoken of the importance, in family life, of saying 'thank you.' Of course, it is not the words that are important but the intention and meaning behind them. To say thank you means 'I appreciate you.' The Irish for thank you, go raibh maith agat, is much more expressive than the English. It translates, 'May you have goodness,' or, 'I wish you goodness'. It serves to soften and deepen a relationship.

Today's Gospel is often described as a story about faith, and it is true that Jesus emphasises the faith of the man who was healed. But it is also very much a story about gratitude. The man who turns back to Jesus has had his life transformed, and he is eager to thank him. I was always puzzled by the meaning of the last words spoken by Jesus: 'Your faith has saved you.' Surely he had already been saved from his illness, as indeed had the other nine who showed no gratitude? They all received the same gift. But by thanking Jesus, the Samaritan man has entered into a relationship with him; he has become his friend and disciple. That is what Jesus means when he says he has been saved.

Gratitude is an important part of faith. What blessings do you have to be grateful for today? Have you let God know?

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Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland Weekend: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney.
 For more information and / or booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call 07702 812 321 or (087) 784 0408

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019

Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

'Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have."

This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: "Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear." Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.'

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*

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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

Family Care Adoption Services *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*

For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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

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%

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

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

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages (April to October): 7 nights B&B and Airport

Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing.

any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service.

Call us on 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com for further info and book dates that suit

Thornhill Ministries – Spiritual Reading Book Club: *Thornhill House 121 Culmore Road, Derry BT48 8JF*

For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, our Book Club will review books and help us stay in touch with current issues and theology. September - 'The Beatitudes of Pope Francis' by Aidan Donaldson & October - 'Heart Speaks to Heart' by Dermot Mansfield (The story of John Henry Newman). Copies of books available for purchase. Please let us know if you would like to join our club! Dates this term: Tuesday

22nd October and 19th November. Time: 10.30am to 11.45 am. Suggested Offering: £5.00. *All welcome*

For more info call (028) 7135 1233, email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit thornhillministries.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

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