

	<b>Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)</b> St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year A] (14<sup>th</sup> May, 2017)</b> Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU Website: greencastleparish.com • Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com • Tel: (028) 8164 8474	
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Thought for Eastertide: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."  
*St. John Paul II*

**Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Easter [Year A] (Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May)**

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Francis Myles McCullagh (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Our Lady of Fatima		
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass 12 noon Wedding Mass
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass

**COLLECTIONS**      **Weekly:** £1,010      •      **Trócaire:** £5,635

**Remembering our Dead:** We pray for the repose of the souls of **Francis Myles McCullagh (10<sup>th</sup>)**, **Peter Donnelly** and **Packie Donnelly** whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for the repose of the souls of **Harry Donaghy**, **Mary Ellen Daly** and **Bernard McLaughlin** who are recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this such a blessed experience in our parish. We congratulate the following parishioners who were confirmed by Fr. Gallagher on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Eoin Bradley • Cara Brogan • Nicole Cahill • Niamh Clarke • Aoibhin Coyle • Ronan Coyle  
 Neamh Donnelly • Aimee Gumley • Odhran Hughes • Cody McAleer • Mollie McCullagh  
 Brian McDermott • Ryan McGlinchey • Orla Morris • Caelum Tracey**

We offer them all the encouragement we can so that they can grow daily in living and developing their faith. May each of you continue to grow and mature individually and as members of our Church faith community in every way throughout your lives.

**Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo – One-Day Pilgrimage to Knock:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Parish bus from Newtownstewart with hotel and 3-course meal  
 en route and 3-course evening meal in hotel on return (bring packed lunch)  
 Rosary Rally • Anointing of Sick • Mass

**Homilist:** Fr. Thady Doyle (The Curates Diary) accompanied by Fr. Roland Colhoun

**Occasion:** 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest

**Cost:** £39 (£25 for children) – transferrable, but not refundable

Bookings with payment taken after evening Mission at

St. Eugene's Church, Glenock, Newtownstewart Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

For information, email [roland@derrydiocese.org](mailto:roland@derrydiocese.org) or ring 8166 1445

**Children in Crossfire – Ben Nevis Climb:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June flying from Derry. Places are limited

Tel: (028) 7126 9898 • Email: [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) • Web: [childrenincrossfire.org](http://childrenincrossfire.org)

**Annual Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Bus leaving Gortin at 8.00am via Greencastle.

To book call Pat on (028) 8164 7099

**Blood Donation Session in Greencastle:** Returns Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June as a result of the fantastic turnout at the first session. We would encourage as many people to come along.  
*#GiveBloodSaveLives*

**Next Week's Readings:** Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17 • Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20, R/ v 1 • 1 Peter 3:15-18  
 John 14:15-18 • Lectionary 1:534      **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May The family of <b>Vanessa Chojek</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May The family of <b>Ronan Coyle</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May The family of <b>Frances McNamee</b>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May The family of <b>Neamh Donnelly</b>
<b>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</b>		
<b>Pilgrimage to Medugorje:</b> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579 <i>Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details</i>		
<b>Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg:</b> Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown Coach leaving from Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry <b>Cost:</b> £80 per person (inc. all transport and pilgrimage costs) If you would like to join Bishop Donal and many from all around our diocese on Pilgrimage to walk in the footsteps of St. Patrick please contact us to reserve your place. A non-refundable deposit of £20 per person is required to secure your place. <i>For more info or to register call The Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email <a href="mailto:amhickey@derrydiocese.org">amhickey@derrydiocese.org</a></i>		
<b>Tyrone AOH – Rosary to Mark 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima:</b> Every night from Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm at the beautiful Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Mass Rock on Mullydoo Road near Greencastle Community Centre. <i>For more info call Helen on 07585 950 724 or email <a href="mailto:helen.a.t@hotmail.com">helen.a.t@hotmail.com</a></i>		
<b>An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Og – Couch to 5k in Aid of Trócaire (all proceeds will go to Trócaire):</b> First training begins Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in Community Centre for 5k on Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July £20 for 6 weeks training with qualified coaches and entry to 5k – All levels and ages catered for <b>Registration Dates</b> Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May after Each Mass In Community Centre after each Mass Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> after Each Mass		
<b>Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions</b> Every 13 <sup>th</sup> of the month from May to October with the exception of 19 <sup>th</sup> August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour <b>Celebrant:</b> Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown • <i>All are welcome</i>		
<b>DVD Presentation and Talk – The Message of Fatima</b> Given by Lida Bulf (Consecrated Life) • <i>All are welcome</i> Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in St. Brigid's Carnhill, Derry		
<b>Loreto Convent Grammar School – Annual Past Pupils' Reunion:</b> Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June at 1.00pm in the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet old school friends, so come along and bring some former classmates with you. Booking is essential. <i>For more info call Joan on 07934 377 699, Briege on (028) 8076 0667 or Carmel on 00353 8720 70415</i>		
<b>Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events:</b> Tel: (028) 8775 7800      •      Email: <a href="mailto:kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com">kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com</a>		
<b>4 Traditional Singing Workshops</b> Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May and 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am to 1.00pm. £3 admission		
<b>Annual Gaeltacht Thír Eoghain</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July. £55 admission		
<b>Rouskey Community Fundraising Event – May Ball (dress informal):</b> Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm sharp in Shepherd Rest. Music by Five Star Country Band. £25 per person includes 3 course meal. <i>Call Bridie on 07591 047 556 / to register for classes call 07847 459 428          Sheena on (028) 8164 8186 for hire of equipment and booking of Rouskey Community Centre          Clare Ann by Txt/WhatsApp 07798941452 or Email: <a href="mailto:rouskeycommunity@yahoo.com">rouskeycommunity@yahoo.com</a></i>		
<b>Rowan Tree Centre, Pomeroy – Upcoming Activities:</b> <i>Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</i>		
<b>Monday</b>	Free CWSAN Hope and Information event. Guest speakers include Billy Dixon – Image Consultant and Northern Drug & Alcohol Co-ordination Team. <i>Everyone welcome • Refreshments served</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Citizen's Advice Drop in Session, 9.00am to 12 noon. Slimming world, 5.30pm and 7.30 pm and AA at 8.00pm	<i>No appointment necessary</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pilates from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.	<i>Call Carol on 078 4390 740</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Kettlebells with Nuala	
<b>Give Blood, Save Lives</b>	Blood Mobile will be in the Rowan Tree Centre Carpark on Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm to 4.00pm and 5.15pm to 8.00pm.	<i>Call 0500 534 666 for more information</i>

**Pope Francis' Intention for May (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Christians in Africa:** That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

**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

**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

**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*

**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.mcmenamin@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

**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. 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](http://prayerforpriests.com)  
**Rosemary Johnson** 07810 387 825 - [brendan\\_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk) • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - [ethna776@yahoo.com](mailto:ethna776@yahoo.com)  
**Siobhan Sweeney** 07880 588 041 - [siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk) • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - [e\\_cassidy@hotmail.com](mailto:e_cassidy@hotmail.com)

Parish Liturgy for May, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Slane	Catriona McCullagh	Sean Clarke
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Michaela Gillen	Rosemary McCullagh	Conan Maguire
<b>Collectors</b>	Patrick McElhatton Raymond Bradley	Peter Tracey Leo Donnelly	Sean McKenna Brian Gillen
<b>Altar Society</b>	Maria Morris and Kathleen Tracey		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

**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

**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](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) • **Website:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://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*

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

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 14:1-12:** John Byrne OSA ([jbbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbbyrneosa@gmail.com))

1. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?
4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.' Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

**Musings:** *From Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew by Donal Neary SJ Messenger Publications*

The Gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life.' The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus.' This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group.

Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong.

The Eastern approach to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. The European stress is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the African and Latin American expressions of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions.

We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus – way, truth and life.

Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

Jesus, our way, guide me in life; Jesus our truth, teach me your meaning of life; Jesus, our life, love me always

**The Deep End – Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled:**

*Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon ([trionad@gmail.com](mailto:trionad@gmail.com))*

*Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.*

Corrie ten Boom had plenty of cause for worry over the course of her lifetime. During World War II, she, along with her father and sister, provided a refuge in their home for a number of Jewish friends, playing a pivotal role in the Dutch 'underground' who sheltered Jews. Their home was eventually raided and the entire family arrested, her father dying in prison and her sister in a concentration camp. Corrie was sent to a series of camps but was released, and afterwards told her story in a book called The Hiding Place.

Corrie's heart must have been troubled, often, but her strong faith sustained her and became the lens through which she viewed her life story: 'Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only he can see.'

The majority of us will never have to deal with as desperate a situation as Corrie's. But we have our own anxieties, whether big or small. None of us knows how the future is going to turn out, and that is precisely why we tend to worry. In today's Gospel Thomas frets: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' But Jesus has reassuring words. 'I am the way.' Hand in hand with Jesus, we can walk the road ahead.

**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](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) • **Website:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://familycaresociety.co.uk)

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

**DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12.00noon** First Holy Communion  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery** Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am in Broughderg Cemeteries** Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:**

**Rome Pilgrimage:** [Group 1] Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
[Group 2] Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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.

**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. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.

*For more information call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 7126 4087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)*

**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](mailto:tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.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](http://towardspeace.ie) • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**2016 Parish Statistics**

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

**ACCORD – Facilitator Recruitment:** A voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships Professional training is provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award) Accredited by Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. 9 centres in N. Ireland and a regional office.  
Tel: (028) 9023 3002 • Email: info@accordni.com • Web: accord-ni.co.uk • Closing date for applications: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**Western Health and Social Care Trust – Information Evenings (all at 7.30pm)**

Foster Carers needed urgently in the area

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May in Roe Park Resort, Limavady • Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May in Silver Birches Hotel, Omagh  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May in Killyhevin Hotel, Enniskillen • Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May in Da Vincis Hotel, Derry

If you cannot attend an information evening but are interested in fostering or require some additional information call the Derry Office on (028) 7131 4244 or the Omagh Office on (028) 8283 5264

**Precious Life – Stormont Rosary for Life:** Please join us in praying the Rosary for the protection of Ireland's unborn babies at Parliament Buildings, Stormont (meet at Massey Avenue Entrance - off Belmont Road) at 2.30pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Feast of Our Lady of Fatima) beginning with a 9 Day Novena of Rosaries on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

*For more info call Rosary Crusade for Ireland on (028) 9027 8484 or email info@preciouslife.com*

**Lough Derg 2017 – Upcoming Seasons**

**One Day Retreats** *Advance booking is essential* 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Three-Day Pilgrimage** *Pre-booking not required*

Begins Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1,500 years).

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – St. Matthias (Apostle)** Like all apostles was chosen to become 'a witness to Christ's resurrection'. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now Turkey), where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans back to faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St Helena.  
[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Cappagh youth 'Let it Shine' • Maghera pupils share Romania experience • Urney and Castelfinn youth concert  
Waterside JPPII Youth Mass • Desertegney youth lead Urris hills Memorial Service • Youth Station Mass in Gortin  
Bellaghy teenagers explore faith issues • Templemore children enjoy 'Prayer and Paint'  
Coleraine youth present Sorrowful Mysteries  
Powerful Passion performances in Kilrea, Errigal, Sion Mills, Draperstown, Claudy, and St. Eugene's  
Ardmore's Irish dancing altar server's success • Claudy Girl Guides Mass • JPPII youth at Knock  
Exploring Youcat in Waterside • Long Tower Palm Procession • Maghera SMA priest writes - 'The future is Africa'  
Coleraine fundraiser for Africa • Culmore Lenten Journey • Steelstown tribute to Sacristan Noreen  
Killygordon parishioners enjoy retreat • Swatragh Big Breakfast • Waterside reflection for Eucharistic Ministers  
Killyclogher faith story • Glenullin GAC Mass • Ardmore Big Breakfast and Easter hamper delights  
Newtownstewart's new cruet veil

Remembering the late Fr. Bernard Bryson of Maghera and Eglinton principal, Tony McLaughlin  
Inishowen Pastoral Councils enjoy inspirational evening • Derry legionaries host regional conference,  
Our Lady of Fatima statue visit to Cathedral and Killyclogher parishes • Ardmore 'Joy of Love' journey continues  
Pastoral Council book launch highlights energy within parishes • Perpetual Help feature,  
Children's Catechism Club • Diocesan Diary

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