

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

St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (15th January, 2017)

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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Thought on Christian Unity: "Commitment to ecumenism responds to the prayer of the Lord Jesus that 'they may all be one' (Jn 17:21). The credibility of the Christian message would be much greater if Christians could overcome their divisions and the Church could realize 'the fullness of catholicity proper to her in those of her children who, though joined to her by baptism, are vet separated from full communion with her' We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying alongside one another. This means that we must have sincere trust in our fellow pilgrims, putting aside all suspicion or mistrust, and turn our gaze to what we are all seeking: the radiant peace of God's face. Trusting others is an art and peace is an art."

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th to 25th January Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium, n. 244 Lituraly Schedule for the Second Week in Ordinary Time (Year A1/15th January - 22nd January 2017)

Ellurgy Schedule for the Second Week in Ordinary Time [Teal A] (13.4 January – 22.4 January, 2017)						
Saturday 14th January	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Nellie Tracey (4th Anniversary)			
Sunday 15th January	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass			
Monday 16th January	St. Patrick's	NO MASS	3			
Second Week in Ordinary Time						
Tuesday 17th January	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass			
St. Anthony (abbot)						
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass			
Second Week in Ordinary Time						
Thursday 19th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass			
Second Week in Ordinary Time						
Friday 20th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass			
St. Fabian (pope and martyr) and St. S	Sebastian (martyr)					
Saturday 21st January	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Patrick Glass (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)			
St. Agnes (virgin and martyr)	DTiM (Week 5)					
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)			
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass			

#### Weekly Collection Amount: £1,030

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

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Gerry McCrory whose anniversary occurs at this time.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2017 - Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless: "...I wish to address a word to you, who walk alongside migrant children and young people: they need your precious help. The Church too needs you and supports you in the generous service you offer. Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel, which calls you to recognise and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable."

Message of Pope Francis for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees

### Month's Mind Mass for Fr. George Doherty:

Friday 20th January at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Desertegney, Buncrana.

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

Special Charity Concert in Memory of the Late Bishop Daly: Saturday 4th February in St. Columb's Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go to Bishop Daly's chosen charities of Children in Crossfire, Foyle Hospice and Foyle Search and Rescue. Hosted by renowned comedian Gene Fitzpatrick, the evening will include entertainment from many well-known local artists. Tickets can be purchased by calling (028) 7126 4455

> Pilarimage to Medugorie: 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

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

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 • Psalm 26:1, 4, 13-14, R/ v 1 • 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Next Week's Readings: Matthew 4:12-23 • Lectionary 1:644 Sunday [Year A] . Weekday [Year 1]

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017**

Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm Service of Light (Primary 7 Children and Families)

Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm

First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families) Sunday 16th April

Sunday 9th April Friday 14th April Palm Sunday Good Friday

Saturday 6th May at 11.00am Saturday 3rd June at 12.00noon Easter Sunday Confirmation First Holy Communion

Wednesday 1st March

Ash Wednesday

Saturday 1st July at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Sunday 2nd July at 11.00am in Broughderg Cemeteries Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 14th January	Second Sunday	Sunday 15th January
The family of <b>Katelyn Gumley</b>	in Ordinary Time	The family of <b>Aoibhin Coyle</b>
Saturday 21st January*	Third Sunday	Sunday 22nd January
The family of Laurance McCrory	in Ordinary Time	The family of Cara Brogan

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 5) We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

## Thornhill Ministries - Upcoming Events:

Thornhill House, Culmore Road, Derry

Friday 17th March

St. Patrick's Day

For information call (028) 7135 1233 or e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

In Quiet Meditation: Begins Wednesday 18th January from 10.30am to 11.45 am. Using art, music and Scripture this series of meditative mornings will hold us in the guiet as we find the stillness within. Suggested Donation: £5 per day

The Music of the Psalms (Series 1): Begins Tuesday 17th January from 7.30pm to 8.45 pm. A four-week series of meditations on some of the most beautiful musical settings of the Psalms. A psalm for each week will be prayed in an atmosphere of quiet contemplation, drawing on the music of Palestrina, Mendelssohn and Rutter. Suggested Donation - £5 per evening

Holy Land Pilgrimage Retreat: If you are interested in travelling on a pilgrimage / retreat to the Holy Land in September 2018. please get in touch.

### Cappagh / Badoney CCE - Upcoming Events:

Music Classes: Every Monday night in St. Peter's Primary School, Plumbridge from 6.30pm onwards. Tuition available for fiddle, banio / mandolin, tin whistle / flute and accordian / concertina, Call Tom / Bridget on (028) 8164 8219 for further details.

All age groups welcome

Harp Lessons: Anyone who is interested please call Tom / Bridget on (028) 8164 8719 for further details.

Monthly Seisiun: January's Seisiun will take place Friday 20th January at 9.00pm in The Parochial Hall, Plumbridge.

Everyone welcome • Admission free • Supper served

### Rouskey Community Centre - Upcoming Classes:

Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706

Boot Camp with Dalan McCullagh: Monday 16th January at 7.30pm and Saturday morning at 8.30am. Two classes per week for Pilates: Tuesday 17th January. Morning Classes at 10.00am and Evening Classes at 7.00pm.

Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore - Open Day / Night: For Primary 7 Pupils on Monday 16th January, Open Night for P6 and P7 pupils and their parents beginning with the Principal's address in assembly hall at 7.30pm.

Tel: (028) 8076 1272 • Email: info@deanmaquirccollege.college.ni.sch.uk • Website: deanmaquirccollege.com

Christian Brothers' Grammar School - Open Day: Saturday 21st January with the Principal's address at 10.00am

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 Grav. Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Camowen Farmers Meeting: Monday 16th January at 8.00pm in the Milestone Centre, Carrickmore. Speaker: K McCayanagh, NIEA Topic: Nitrates: Export documents to be submitted by end January.

soil sampling, new phosphate regulations for manures, an important meeting.

Evervone welcome

Children in Crossfire: Website: childrenincrossfire.org • Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • Tel: (028) 7126 9898 The Advent box donations will be collected over this weekend. Please leave the box or envelope in the parish collection basket. We thank you in advance as your support will make a huge impact on the lives of children and families living in Ethiopia. Camino De Santiago Walking Challenge: Thursday 30th March to Tuesday 4th April. Walk the way of St. James. Limited places

Strule Arts Centre - Irish Language Activities: Resumes Wednesday 18th January with Sean-nós Dancing from 6.00pm to 7.00pm, Singing in Irish from 7.00pm to 8.00pm and Irish classes for 3 levels from 8.00 to 9.30pm.

For more info call (028) 8225 6220 or email kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com

Pope Francis' Intention for January (please remember this in your personal prayers)

Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

**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

**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre** – **MA in Catholic School Leadership:** In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. 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 info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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

**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

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

Parish Liturgy for January, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Hood	Siobhan McKenna	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Maeve McCullagh	Lauryn Hollywood	Cara-Rose Brogan
Collectors	Mary Bradley	Colm Keenan	Brian Gillen
	Raymond Bradley	Michael Clarke	Pat McGuigan
Alter Society	Many Canway and	Anne McDermott	
Altar Society	Mary Conway and	Carmel McCrory	

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

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

Maghera pupils prepare for School Aid Romania venture • St. Cecilia's College, Derry launches House System Templemore JAM programme • Ballinascreen music ministry • Pope Francis signs Derry youth's t-shirt COR Derry celebrate Nativity • Celebration of Eucharistic Adoration in Craigbane and Claudy Iskaheen trip to IOSAS Trail • Burt Church fundraiser • Ardmore 'Love in the Family' talks Moneyneena Christmas cake baking • Desertmartin SVP Party • Urney and Castlefinn pilgrim walk Steelstown ladies keep retreat tradition alive • Cathedral music night raises over £3,000 for Aleppo Emery Celtic Cross on Inishowen calendar • SPRED catechists commended for creating sacred space Moville parishioner's faith story • Newtownstewart Divine Mercy image unveiled • Carndonagh Pioneers Bethlehem came to Thornhill, Culmore • Charismatic Renewal gathering in Omagh Archbishop Eamon re-imagines parish and diocese in Bellaghy talk Centuries of Change at Mysterious Mamore • Children's Catechism Club

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@amail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

#### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 1:29-34: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- 1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
- 2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
- 3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
- 4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you?

### Musings - Lamb of God:

Fr. David O'Riordan (Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda, Diocese of Cloyne)

Say a prayer today for the Church in Syria which is being decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer Lamb of God which we recite three times at Sunday Mass. A timely prayer for mercy and peace to prevail in face of the pervasive warring 'sin of the world'.

Not the Lamb, 'meek and mild' of Blake's poem of Innocence, in Mass today, but the 'Lamb who was slain', mentioned thirty times in the Apocalypse, and identified by Philip in Acts 8 as the Suffering Servant for the benefit of the open minded and enquiring Ethiopian.

John the Baptist was the first to say Jesus is the Lamb of God, the first to say in a universalist way that Christ would take away not only Israel's sin but the sin of the whole world. His weapons are mercy and peace. Spread them widely.

### The Deep End - Credible Witness:

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

It's hard to know what, or who, to believe any more. During the recent US presidential race, 'fact checking' became something of a buzzword. After each of the major debates, newspapers and news sites churned out articles investigating the validity of the candidates' claims. Research was rapidly carried out, sources were checked, statements from the past were dragged up to prove or disprove many a point. With the internet making it possible to 'fact-check' in mere minutes, it is so easy to be caught out. Those in public life have to be more careful than ever that they are speaking the truth, that they are not contradicting what they have said previously, and that they can back up their statements with authoritative evidence.

John the Baptist may not have been subject to such rigorous 'fact checking', but he was at pains to explain the source of his authority: 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven ... I have seen and I am the witness'. John knew that people might not immediately take him seriously, so twice he emphasised that he did not know Jesus himself. He was not out to trick or mislead people. We can believe what this first witness says about who Jesus is, because his words come directly from God.

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

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

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January St. Ita (virgin) Was one of the early Irish women saints whose name is remembered In many place-names. A native of Co. Waterford, in the 6<sup>th</sup> century she founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland.' Died in 570. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]
- **Tuesday 17th January St. Anthony (abbot)** 'Father of Monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits, died in 356.
- Friday 20th January St. Fabian (pope and martyr) Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius in 250.
  - St. Sebastian (martyr) May have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.
- Saturday 21st January St. Agnes (virgin and martyr) Wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early 4th century. Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.
- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** *St. Vincent (deacon and martyr)* Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

2016 Parish Statistics				
Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)		
7 Boys	10 Boys	10 Boys		
11 Girls	6 Girls	11 Girls		
Marriages (16)	Funerals (10)	Station Masses		
7 within parish	8 within parish	in October		
9 outside parish	2 outside parish	8		

vents 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