



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (17<sup>th</sup> January, 2021)**  
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**Thought for the Week:** "Renewed contact with the Gospel of faith, of hope and of love invites us to assume a creative and renewed spirit. In this way, we will be able to transform the roots of our physical, spiritual and social infirmities and the destructive practices that separate us from each other, threatening the human family and our planet."  
*Pope Francis (General Audience, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2020)*

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (FB)	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Peter Leo McCullagh (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Greencastle (FB)	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: Packie Glass (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (FB)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (FB) Badoney Lower (FB)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Fabian (pope) and St. Sebastian (martyrs)	St. Patrick's Greencastle (FB) Badoney Lower (FB)	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration <b>7.30pm</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> St. Agnes (virgin and martyr)	St. Eugene's Cathedral (FB) Greencastle (FB)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass for Catholic Schools Week (Bishop McKeown) <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> St. Vincent (deacon and martyr)	Greencastle (FB) Badoney Lower (FB)	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass: Michael McGarvey (Month's Mind) <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Greencastle (FB)	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Bernard McLaughlin (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Greencastle (FB)	<b>11.00am</b> Mass <b>8.00pm</b> Night Prayer and Rosary

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK'S PARISH BULLETIN WILL ALSO BE ONLINE ONLY**

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Michael McGarvey** whose Month's Mind will be celebrated on Friday. We also pray the souls of **Peter Leo McCullagh (3<sup>rd</sup>)**, **Packie Glass (6<sup>th</sup>)**, **John Tuohey Snr. (16<sup>th</sup>)** and **Mickey Kelly (24<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all those who have died due to Covid-19.

**What is Spiritual Communion?** It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen*

**Next Week's Readings:** Jonah 3:1-5,10 • Psalm 24:4-9, R/ v 4 • 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
 Mark 1:14-20 • Lectionary 1:743      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Pandemic Church Restrictions:** As you have already heard it has become necessary to reintroduce Mass and other services online only. You can follow Mass on the Greencastle Parish YouTube Channel 7 days a week with Night Prayer and Rosary at 8.00pm Sunday to Friday as indicated below on Greencastle and Badoney Lower Facebook Pages. The church will be open for private prayer. Funerals, weddings and baptisms will continue with restrictions on numbers.

**Badoney Lower and Greencastle YouTube / Facebook Schedule**

Began Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January and expected to continue until Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February <i>May go further depending on the pandemic situation</i> Fr. Eddie will celebrate mass via Greencastle Parish Facebook and Fr. John will celebrate mass via Badoney Lower Parish Pastoral Council Facebook		
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00am Fr. John	11.00am Fr. Eddie
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00am Fr. Eddie	10.00am Fr. John
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00am Fr. Eddie	10.00am Fr. John
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00am Fr. John	7.30pm Fr. Eddie
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	10.00am Fr. Eddie	10.00am Fr. John
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	10.00am Fr. John	7.30pm Fr. Eddie
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	6.00pm Fr. Eddie	7.00pm Fr. John

**Night Prayer and Rosary Schedule**

Fr. Eddie and Fr. John will broadcast Sunday to Friday at 8.00pm from their respective Parish Facebook Pages			
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Fr. Eddie	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Fr. Eddie
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Fr. John	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Fr. John
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Fr. Eddie	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Fr. John

**Dún Uladh's Music Classes – Back for 2021 via Zoom:** Lessons available in tin whistle, flute, fiddle, banjo, harp, button accordion and concertina for all ages and abilities. Instruments also available to hire.  
*For more info or to register e-mail music@dunuladh.ie*

**Holy Trinity College – College Virtual Open Evening for P7 and P6 Pupils and Their Parents:**  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.00pm. Can be accessed via the College website at holytrinitycollege.org or on Facebook. Have a virtual tour of the College, explore the variety of subjects on offer, hear what our pupils and staff have to say and see our Prospectus.  
*Call the College on (028) 8676 2420 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January between 10.00am and 12.00pm if you have further questions. We look forward to meeting with you in the near future*

**Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events:** *kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com*  
**Irish Language Conversation Circle** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 11.30am. *Live via Zoom*  
*Look out for more workshops coming soon • Wishing everybody a very Happy New Year*

**Catholic Engaged Encountered – Online Marriage Preparation Course via Zoom:**  
 Planned for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.  
*For more information and to book call (028) 2763 8512 or visit marriageencounter.ie*

**Greencastle Community Association is working with Omagh Forum for Rural Associations to help support local people in the Greencastle area.** Due to the Covid-19 situation, things can be or may become difficult for members of our community, so we would like to help.  
*If you or someone you know would value a weekly dinner delivered to their home call Fiona on 07813 935 996*

**Pope Francis' Intention for January (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Intention for Evangelization – *Human Fraternity*:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all

**Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – *Radio Maria Ireland (RMI)*:**  
Commercial free 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)*

**A Prayer for Now:** God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**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

**Prayer for the End of the Virus:** Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

**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@jecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@jecon.ie)

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

**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*

**Online Youth Programmes:** To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit:  
**Facebook:** [DerryDiocesanYouth](https://www.facebook.com/DerryDiocesanYouth) **Instagram:** [derryyouth](https://www.instagram.com/derryyouth)

**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](mailto:lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk)*

**Epilepsy Action NI:** Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury? Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

**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](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Website:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.co.uk)

**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*

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Can't stop? There is a solution.  
Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email [csoofaa@btinternet.com](mailto:csoofaa@btinternet.com). [alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://alcoholicsanonymous.ie).

**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*

#### **The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration**

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.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

**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](mailto:marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org).*

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection:** O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Accord Counselling Services:** Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this service call (028) 8224 2439 or email [omagh@accordni.com](mailto:omagh@accordni.com)*

**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)*

**Trócaire:** Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. As with your parish envelope please leave at Broughderg Post Office, St. Patrick's Church Sacristy outside door postbox or the Parochial House. No boxes please.

Please also fill in Gift Aid details on envelope. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**ASPIRE:** Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview prep. Also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements. Omagh (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen 028 6632 6478 • Mobile 07799 471 448 • [aspire@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:aspire@fermanaghomagh.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](mailto:info@ruralsupport.org.uk) **Website:** [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)  
To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster?** Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.  
*To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit [barnardos.org.uk/foster](http://barnardos.org.uk/foster)*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:** *John Byrne OSA ([jbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbyrneosa@gmail.com))*

1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them - e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.
2. Jesus invited the disciples to come and see how he lived. How have you come to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him?
3. What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there with them. What group experiences have helped your faith to grow?
4. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

**SUSE+ New Courses in January:** Have you recently been made redundant or are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support to gain qualification and employment. We run Job Searches, CV Building, Interview Preparation. Mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in local area. New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success & Wellbeing, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management, Retail, Business Administration, Barista and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy.  
*For more information email [tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk](mailto:tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk) or call 074 3653 3475*

**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%

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.  
**Friday 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.  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January – St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1567-1622]** Bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron Saint of writers, editors and journalists.

**The Deep End – Come and See:** *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

There is a Brazilian proverb used when a visitor is leaving one's home: 'Whoever drinks of this water keeps coming back'. Offering a beverage such as a cup of water or tea to a visitor is a universal gesture of welcome and hospitality. Today we hear how Jesus invites two of his disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day, undoubtedly eating and drinking and conversing with him. Jesus' invitation is simple, yet intimate. We don't know where he lived or what his living arrangements were, but we know he wanted his friends to spend time with him and get to know him. This precious early time with Jesus must have set his friends up for a lifetime of discipleship. We too are invited to 'come and see', to spend time with the Scriptures and in prayer to get to know Jesus. He welcomes us with open arms.

As we reflect on the inviting love of Jesus, we are also encouraged to extend a warm welcome to others in a spirit of friendship. Pope Francis has often spoken of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and church, to welcome everyone – including those who are homeless or who have been forced to leave their home or country. Our welcome is a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.

*Pope Francis*

**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. This is normally deducted from your annual dividend – but if you have not 'earned' it, you will be asked to pay it manually. The premium this year is subject to change annually. Members must join before the age of 70. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so – Premium is £16.13.

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

**Some Important Dates**

<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> First Confession for P4 Children	<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Sunday	<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am</b> Confirmation
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon</b> First Holy Communion	<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> / Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> Blessing of the Graves in Greencastle / Broughderg	

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	8