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Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (17th September, 2017) Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU ite: greencastleparish.com • Email: greencastlepp@vahoo.com • Tel: (028) 8164 8474



Message of Fatima (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis "Throughout history there have been supernatural apparitions and signs which go to the heart of human events and which, to the surprise of believers and non-believers alike, play their part in the unfolding of history. These manifestations can never contradict the content of faith, and must therefore have their focus in the core of Christ's proclamation: the Father's love which leads men and women to conversion and bestows the grace required to abandon oneself to him with filial devotion. This too is the message of Fatima which, with its urgent call to conversion and penance, draws us to the heart of the Gospel."

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordi	ary Time [Year A] (Sunday 17th September -	Sunday 24th September)

St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
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	Imelda Tr	acey (16 th Anniversary)
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Station Masses in October: Once more the opportunity is offered to families across the parish to host a Station Mass during the month of October. This year the available dates are as follows: Monday 2nd and 23rd • Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th • Friday 27th Station Masses have been booked for the townlands of Muninamale • Aughascribba • Leaghan • Formil so far To book please approach Fr. Gallagher or call the Parochial House on (028) 8164 8474

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Imelda Tracey (16th) whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Mass for Opening of the School Year: Friday 22nd September at 10.00 am in the Assembly Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. All parishioners are most welcome to join in this special mass

Pre-Sacramental Evening - For P4 and P7 Parents and Children: Thursday 29th September from 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. The evening will be led by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre for the parents - members of the Derry Youth Community will take the P4 and P7 children on the evening. Looking forward to a large turnout as always on the night

Do this in Memory Program - For P4 Children Preparing for First Confession and Communion. Begins with the Enrolment Mass on Saturday 30th September at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Medjugorie Irish Centre Pilgrimages: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info. Tel: 01 443 4510 • Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

St. Pio Monthly Devotions: Wednesday 20th September after 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church. All welcome

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9 • Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R/ v 18 • Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16 • Lectionary 1:702 Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning		
Saturday 16th September	Twenty-Fourth Sunday	Sunday 17th September		
The family of Marcus Conway	in Ordinary Time	The family of Seán Óg Teague		
Saturday 23rd September	Twenty-Fifth Sunday	Sunday 24th September		
The family of Katie Donnelly	in Ordinary Time	The family of Daire Tracey		
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 Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Saturday 23rd September. Bishop McKeown has invited as many parishioners as possible to attend. In an attempt to meet this request, both Fr. Forbes and Fr. Gallagher have asked Pat McSwiggan to run a bus to accommodate parishioners from both parishes of Badoney Lower and Greencastle. The bus will leave Gortin at 8.00am with a pick-up in Greencastle and Mountfield. The cost of the bus will be £15. There will be a short stop on the way down and a dinner stop in Bundoran on the way home. <i>Pilgrims from neighbouring parishes are also very welcome</i> • If interested, please book with Pat McSwiggan (028) 8164 7099 Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo: Monday 18th September for 4 nights. 4 nights full board in Hotel Centro di Spiritulita. The pilgrimage will include visits to of Padre Pio and Monte Sant Angelo – the shrine in the cave where the birthplace St. Michael the Archangel appeared. Spiritual Director: Fr. Daniel Ilhunnia MSP • €689 				
If interest	ted call JWT on 00353 1241 0816, Marie on	07799 112 224 or Clare on 07778 025 587		
Attention Farmers: Anyone affected by rece payment. Please contact NIAPA (867 68	ent flooding needs to complete a Force Majeu 5700) or your local form filler / agent to get a			
40 Days for Life: Wednesday 27 th September 40 Day campaign to end abortion. We are as Planning centres in Belfast. For more info		Is outside the Marie Stopes and Family		
Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Day of Renewal: Sunday 8th October in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh Registration: 9.00am Theme: 'You are the salt of the earth' (Mt. 5:13) Speaker: Sr Josephine Walsh DHS Holy Mass: 3.30pm Celebrant: Bishop Donal McKeown Cost: £25 (includes lunch and tea / coffee) Booking essential to facilitate catering Tel: 028 8224 2092 (office hours) / 028 8224 3973 / 0787 6411 435 / 0759 6609 041				
Family Care Adoption Services: We are currently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk				
 All Ireland Consecration to Jesus through Mary: Sunday 5th November to Friday 8th December. Fr. Michael Gaitley, Head of Evangelisation for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception will be touring Ireland to speak about the task and opportunity of setting Irish hearts on fire again with love for Jesus through Marian Consecration. Fr. Michael is a regular speaker on EWTN and he will be speaking in Ireland from 6th to 10th October in preparation for the Nationwide Consecration of Ireland in various places including 6th October St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Street, Belfast at 7.30pm • 9th October Knock Shrine at 7.00pm 10th October St. Columba's Church, Longtower Church, Derry at 8.00pm. Fr. Michael will be bringing with him nearly 1 million booklets of 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration to Jesus through Mary, all for free so EVERYONE can do this Spread the word! Get involved!. Now is the time to unite in prayer, bear witness and be Missionaries of joy for Jesus and Mary 				
	Vorkshops: Tuesday 19th and 26th Septembe eet every Monday in Pomeroy Forest Car Pa			
Hike to Croagh Patrick: Friday 6th October f To get booking form call the Diocesan	or those aged 16+. Cost £30 includes dinner Catechetical Centre on +4428 71264087 or	and bus. email rebecca.odoherty@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				
New 24/7 Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI): The mission is to help spread the Gospel message of joy, hope and charity with a mixture of prayer, catechesis, iplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies 9.15am Live Morning Prayer • 10.00am Holy Mass 11.00am Catechesis with Fr. Eamonn McCarthy (full-time director – Angelus and midday prayer) 5.00pm Live Evening Prayer • 5.30pm News and the Rosary prayed from the studio RMI is available to download FREE by App 'RADIO MARIA WORLD FAMILY' on mobile devices, FREE streaming on				

KMI IS available to download FREE by App 'RADIO MARIA WORLD FAMILY' on mobile devices, FREE streaming on radiomaria.ie by clicking [LISTEN LIVE] or can be listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers) Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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

 Every 13th of the month from May to October with the exception of 19th August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13th May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour Celebrant: Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown

Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.

- **St. Patrick's:** Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass
- First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass

Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.

If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

 Rural Support:
 We could help you with financial stress by

 Providing free, confidential face-to-face support
 • Easing the burden of dealing with debt

 Helping you identify a way forward
 • Supporting you to take action

 Email:
 info@ruralsupport.org.uk

 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:

Tel: (028) 90941690 • Email: gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • Website: kindercareni.co.uk

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

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.

If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • Tel: (028) 7126 2302 • Website: catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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

Parish Liturgy for September, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Michaela Gillen	Rosemary McCullagh	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

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

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.

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

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.

 Bachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133
 Julie or Brian (Derry Office): (028) 7136 8592

 Email: email@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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *Matthew* 18:21-35: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- 1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the truth of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?
- 2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?
- 3. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

Musings – The Good Seed:

Enzo Bianchi (Christians in Society) [transl. Ed]

Just as the Son, on coming into the world and becoming man, chose people's company to the point of joining sinners at table, so the Church has to keep the same company, because her faith, her adherence to the Lord and to the Word she receives from him, does not remove her from the world, but demands that she live in the company of men and women ...

'Company' means wanting to reach people where they are, including in their sinfulness and their refusal of God; it means meeting people with sympathy and love, because 'Christ died for us while we were still sinners (Rm 5:8) and 'reconciled us to God while we were enemies' (Rm 5:10). The importance of the word 'while' needs to be underlined: the presence, all at the very same time, of the world's hatred, the enmity of sinners and the love of God is an essential part of the word of the cross. Christ has broken the logic of enmity, and so Christians live 'company' when they follow him in breaking down barriers, walls and borders, contradicting every day the logic that creates and perceives enemies ...

The 'company' of others implies being patient with them, it implies longsuffering, the capacity to remain in a position of support ... participating in the patience of God.

And so, Christians are precluded from every attitude ... that would harden them in the logic that divides people into allies, friends and enemies.

The Deep End – Generous Love:

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

A remarkable story of generosity featured on Joe Duffy's Liveline: Call Back programme on RTÉ recently. It was the story of Shane O'Neill, who had a history of drugs offences and ended up serving time in prison in Belgium. On release from prison he went to the Irish Embassy to ask for the price of a flight to return home, but was turned down. Another Irish man, Charlie Kiernan, overheard the exchange and decided to help, booking him a flight and buying him breakfast. When Shane asked how he could repay him, Charlie suggested he 'pay it forward'. The kind gesture was the catalyst for Shane turning his life around.

It is this sort of generous love that we hear about in today's gospel, in the parable told by Jesus. The master who cancels the servant's debt does so out of compassion and generosity. It is of no benefit to him to pardon the debt. He will be down ten thousand talents – one talent was worth more than 15 years' wages of a labourer, so we are talking about a large sum of money! The servant is grateful, but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just one hundred denarii – one denarius was the usual day's wage for a labourer.

The parable speaks to us about the kindness of God, but also what he expects from us. Because we have been loved, we must love. Because we have been forgiven, we must forgive.

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

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

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.

SUSE+ Community Programme: Are you aged between16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week? If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below Address: SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
Events The death of retire	d Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is anno	ounced on Monday 8th August
Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5th October		

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 17th September –	St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [1542-1621]
	Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of
	the time. Patron of cathechists.
Tuesday 19th September –	St. Januarius (bishop and martyr) While no contemporary sources on his

- Tuesday 19th September St. Januarius (bishop and martyr) While no contemporary sources on his life are preserved, later sources and legends claim that he died during the Diocletianic Persecution, which ended with Diocletian's retirement in 305.
- Wednesday 20th September St. Andrew Kim Taegon (priest), St. Paul Chang Hasang and Companions (all martyrs) [1839-1867] St. Andrew Kim Taegan, the first Korean priest, Paul Chang Hasang, a catechist and 101 others were martyred during the persecution of the Church in Korea.
 Thursday 21st September – St. Matthew (Apostle and Evangelist) St. Matthew the tax collector may also
 - be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus in Mark 2:13. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants and book-keepers, tax collectors, customs officers and security guards.
- Saturday 23rd September –
 St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Padre Pio (priest) Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer, died in September of 1968.

 St. Eunan (abbot) [624-704] Born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is The Life of Colmcille.

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:

Rome Pilgrimage: [Group 1] Sunday 29th October to Thursday 2nd November [Group 2] Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis) God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ; To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word, To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart. Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen* Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

Masters 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. For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

The Net – September Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including: Strathfoyle Junior Choir honour St. Oliver Plunkett • High praise for Limavady HOPE Camp Hollybush PS celebrates 125 years • Fabulous Fundraising at Foreglen PS Glenullin, Dernaflaw, Claudy and Altinure Children of the Eucharist • Limavady principal retires Coleraine Churches' Forum • Kilrea celebrates Fr Malachy Gallagher's ordination Desertmartin's young pioneers • Greencastle Mass Rock • Malin Well Mass and Boat Blessing Buncrana Flower Festival • Fr. Charles Lafferty ordained in Ardmore Corpus Christi in Buncrana, Clonmany and Carnhill • Burt Golden Jubilee celebration Ardmore pioneers celebrate • Fatima talks in Claudy and Maghera • Long Tower feature Derry input at Dublin Summit • Faith and friendship with SPReD • Remembering Bishop Edward Daly Derry Diocese celebrates Year of the Family • Diocesan Diary • Cursillo today Children's Catechism Club • Autumn gardening tips • Quiz Time For coverage of your parish or school faith activities email editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852