

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (19th February, 2017)
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Thought for the Week: "In this pastoral reflection, we consider what some key principles of Catholic Social teaching offer by way of direction and priorities in the search for the common good in Northern Ireland at this particular time. In doing so, we have no desire to interfere in the legitimate autonomy of politics, or to support one political party or candidate over another. This is a matter of conscience for each Catholic voter to determine after careful consideration of all the issues, in light of the Gospel and the teaching of the Church."
Northern Catholic Bishops Reflection before Assembly Election, 2016

Liturgy Schedule for the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (19th February – 26th February)

Saturday 18th February	St. Patrick's <i>Do This in Memory (week 6)</i>	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 19th February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Monday 20th February Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 21st February Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 21st February Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 22nd February Chair of St. Peter	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Thursday 23rd February St. Polycarp (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 24th February Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass: Maggie Bradley (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 25th February	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Bernard McLaughlin (Month's Mind)
Sunday 26th February Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

Weekly Collection: £1,225 • **Lourdes Collection:** £450

Children in Crossfire – Advent Campaign: Together Greencastle Parish raised an amazing **£1,218.51**, this will go a long way providing emergency food relief, healthcare and education for children living in Ethiopia this year

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Tommy McCrory (London, formerly Crouck)** who died last week and for the souls of **Cheryl McCullagh, Myles McCullagh (Canada), Jane McNulty, James Daly, Kay McCrory, Packie V Morris** and **Fr. George Doherty** who were recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society.

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Walking Challenge:
 Thursday 30th March to Tuesday 4th April. Walk the way of St. James. *Limited places*
Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs and their families and friends:
 Saturday 6th May at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass
If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

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

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

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: 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

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 49:14-15 • Psalm 61:2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6 • 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
 Matthew 6:24-24 • Lectionary 1:658 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 18 th February The family of Francis McNamee	Offertory Gift Rota Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 19 th February The family of Odhran Hughes
Saturday 25 th February The family of Shane Molloy	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 26 th February The family of Cody McAleer

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

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:
Knock Shrine: Wednesday 5th April from 11.00am to 4.00pm (Mass at 3.00pm)
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)
 All Pope John Paul II Award participants, past and present are invited to take part in these very special celebrations along with their parish leaders and Award leaders. Please note that you must be over 18 to take part.
To find out more visit thepopejohnpauliiaward.com or call Sean at the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

JMC Counselling and Training – Level 2 Award – Communicating with Children and Young People
 Begins Thursday 2nd March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm in the Loreto Grammar School, James Street, Omagh BT78 1DL
 This course explores development across childhood and adolescence
 Participants will also understand the specialist nature of working with children and young people
Duration: 8 Weeks • **Entry Requirements:** None
Suitable for the following individuals: Teachers, Youth Workers, Social Workers, Community Workers, Child Minders or anyone who comes into contact, or works with children
To find out more call (028) 8774 6582 or visit jmcounsellingandtraining.co.uk

South West College – Upcoming Events:
Open Day Experience: Tuesday 28th February from 12.00pm to 8.00pm in the Enniskillen Main Campus and the Technology and Skills Campus.
Tel: 0845 603 1881 • **Online:** swc.ac.uk/opendays
Engineering Careers Fair: Saturday 25th February from 9.30am to 1.30pm in the Dungannon Campus.
Tel: (028) 8772 0628 • **Email:** get.engineering@swc.ac.uk • **Web:** swc.ac.uk/getengineering

Derry Youth Community: Are you between 18-25 years of age? Are you interested in a Gap Year experience with a difference, from September, 2017 to June, 2018? Is faith an important part of your life? Are you attracted to the ideal of service to others? Would you like to live in community for one year in a fine house situated in the heart of Derry City (Northern Ireland) and serve the needs of young people in the Derry Diocese?
If you answered YES more info is available on derryyouthcommunity.com or emmet.thompson@derrydiocese.org

Cursillo – 3-Day Residential Weekends at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry
Men: Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th February • **Women:** Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th March
For more information call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174

Owenkillew Play Actors – Two One-Act Plays: Saturday 25th (The Crow's Foot by John McDermott) and Sunday 26th February (Peg Monaghan's Mistake by Seamus Burke) at 8.00pm in the Broughderg Centre.
Admission £7.00 • Light Refreshments Served • Tickets Available for Both Nights

Meeting to Establish New L'Arche Community: Monday 20th February from 7.00pm to 8.00pm in Columba House, Queen Street, Derry. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Paul Farren. This will be a cross-border initiative. L'Arche communities are places of welcome, belonging and celebration with a clear commitment to offer people with learning disabilities the opportunities to lead fulfilling lives and to be involved as far as possible in all aspects of their lives.
For further details call Anne McCafferty on 07488 547 527 or Carmel Craig on 07761 856 701

Thornhill Ministries – Lenten Programme: *Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry*
Lent from the Inside Thursdays 10.30am to 2.30pm from 9th March
 Five thought-provoking retreat days to help sense where I am on life's journey
Into the Twilight Mondays 6.00pm to 7.00pm from 6th March
 An oasis for silent meditation – beyond words ... beyond ...
Opening to the Word Tuesdays 10.30am to 11.45am from 7th March
 Allowing the Lenten Word of God to find a place in your heart
Tel: (028) 7135 1233 • **E-mail:** thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • **Online:** thornministries.co.uk / find us on Facebook

Annual Divine Mercy Conference: Saturday 25th (doors open at 9.00am) and Sunday 26th February at the RDS. It will be streamed live again this year to the Plaza, Buncrana. As in previous years confessions on Saturday 2.45pm and Mass on Saturday and Sunday on site. Light refreshments. *Visit website for speakers and timetable. For more info call 087 291 3187 / 07493 624 44*

Pope Francis' Intention for February (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalised may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

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

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

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

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

Parish Liturgy for February, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Rosemary McCullagh	Conan Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Leo Donnelly	Brendan Daly Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna and Catriona McCullagh		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

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

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

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

Carnhill choir help Little Orchids • Coleraine scout group appeal • Ballinascreen choir to host charity concert
 Culdaff parishioner volunteers for Malawi project • Drung fund raises thousands for Aleppo
 Strabane family's decade of dancing for charity • Ardmore prayer service marks US Naval Base anniversary
 Dungiven Bible Study leaves faithful hungry for more • Ballinascreen priest celebrates Diamond Jubilee
 Holy Family farewell to Sean Mulrine • Carnhill celebrates 40 years of worship in St Brigid's Church
 Ballinascreen delight at honour for Sr. Rose • Fr. George Doherty laid to rest in beloved Desertegney
 Holy Family faith story • 'I Am' concerts continue to draw crowds • Diocesan preparation for WMOF2018
 First Friday-Saturday devotions in Ballykelly Oratory • Diocesan Vocations Day
 New Cursillo chaplain as Fr. Doherty • Maghera, steps down after 20 years,
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For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 5:38-48: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?
2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What outcome did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them, both at the time, and in the long-term?
3. From other passages in the Gospels it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices, and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when, and how, to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?

Musings: Fr. John Cullen (Kiltoom, Athlone, Co. Roscommon)

To know what matters and what does not is a lesson that accompanies us all through life. Today's Word of God condenses our choices to basic fundamentals. Be holy (First Reading). Show compassion and thanks. Our desire to be holy, compassionate, grateful and to love perfectly is intensely 'there' and, with equal intensity, 'not there'. We hold ourselves in a condition of surrender. We desire all that God's Word offers us by invitation, yet we choose by our passivity not to initiate nor to cooperate. St Paul opens today's reading with a direct question: 'Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you?' From our own sluggish passivity arises a creativity, a mysterious liberation from all the everyday ordinariness of demands and deadlines. There is nothing to say in answer to the question by St Paul, nothing even to experience in any words that sound impressive, only to accept and realise in the words of today's Psalm, that 'we are crowned with love and compassion' and our 'life will be redeemed from the grave.'

The Deep End – Turn the Other Cheek: Jane Mellet (mellet@gmail.com)

Today we hear and read one of the most famous passages in the Gospels: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. It is a radical text and not so easy. How can we be expected to love those who have hurt us or done harm to us? Anthony de Mello, an Indian Jesuit who wrote many books on spirituality, spoke often about the concept of 'loving enemies'. When someone hurts us, when someone triggers emotional pain in us, de Mello suggests that we try to come to the realisation that we are 'standing before our benefactor'. The situation is a reminder that we are still to grow and we are hurt because someone has not met our expectations. It is these expectations that we must let go of. We can learn from the other who has wronged us: how has this affected me? What do I need to let go of?

The teachings in this passage are radical and go against what we hear around us in our world like calls for retribution and revenge. However Jesus has high expectations of his followers, to go against the grain. Jesus is not encouraging passiveness. He is inviting people to a 'third way': to make a non-violent stand when faced with persecution. By 'offering the other cheek' we allow for the potential of conversion of the other to a realisation of what they have done. The easy option is to retaliate, to not see our brother or sister standing before us. We can offer them an opportunity to see our own sacred humanity. 'Loving our enemies' is a call to constantly move towards restoring relationships, offering mercy and peace.

An eye for an eye will leave the whole world blind
Gandhi

2016 Parish Statistics		
Baptisms (18) 7 Boys 11 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16) 10 Boys 6 Girls	Confirmations (21) 10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16) 7 within parish 9 outside parish	Funerals (10) 8 within parish 2 outside parish	Station Masses in October 8
Events The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 th October		

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

Towards Peace: A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.
Website: towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@jecon.ie

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017		
Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm Service of Light (Primary 7 Children and Families)	Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday	Friday 17th March St. Patrick's Day
Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)	Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday	Friday 14th April Good Friday
Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday	Saturday 6th May at 11.00am Confirmation	Saturday 3rd June at 12.00noon First Holy Communion
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	