



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (20th August, 2017)
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Thought for the Week: "I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." *St. Dominic Savio*

Liturgy Schedule for Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 20th – Sunday 27th August)

Saturday 19th August St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass
Monday 21st August St. Pius X (pope)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 22nd August Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Please note that there will be NO MASSES on any Wednesdays throughout July and August			
Thursday 24th August St. Bartholomew (apostle)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Friday 25th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Saturday 26th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Rita Fox (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 27th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass

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.

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 • *All are welcome*

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden – Summer Serenity: Thursday 24th August, light lunch at 1.00pm with music / storytelling followed by a visit to the Prayer Garden or Organic Garden.
Cost: €10 / £8 (booking essential) • **Tel:** (00353) 7493 84866 for further info and booking • All Welcome

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
 Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579
Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details

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 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 interested call JWT on 00353 1241 0816, Marie on 07799 112 224 or Clare on 07778 025 587

St. Pio Monthly Devotions: The monthly devotions through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina that take place the second Wednesday of each month in St. Patrick's Church will resume 13th Sept. after summer break.

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

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23 • Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8, R/ v 8 • Romans 11:33-36
 Matthew 16:13-20 • Lectionary 1:692 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Lough Derg One Day Pilgrimage from Greencastle Parish

Saturday 2nd September. Departing from outside St. Patrick's Church at 8.15am, we leave the island at 4.30pm.
 Estimated cost including bus is £40 • Tea and scones are served on arrival with a light lunch included
 If interested please call Fr. Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474 • Booking essential • Not suitable for children

Annual Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan

Friday 25th August • Music by Cascades • £5 including refreshments

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:** a.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.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

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th August in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged 16-35; an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1,400 young people from all corners of Ireland expected to attend.
 Donation only • Just bring sleeping bag and pillow • Free buses travelling from all around Ireland
 For more information and to book online visit youth2000.ie or call 00353 1675 3690

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 15:21-28: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

1. Having met with rejection from the Pharisees Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters faith in an unexpected place, in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?
2. The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?
3. In our days, welcoming the stranger is a challenge. We are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made when you were able to offer a friendly welcoming face to a stranger?
4. Who are the 'Canaanite women' who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

Musings – Crumbs from the Table:

She was a lady like many – the woman of the Gospel today. She would fight for her child. So she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the Taoiseach over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting him off the hook.

Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner, an asylum seeker or a refugee. Or a lone mother who had a bad name. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child. Jesus cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed ones of the Gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary – she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.

Faith in a surprising God who in Jesus his Son never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.

Lord, I believe, strengthen my faith.

Donal Neary SJ

Fear knocked on the door, faith answered. There was no one there.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Artists: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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 **Website:** 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.mcmenamain@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

Parish Liturgy for August, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Joanne McCullagh	Orla Scullion	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Conan Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Seamus Keenan Eoghan Clarke	Brian Gillen Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Eileen McKenna and Anne McAleer		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

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*

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

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

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.

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

The Deep End – Unexpected Encounter:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

We might wonder why Jesus is so rude and dismissive to the woman in today's Gospel who comes and asks for his help. Does he really call the woman 'a dog'?! Many explanations have been given for Jesus' words with some suggesting that it was an attempt at a first century joke, that he was just 'teasing' (he didn't really mean it!) or that it was an opportunity to test the woman's faith. The disciples also clearly want her sent away.

What happens just before this incident is important. Jesus has just left Gennesaret where the Pharisees have continued to be extremely hostile towards him. Jesus' mission to 'the lost sheep of the House of Israel' is not going so well. So, Jesus 'leaves that place' and goes somewhere that is unfamiliar. What happens in this unfamiliar place is certainly life giving for the woman and for Jesus also. It might be considered a place of new beginnings as Jesus' mission is opened up to those who would have been considered 'unworthy', such as a woman who is also a foreigner. The food rejected by the religious leaders of the time is ending up in unexpected places. It is here that the kingdom grows.

You have to admire the woman's persistence. She is a reminder of people we encounter who have great faith and make a deep impression on us.

We might ask ourselves today: when have experiences of rejection in our own lives led to new possibilities? Where are the unfamiliar places that we must go in order to grow, to embrace new life and new experiences?

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 21st August – St. Pius X (pope) Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and then Pope from 1903, he encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

Tuesday 22nd August – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary On the day of her Assumption, Mary our Mother was solemnly crowned by Christ and received by the whole court of Heaven as Queen. What Christ has done in Heaven and the Church has done on our behalf we should now do individually, that is, we should recognize Mary's Queenship, enthrone her in our homes, consecrate ourselves to her and, by this means, establish in our lives the reign of Mary Immaculate Queen of the Universe.

Thursday 24th August – St. Bartholomew (apostle) His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit." The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages. Tradition has the place as Abanopolis on the west coast of the Caspian Sea and that he also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, and Egypt. The Gospel of Bartholomew is apocryphal and was condemned in the decree of Pseudo-Gelasius.

Sunday 27th August – St. Monica [332-387] Converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron Saint of mothers.

SUSE+ Community Programme: Are you aged between 16-65? 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*

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Website: towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@jecon.ie

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes: *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
Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College

Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have 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

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) 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		