

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (21st January, 2018)

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Thought for the Week: "Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." St. Catherine of Siena

Liturgy Schedule for Third Week in C	Ordinary Time [Year B]] (Sunday 21 st January – Sunday 28 th January)	
Saturday 20th January	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass:	
St. Fabian (pope) and St. Sebastian (both ma	rtyrs)	Packie Glass (3rd Anniversary)	
Sunday 21st January	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass	
Monday 22 nd January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
St. Vincent (deacon and martyr)			
Tuesday 23 rd January	St. Patrick's	NO MASS	
Wednesday 24th January	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.20pm Adoration	
St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the	e Church)	7.00pm to 7.20pm Confessions • 7.30pm Mass	
Thursday 25th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Conversion of St. Paul			
Friday 26th January	St. Patrick's	NO 10.00am MASS	
St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass: Bernard McLaughlin (1st Anniversary)	
Saturday 27th January	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious)			
Sunday 28th January	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass	

Weekly Collection: £1,010 Thank you for your generosity

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Peter Leo McCullagh (Teebane East) who died

this week and for all who mourn him. We also pray for the souls of **Bernard McLaughlin** (1st), **Packie Glass** (3rd) and **Eileen Carson** (6th) whose anniversaries occur at this time

Greencastle Parish Eucharistic Adoration Committee Meeting

Wednesday 24th January at 8.00pm in St Patrick's Church • All members are encouraged to attend

Poor Clares, Galway – Cloister Day: Saturday 27th January from 10.00am to 5.00pm. A day designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment.

To book a place email Sr. Faustina at poorclaresgalwayvocations@amail.com

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Cost £669

Address: 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ • Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com • Tel: (028) 7126 0293

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11.00am to 1.00pm from Saturday 3rd February

Pilgrimage to Poland – In the Steps of St. John Paul II: Monday 16th to Monday 23rd July. Organised by Msgr. Bryan McCanny and Fr. Francis Bradley and led by Cardinal Séan Brady. The all-inclusive price is €1,150, inclusive of direct flights (Dublin-Craców), transfers and all taxes, 20kg baggage allowance, all entrance fees and guided tours of Wawel Castle, Divine Mercy Centre, the Black Madonna of Częstochowa, Wadowice (Pope's birthplace), Salt Mines, Auschwitz and Birkenau Camps, Craków Centre, with Dinner, B&B each day and hotel accommodation in Craców. Luxury Coach transport and an experienced Guide are provided throughout, with pick-ups locally (e.g. Omagh). 10 places remain available on first-come, first-served basis. Email Fr. Bradley at fbradley@derrydiocese.org or call him on (00353) 87224 1897 for a Brochure and Booking Form

Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends

Saturday 10th March at 3.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry
If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or
First Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 7126 4087

St. Joseph's Church, Kileenan – Evening of Gospel and Spiritual Music: Sunday 18th February at 7.00pm Tickets: £20 each and available from McCullagh's Shop, Greencastle and Mill Wheel Shop, Kildress Guest Artists: Donna Taggart, Justin McGurk, Karl McGuckin, Gerry Loughran and many more Guest Speaker: Joe Mahon of Lesser spotted Ulster

Green Elves Playgroup – Bingo Club: Every Wednesday at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm).

Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 • Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 9 • 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28 • Lectionary 1:745

Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 20th January	Third Sunday	Sunday 21st January
The family of Clara Maguire	in Ordinary Time	The family of Ryan Coney
Saturday 27th January	Fourth Sunday	Sunday 28th January
The family of Cathan McDermott	in Ordinary Time	The family of Niamh Conway

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

We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

 Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Classes: For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

 Singing Classes with Ciara Fox
 Sunday 21st January at 2.30pm in Leo McCullagh's Lounge, Plumbridge.

 Jim Conway Weekend
 Friday 28th September in the Mellon Country Inn. Our branch will host "Cherish the Ladies" in concert. Tickets available from committee members soon

 Workshops
 Saturday 29th September, led by "Cherish the Ladies".

Sláinte agus Folláine: As part of the club's ongoing commitment to the Healthy Clubs Health Community Program

we have an action packed start to 2018.

Monday Spinning Classes with Aidan Kelly (5.30pm, 6.30pm and 7.30pm)

Exercise Classes for Over 60s (7.30pm)

Tuesday Youth Strength and Conditioning (8.15pm)•Circuit Classes with Briege (from 23rd January at 8.15pm)

Adult Mindfulness Classes (£25 for 6 weeks from 16th January at 8.30pm)

Wednesday Exercise Classes for Over 60s (1.30pm)

Thursday Exercise Classes with Darryl and Relax Kids (£20 for 6 weeks mindfulness

for kids in P6 and P7 from 18th January at 6.30pm)

Friday Yoga Night (7.00pm to 8.00pm)

For more info call Briege Brogan on 07799 058 273 • For bookings for mindfulness call Bronagh Maguire on 07917 155 629

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg – Upcoming Events:

Indoor Gaelic Training Session: For boys and girls in Play School (P5 in the community centre). These will begin in February and take place on Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 11.00am for those in playschool to P2 and 11.00am-12noon for P3 to P5s.

Cannot go ahead without help of parents, please help out as much as possible

Irish Youth Club (P3 to P7s): Commences Tuesday 23rd January. Registration is on the first night at 6.15pm with the club starting from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. £25 for 10 weeks. Irish support classes for Year 8 and 9 students also start on Tuesday night from 6:30pm to 8.00pm. £25 for 10 weeks. Irish classes for intermediates will begin on Tuesday night from 8.05pm to 9.00pm. £25 for 10 weeks.

For more info call Sinead Warnock on 07849 394 001

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none.

If you would like to avail of this service please call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Accord Marriage Preparation Course (2018 / 2019) 11th and 12th May • 1st and 2nd June • 22nd and 23rd June

Bookings can be made online at accord-ni.co.uk

Loreto Grammar School, Omagh – Open Night: Wednesday 24th January

Registration from 5.30pm with Principal's Welcome at 6.00pm • P6 and P7 girls and their parents / guardians are welcome

South West College – Open Days: Come along to learn about the excellent courses on offer. Meet with the lecturers, talk to current students and view the brilliant facilities and equipment on site.

All are Tuesdays from 2.00pm to 8.00pm

Omagh Campus 30th January • Enniskillen Campus 27th February • Dungannon Campus 27th March

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training

To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.

Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen Office: (028) 6632 6478 • Facebook: Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with gualified tutor Frank Nugent

Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • Advanced: 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

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

Evangelisation – Religious Minorities in Asia: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Diocese of Derry – Celebration of Family: Saturday 3rd February from 10.00am to 6.00pm in St Mary's College, Derry on with guest speakers Grainne Doherty, Gerard Gallagher and Fr. Johnny Doherty C.SS.R. with group discussions. The closing mass will be celebrated by His Excellency the Papal Nuncio to Ireland Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo. Application forms are available from Fr. Gallagher (return as soon as possible).

A donation of £20 is suggested

IOSAS Centre & Celtic Prayer Garden / White Oaks Acorn Project / The Sanctuary Monthly Mass with Healing Prayer: Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm in Columba House Celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin and the Columba Community

A Time of Spiritual Awakening: Sunday 4th February in St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot. Beginning at 10.00am and finishing with Mass celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin at 5.00pm. Prayer Ministry and Confession throughout the day. Lunch included • Suggested Donation €20/£20 • To book call (00353) (0)7493 68370

Children in Crossfire – **Advent Campaign:** Thank you to those who donated so far, for one more week any remaining boxes can still be returned to the sacristy or the CIC office at 2 St. Joseph's Avenue, Derry.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.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

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

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday

Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • Singing in Irish 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm

Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanachomagh.com • Tel: 07747 899 249

Family Care Adoption Services: We are 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

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

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

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 January, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Kyra Donnelly	Erin Hood	Cara-Rose Brogan
Collectors	Mary Bradley	Eoghan Clarke	Sean McKenna
	Patrick McElhatton	Seamus Keenan	Tony Donnelly
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

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

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

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

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

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DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

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

Thursday 8th March at 7.00pm
First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)

Saturday 19th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion Wednesday 14th February Saturday 17th March
Ash Wednesday St. Patrick's Day

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Sunday 1st April Sunday 22nd April at 2.00pm

Easter Sunday Confirmation

Tuesday 21th to Sunday 26th August in Dub

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Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Sunday 1st July at 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside
Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead followed by Broughderg Old Cemetery

Broughderg Old Cemetery: Sometime in the early part of the New Year an operation will begin to remove trees both on the periphery of and within the Broughderg Old Cemetery. Many of these trees have been causing some difficulty at various graves and keeping them neat and tidy has also been troublesome for families. Some of the trees have also become dangerously tall and could cause damage if they were to fall.

This is going to be a costly operation and is the first stage of a 3-stage scheme. Stage 2 will include drainage and stage 3 some pathways.

Some additional fundraising will be required and we look forward to organising some such events in due course

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 22nd January – St. Vincent (deacon and martyr) Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain,
martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Wednesday 24th 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.

Thursday 25th **January** – **Conversion of St. Paul** An event in the life of Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus

Friday 26th January – St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops) Close to St. Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a Patron Saint in cases of stomach complaint. Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete.

Saturday 27th January – St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious) [1474-1540] Founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness and concern for the individual.

Sunday 28th January – St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and Doctor of the Church) [1224-1274] Born in Italy,
Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a
single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest
theologians, he is a Patron Saint of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

Baptisms (26)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14)		Confirmations (15)	
10 Boys • 16 Girls	8 Boys • 6 Girls		7 Boys • 8 Girls	
Marriages (5) 2 within pari	parish • 3 outside parish Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish			
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in				
Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13th April				
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13th December in St Patrick's Church				

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *Mark 1:14-20*:

John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- 1. 'The time is fulfilled' this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'.
- 2. 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, he was proclaiming an event that had already happened. The time has come. Jesus called for a change of heart as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?
- 3. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of good news. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the Jesus person through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a Jesus person in this way?

The Deep End – The Calling:

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

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?

The hymn 'The Summons,' by John L. Bell, consists of a list of questions from Jesus as he calls each one of us to be disciples. Each one begins with the words 'Will you...?' The final verse is our response as disciples: 'Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.'

Today we reflect on Jesus' call to the very first disciples. There is a simplicity to the scenes where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked. In the opening chapters of Mark's gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to leave aside our worldly concerns, see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus.

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

Lavey pupils' powerful performance • Faith Family Fun Friday in Foreglen • Memorable night of carols in Ballerin Iskaheen parishioners enjoy following the star • Cor Youth enjoying faith times together Family of Sport celebration in St. Eugene's • Inishowen seniors enjoy Scoil Mhuire party Cappagh's amazing 'reTreat' • Drung's Harvest Thanksgiving • Special family prayer night in Bellaghy Mary's Meals Omagh helping feed world's hungry children

World renowned Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary promoter in Omagh and Melmount schools
Creggan developments transforming parish life • Waterside Syro-Malabar celebration
Claudy pupils consecrated to Our Lady • St. Cecilia's, Derry celebrates 50th anniversary
St. Mary's, Derry Saturday School • Scoil Mhuire Gleneely festival winner • Buncrana Tree Festival
Waterside family talks • Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh, Rún na hEaglaise

Derry faithful brave cold for Coastal Rosaries • Thornhill Crib Festival • Marriage and Family Life feature Faith story by Sr. Deirdre Mullan, RSM • Fr. Michael Collins' book launch,

Unpacking three-day Cursillo weekend • Children's Catechism Club • Diocesan Diary • Quiz Time.

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities email editorthenet 15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

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.

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

ASPIRE: Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.

For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook

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

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