

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Second Sunday of Easter [Year A] (23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017)**  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*

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**Thought for Divine Mercy Sunday:** "I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbour: the first-by deed, the second-by word, the third-by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works." *Diary of St. Faustina (paragraph 742)*

**Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week of Easter [Year A] (Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April)**

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Second Sunday of Easter [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Monday	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr) and St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> Third Sunday of Easter [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Rose Hollywood (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**COLLECTIONS      Weekly: £1,190      •      Trócaire: £3,100**

**Day Retreat in Preparation for Confirmation:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Greencastle Community Centre. Please pray for the Children of Primary Seven of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School who will attend this day.  
*Lead by members of the Derry Youth Community*

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am in St. Patrick's Church**

**Knock Shrine – Upcoming Events:**

**Mercy Sunday**      Ceremonies begin with Divine Mercy Devotions at 12.45pm with Fr. Bernard McGuckian, SJ (Clongowes Wood College and EWTN) and concelebrated Mass at 3.00pm with Chief Celebrant and Homilist Most Rev. Eamon Martin, DD, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland.  
*For more information visit knockshrine.ie or call (094) 938 8100*

**Day Retreats**      Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 'Quiet Days for Busy People'  
 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 'Resting in the Arms of God' with Deirdre Ní Chinnéide  
 Retreats take place in the Taize Room, Prayer Guidance Centre, Knock Shrine from 10.00am to 4.00pm. €30 fee includes lunch at Knock House Hotel.  
*To book call (094) 93 75355 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie*

**Official Pilgrimage Season**      All details of the coming season, including Mass Times, Pilgrimages and upcoming Faith Renewal events can be found by visiting knockshrine.ie or calling (094) 93 88100  
 Begins Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Next Week's Readings:**      Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 • Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, R/ v 11 • 1 Peter 1:17-21  
 Luke 24:13-35 • Lectionary 1:461      **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April The family of <b>Laurence McCrory</b>	Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April The family of <b>Niamh Clarke</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April* The family of <b>Caillan McDonald</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April The family of <b>Aoibhin Coyle</b>
<b>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</b> <i>*Do This in Memory Programme (Week 9)      We need new volunteers in every aspect of life</i>		

**Catholic Grandparents Association – First Annual Retreat / Conference:**      *Speakers include Fr. Benny McHale*  
**Theme:** *Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly-secularised times*  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24  
 (Day only and overnight attendance options available). Inspiring talks, lively discussion  
**Tel:** Connie on +353 098 24877 • **Email:** catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

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

**Family Healing Retreat – The Appeal of Our Lady of Fatima for Prayer and Reparation:**  
 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April in the Hilton Hotel, 4 Laynon Place, Belfast (2 minutes from Central Station).  
 Led by Fr. Edgardo Arellano (Fr. Bing), Spiritual Director of the Alliance of the Two Hearts.  
 Residential and non-residential are welcome.      *For more info call 07734 562 102, 07754 837 045 or (028) 8776 7451*

**The April Big Ask!** Are you between the ages of 16 and 30? If 'Yes', then Pope Francis wants to hear from you, as the Church prepares for a Synod of Bishops (October, 2018) on the theme: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment". You are asked to complete the survey found at [surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bigaprilask](http://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bigaprilask)  
*For more information and A Letter to Young People from Pope Francis visit derrydiocese.org*

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:**  
**Rome Pilgrimage:** [Group 1] Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
 [Group 2] Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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 Medjugorje:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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

**Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo – All-Ireland Rosary Rally:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
**Main Celebrant:** Bishop Brendan Kelly DD • **Homilist:** Fr. Thady Doyle  
 Also the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest

**Life in the Spirit Seminars – An Introduction to a Life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit**  
 Every Thursday from 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher for 7 weeks  
*"Let him who is thirsty come; let him who desires, take the water of life without price" Revelations 22:17*  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR AN OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON OUR PEOPLE**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017**

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am</b> Confirmation	<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12.00noon</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6.00pm</b> in St. Patrick's Cemetery Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am</b> in Broughderg Cemeteries Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

<p><b>Pope Francis' Intention for April (please remember this in your personal prayers)</b>  <b>Young People:</b> That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.</p>
<p><b>Rural Support:</b> 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  <b>Email:</b> info@ruralsupport.org.uk <b>Website:</b> ruralsupport.org.uk          To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606</p>
<p><b>Child Safeguarding:</b> 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. <i>See poster at entrance</i></p>
<p><b>Kindercare Fostering NI:</b> 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:  <b>Tel:</b> (028) 90941690 • <b>Email:</b> gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • <b>Website:</b> kindercareni.co.uk</p>
<p><b>MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas):</b> 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.  <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
<p><b>Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack:</b> 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.  <b>If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office</b>  <b>Email:</b> t.mcmenamain@derrydiocese.org • <b>Tel:</b> (028) 7126 2302 • <b>Website:</b> catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants</p>
<p><b>ACCORD – Relationship Counseling:</b> 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.  <i>An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p><b>Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm:</b> 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.  <b>Address:</b> IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal  <b>Tel:</b> (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • <b>Website:</b> celticprayergarden.com • <b>Facebook:</b> IOSASCentre • <b>Twitter:</b> IOSASCentre</p>
<p><b>Drink Wise Age Well:</b> Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?  <i>For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240</i></p>
<p><b>St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests:</b> 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 prayer for a priest.          The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: <i>prayerforpriests.com</i>  <b>Rosemary Johnson</b> 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • <b>Ethna Hill</b> 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com  <b>Siobhan Sweeney</b> 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • <b>Eamon Cassidy</b> 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com</p>
<p><b>Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs and their families and friends:</b>          Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass  <i>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</i></p>

<b>Parish Liturgy for April, 2017</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McCullagh	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Frankie Bradley	Eileen McKenna	Josephine Clarke
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Ryan Clarke	Lauryn Hollywood	Cara-Rose Brogan
<b>Collectors</b>	Noel McElhatton Francis McLaughlin	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Pat McGuigan Brendan Daly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Alice Keenan, Anne Donnelly and Anne Tuohey		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
<p><b>Red Cross:</b> 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.  <i>Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011</i></p>			
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession:</b> 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.  <b>St. Patrick's:</b> 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  <b>Our Lady of the Wayside:</b> Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass</p>			
<p><b>Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption?</b> 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:  <b>Rachael (Belfast Office):</b> (028) 9069 1133 • <b>Julie or Brian (Derry Office):</b> (028) 7136 8592  <b>Email:</b> email@familycaresociety.org • <b>Website:</b> familycaresociety.co.uk</p>			
<p><b>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:</b>          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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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);</li> <li>• Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>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.  <i>From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>			
<p><b>Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure:</b> 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.  <i>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</i></p>			

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 20:19-31:** *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

**Musings:** *From Sounding the Seasons – Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year by Malcolm Guite (Canterbury Press)*

Jesus reveals himself with his wounds: his whole body was clean, beautiful and full of light but the wounds were and are still there, and when the Lord comes at the end of the world, we will see his wounds. Before he could believe, Thomas wanted to place his fingers in the wounds. He was stubborn. But that was what the Lord wanted – a stubborn person to make us understand something greater.

*Pope Francis*

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

'We do not know ... how can we know the way?'  
Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.  
O doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things:  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after him and find him in the flesh.  
Because he loved your awkward counterpoint,  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
O place my hand with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

**The Deep End - Shalom:** *Jane Mellet (melletj@gmail.com)*

The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism – we can even be made fun of. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might recall times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on those times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness' – and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you. The word 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving. The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us.

Life will always prevail, through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it  
*Margaret Silf*

**Thornhill Ministries – Lenten Programme:** *Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry*  
**Lent from the Inside** Thursdays from 10.30am to 2.30pm **Into the Twilight** Mondays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm  
Five short retreat days as we reflect on the road of life An hour of silent meditation  
**Opening to the Word** Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.45am  
Lectio: Quiet guidance in Scripture-praying  
**Tel:** (028) 7135 1233 • **E-mail:** thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • **Online:** thornministries.co.uk / find us on Facebook

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr)** Born in France 1803, joined the Marist. He worked on the island of Futuna, Oceania, where he was clubbed to death for baptizing the chief's son. He is honoured as the first martyr of the church in Oceania.

**St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort (priest) [1673-1716]** A priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. His writings concern Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. He strongly promoted the praying of the rosary.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe)**  
Humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth century Europe, spent all her energies for the Church, being able to achieve the Pope's return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – St. Pius V (pope) [1504-1572]** Dominican, elected Pope in 1565, he implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal and Catechism. He is noted for his defence of Christendom against the Ottoman empire. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

**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

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

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

Youth enjoy thought-provoking faith talks • Derry Youth Community seeking new members  
 New name for Clonmany NS • Guides celebrate World Thinking Day  
 Slaughtneil camogs' prayerful path to success • Ballinascreen music gathering helps STEPS to hope  
 Uplifting night of music in Strathfoyle • Christ the King Youth Choir to 'Let It Shine' • Lavey Confirmation  
 Cappagh 'Life in the Spirit' seminars • Long Tower Knights of Blessed Sacrament • Granaghan Station Mass  
 Trad for Trocaire in Errigal • New St Eugene's choir director relishing his role  
 Ruby celebration for Aghyaran missionary priest • Iskaheen launches funeral guidebook  
 Ardmore hosts Syro Malabar celebration • Waterside parishioner shares faith story  
 L'Arche feature • Musical tribute to Bishop Daly • Ardmore parish reflects on Family and Marriage  
 New group exploring how lay missionaries and returned volunteers can help parish life  
 Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group to help reinvigorate parishes, Honduras Diary – Part 2  
 Contemplating Laudato Si • Historic Hinterland • Children's Catechism Club

*For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to [editorthenet15@gmail.com](mailto:editorthenet15@gmail.com) or call/text 07809 292 852*

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service – Facilitator Required:** Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses. Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together? ACCORD is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships. Professional training provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award). Accredited by Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College Maynooth.  
**Email:** [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com) • **Tel:** 02890 233002 • **Website:** [accord-ni.co.uk](http://accord-ni.co.uk) • **Closing Date for Applications:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**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. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.  
*For more information call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 7126 4087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)*

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