



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Pope Francis Speaks to Ireland** *Phoenix Park Mass [Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August]*  
 "We ask forgiveness for all those times when, as a Church, we did not offer to the survivors of any type of abuse compassion and the pursuit of justice and truth by concrete actions. We ask forgiveness. We ask forgiveness for some members of the hierarchy who took no responsibility for these painful situations and kept silent. We ask forgiveness."

**Liturgy Schedule for Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019)**

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> St. Polycarp (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Rose Morris (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>12 noon to 7.15pm</b> Adoration <b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass followed by Confession
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass followed by Confession <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Rose and Jim Kirk (4 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversaries)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Collection:** £1,280 *Thank you for your generosity*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Eileen Quinn** whose First Anniversary Mass will take place Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. Mary's, Dunnamore and for the souls of **Maggie Bradley (3<sup>rd</sup>)** and **Rose Morris (9<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for **Rose Hollywood, Michael McCullagh, Josie Walker** and **Jacinta Haughey**, recently deceased and enrolled members in the Derry Diocesan Society.

**Sick and Housebound:** Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please note there will be changes to the time of some of visits which will be communicated to those concerned during the coming week.

**Lenten Days and Holy Week Retreat at Dromantine:**  
*A Lenten Encounter: Looking Up and Reaching Out*  
 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 5.00pm • Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA • £25 (lunch included)  
*A Lenten Experience: Called to Renewal*  
 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 5.00pm • Led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA • £25 (lunch included)  
**Holy Week Retreat:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11.00am • The SMA Community invites you to join them in reflectively celebrating the Easter Triduum, beginning with the Seder Meal • £250 full board *Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry BT34 1RH • (028) 30821964 or admin@dromantineconference.com to book*

**Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends**  
 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry. Bishop Mc Keown will celebrat. *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 0044 28 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org*

**Pope Francis' Intention for March (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities:** That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**Next Week's Readings:** Sirach 27:4-7 • Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v 2 • 1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
 Luke 6:39-45 • Lectionary 1:859 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Parish Liturgy for March, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Sean Teague
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Kira Donnelly	Lauryn Hollywood	Tara Conneely
<b>Collectors</b>	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Ronan Hollywood Patrick Tuohy	Brian Donnelly Perry McCrory
<b>Altar Society</b>	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCullagh		Ann McDermott and Martina McBride

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
23 <sup>rd</sup> February • <b>John James McElduff</b>	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	24 <sup>th</sup> February • <b>Katie McGurk</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> March • <b>Daithi Hughes</b>	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 <sup>rd</sup> March • <b>Shane Morris</b>

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

**Life in the Spirit Seminars:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April in conjunction with 7.30pm Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. **Speakers:**  
 28<sup>th</sup> February: Teresa Lappin • 7<sup>th</sup> March • Sr. Josephine Walsh • 14<sup>th</sup> March: Fr. Eugene Hasson • 21<sup>st</sup> March: Bishop McKeown • 28<sup>th</sup> March: Fr. Eamon Kelly • 4<sup>th</sup> April: Fr. Colum Curry • 11<sup>th</sup> April: Archbishop Eamon Martin

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages (April to October):** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing, any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service.  
*Call us on 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com for further info and book dates that suit*

**Annual Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. £679. We welcome all pilgrims, especially pilgrims in need of care. We welcome doctors, nurses and youth (aged 17years+) to assist with those in need. Application forms now available. Call (028) 7126 0293 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00am to 1.00pm) or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com at any time.

**Marian Pilgrimages:** Fully escorted group pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, £579 pps. Including visits to the town of Pietrelcina, the house of Mary Pyle and Mass at the Shrine of St. Michael Archangel, accompanied by Spiritual Director.  
*For more info on joining the group call Marie Martin on 0044 7799 11 2224*

**Lenten Promise Cards Now Available!** The Lenten Promise Card is a very simple, yet practical way of "doing something" for Lent. Each day, by scratching off the date you are invited to pray, fast or give.  
*Cards cost £1 and are available from Thornhill Ministries, 121 Culmore Road, Derry*

**"Jesus, Teach Us to Pray"** A series of 6 Retreat mornings (Thursdays) taking us into the mystery of the praying mind and heart of Christ through the Gospel of Luke. Silence is a core element. Begins Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 10.15am to 12.15pm.  
**Tel:** (028) 7135 1233 • **Email** thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • **Website:** thornhillministries.co.uk

**Greencastle Community Association – AGM:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45pm in Community Centre.

**Accord Marriage Preparation Course:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April • 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April • 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May  
 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June • 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June *Visit accord-ni.co.uk to book*

**Catholic Engaged Encounter Course:** For details / booking: marriageencounter.ie • (028 2763 8512  
 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March in Our Lady and St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim.

**Diocesan Vocation Week:** Our new Derry Diocesan Vocations Director of Vocation has inaugurated a Diocesan Vocation Week from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Each day of the week will have a particular theme for the Sunday and Daily Mass. A short reflection, intercession and Post Communion Prayer will be shared each day. Themes are Priesthood (Sunday) • Single Life (Monday) • Seminarians (Tuesday) • Religious Life (Wednesday) Christian Vocation (Thursday) • Marriage and Family (Friday) • Those Discerning (Saturday)  
 The week will conclude with a Diocesan Vocations Day, 'Come and See', which will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Thornhill Retreat Centre, starting at 10.30am. All enquiries in relation to this Day should be directed to Fr. Chris Ferguson, Director of Vocations for the Derry Diocese: Tel: (028) 7135 1261, Email: chris\_j\_ferguson@hotmail.com

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

**Young People and the Example of Mary:** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**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*

**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

**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](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)*

**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](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Website:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.co.uk)

**Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):**

Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies

*Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on [radiomaria.ie](http://radiomaria.ie) or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) • Join our faith family!*

**Accord Counselling Services:** Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.

*If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email [omagh@accordni.com](mailto:omagh@accordni.com)*

**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](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)*

**The Big Knit for Age NI** Calling all knitters! For every hat knitted Age NI receives 25p.

*To register or find out more call Dorothy on (028) 9024 5729, email [bigknit@ageni.org](mailto:bigknit@ageni.org) or visit [ageni.org/bigknit](http://ageni.org/bigknit)*

**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](mailto:michellemcginn@foylehospice.com)*

**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](mailto:omagh@accordni.com)*

**String Instrument Music Lessons:** Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall

For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified 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

**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](mailto:info@ruralsupport.org.uk) **Website:** [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)

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

**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](mailto:tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com)*

**The Priory Institute – Study Theology Online:**

Come and join our supportive student community and study theology by distance learning this Spring, register now!

**Tel:** 00353 1 404 8124 • **Email:** [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) • **Website:** [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](http://enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)

**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](http://towardspeace.ie) • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** [towardspeace@jecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@jecon.ie)

**Family Care Adoption Services** *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*

For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)  
us using any of these details **Email:** [anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org) • **Website:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://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*

**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*

**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@fermanaghmagh.com](mailto:kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com) • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

**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*

**Mid Ulster Agewell:** Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

*For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email [marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org](mailto:marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org)*

**Pilgrimage to Rome and Tuscany:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June for nights, ex Dublin (includes

Assisi, Florence and Pisa). Spiritual Director: Fr. Brian Donnelly. Guide: Kieran Troy

£1,090 per person sharing (single room supplement £280). Includes guided tours and most meals.

*Call Paul or Marie at Downe Travel on (028) 4461 3288 or email [marie@downetravel.co.uk](mailto:marie@downetravel.co.uk)*

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

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 6:17, 20-26: John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)**

1. We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. This suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'
2. 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet it is not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?
3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, and that they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

**The Deep End – How Happy:** *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include:

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

**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*

**PARISH EVENTS IN 2018**

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> Service of Light for P7	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> First Confession for P4
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Confirmation by Bishop McKeown	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries	
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> Mass for Parish Deceased
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> Advent Penance Service	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> 2 New Altar servers welcomed
<b>31 December</b> Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018	

**IMPORTANT DATES IN 2019**

<b>First Confession</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm	<b>Confirmation</b> Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon
<b>First Holy Communion</b> Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon	

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	12

**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

**Accord Counselling Services:** Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *If you would like to avail of this service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

**Owenkillew Credit Union – Death Benefit Insurance (DBI):**  
 DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.

**The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration**  
 It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.  
 "...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

**Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration**  
**12noon – 1.00pm** Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life  
**1.00pm – 2.00pm** Married couples and those preparing for Marriage  
**2.00pm – 3.00pm** Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people  
**4.00pm – 5.00pm** Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth  
**6.00pm – 7.00pm** The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

**Trocaire – Recruiting Volunteers:** To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.  
If you are interested in volunteering visit [trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer](http://trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer) or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

### **Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019**

*Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace*

“Pope Benedict XVI noted that “every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have.” This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the “Beatitudes of the Politician”, proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: “Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening. Blessed be the politician who is without fear.” Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.’

### **Deanery of Tyrone Statistics**

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000

6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people

3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people

The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics

7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?

In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.

The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s

The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%