



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr  
 Ascension of the Lord [Year A] (28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017)  
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**Thought for the Ascension:** "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand."  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church (Sections 532-535)*

**Liturgy Schedule for the Seventh Week of Easter [Year A] (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June)**

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Ascension of the Lord [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary		
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until <b>11.00am</b>
St. Justin (martyr)		
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>12 noon</b> First Holy Communion Mass <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Pentecost Sunday [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass

**COLLECTIONS Weekly: £1,000 • Diocesan Purposes: £670**

**First Holy Communion-** The children of Primary Four of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School will receive their First Holy Communion during mass at 12 Noon on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.  
*Please pray for the 14 First Communicants and their families during these final days of preparation*

**Baptism:** We congratulate family of **Eabha Faye McCrory** who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May in Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

**Wedding:** We congratulate **Mark Donnelly (Greencastle) and Ashling McAleer (Greencastle)** who shared the Sacrament of Matrimony together on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May in St. Patrick's Church.

**Remembering our Dead:** We pray for the repose of the souls of **Enda McDermott (18<sup>th</sup>)** and **Brendan McLaughlin** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick and Housebound:** Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care at the usual times on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.  
*If you wish to have a family member in the parish added to the home visitation list please contact Fr. Gallagher*

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje:** 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*

**Annual Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Bus leaving Gortin at 8.00am via Greencastle.  
*To book call Pat on (028) 8164 7099*

**Lough Derg 2017 – Upcoming Seasons: One Day Retreats** Advance booking is essential 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May  
**Three-Day Pilgrimage** Pre-booking not required  
 Begins Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1,500 years).

**Next Week's Readings:** Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 • Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 R/ v 30  
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 • John 20:19-23 • Lectionary 1:601 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>Parish Liturgy for June, 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>	Roisin Hood	Siobhan McKenna	Barry Maguire
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Eimear Bradley	Aileen Tracey	Grace Conneely
<b>Collectors</b>	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Frank Keenan Patrick Tuohy	Brendan Daly Tony Donnelly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Nuala Glass and Rosemary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
The family of <b>Shane Molloy</b>		The family of <b>Aimee Gumley</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pentecost Sunday	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
		The family of <b>Odhran Hughes</b>

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

**Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage**  
 You may begin on any day between Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
 No need to book. Daily boats to the island from 10.30am to 3.00pm, 7 days per week.  
 There are various travel options available countrywide  
 Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality  
**Tel:** Maureen or Lorraine on 07198 615 18 (00353 7198 615 18 from NI)  
**Email:** info@loughderg.org **Website:** loughderg.org

**IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden – White Oaks Acorn Project Plant Sale**  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 1.00pm to 7.00pm. A wide range of vegetable plants and produce available. *All Welcome*  
**Address:** Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co Donegal • **Tel:** (00353) (0) 74 9384866  
**Website:** celticprayergarden.com • **Facebook / Twitter:** IOSASCentre

**Precious Life – 11<sup>th</sup> All-Ireland Rally for Life:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July in Dublin City Centre with Holy Mass in St. Saviours Church, Dominick St., Dublin beforehand at 12.30pm. Join thousands of people from across Ireland for this fun-filled family day out. Coaches will be travelling to the Rally from various towns across Northern Ireland.  
*For more information contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on (028) 9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com*

**Box Fit Classes:** Mondays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Greencastle Community Centre. Due to late cancellations 4 places are now open to anyone wishing to join. *Call Darryl on 07979 378 732 if interested*

**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

**Christian Brothers and Loreto Grammar Schools, Omagh – Transfer 2018 GLA Information Evening**  
 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Sports Hall of the Christian Brothers Grammar School Omagh.  
 For parents of Primary 6 children • Parking in Henderson's car park

**Loreto Convent Grammar School – Annual Past Pupils' Reunion:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 1.00pm in the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet old school friends, so come along and bring some former classmates with you. Booking is essential.  
*For more info call Joan on 07934 377 699, Briege on (028) 8076 0667 or Carmel on 00353 8720 70415*

**Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events:** **Tel:** (028) 8775 7800 • **Email:** kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com

**Annual Gaeltacht Thir Eoghain** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

**Free Men's Health Check** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. £65 admission  
 We would appreciate if any person has recordings of old local Pomeroy songs, stories, poems, singers etc. All recordings will be handled with care and returned

**Return to Uganda:** Ann O' Kane (nee Teague) is returning to Uganda on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June to work with young pregnant girls who have been the victims of rape. A small donation / loose change in the box which will be in the porch after masses on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June is appreciated. *All donations go directly to support their needs*

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

**Christians in Africa:** That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests:** The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in prayer for a priest.

The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: prayerforpriests.com

Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan\_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • Ethna Hill 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com

Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • Eamon Cassidy 077435 02165 - e\_cassidy@hotmail.com

**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

**Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption?** We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.

Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • Julie or Brian (Derry Office): (028) 7136 8592

Email: email@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

**Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:**

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee**

**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

**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. An information session will take place in St. Mary's College, Derry on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm.

**Tyrone AOH – Rosary to Mark 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima:**

Every night from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm at the beautiful Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Mass Rock on Mullydoo Road near Greencastle Community Centre. For more info call Helen on 07585 950 724 or email helen.a.t@hotmail.com

**Blood Donation Session in Greencastle:** Returns Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June as a result of the fantastic turnout at the first session. We would encourage as many people to come along. #GiveBloodSaveLives

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 28:16-20:** John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. Jesus meets the disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, or the death of a loved one. Was there an occasion when the words spoken to you gave you direction for the future?
2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way you sent someone on their way in life, knowing that you would not be with them as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make their way in life?
3. Despite this extraordinary encounter with Jesus some of the disciples doubted. Dealing with questions and doubt is part of an adult faith journey. How have your questions and doubts helped to shape the faith you have today?
4. Jesus commissioned this collection of believing and doubting disciples to carry on his work. We inherit that mission today. How do you see yourself as commissioned to continue the mission of Jesus?
5. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though they were not physically present with you? What are the things that help you to be aware of the presence of Jesus with you on life's journey?

**Musings – Fully Alive:**

*From Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew by Donal Neary SJ Messenger Publications*

I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, 'If he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus – he is here and there. The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body – the man of heaven and the God of earth – is now the Church, and that's us.

Before we are of any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptised into the church of Christ; we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole Church – we begin in him and end in him, like the Alpha and Omega, on the paschal candle.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday – in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

A breathing prayer – as you breathe in you notice you are breathing in the gift of life from God.

Holy Spirit, living in the Church, living in Mary, draw me more fully into your life.

**The Deep End – Good News:**

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

Today marks the 51<sup>st</sup> World Communications Day, and the theme for this year is 'Fear not, for I am with you': Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time. In his message to mark the occasion, Pope Francis urges us to engage in 'constructive forms of communication'.

'In a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism,' he warns. 'I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart "good news".'

For Christians, Pope Francis says, the lens through which we view life must be the Good News, the gospel of Jesus Christ: 'In Christ, even darkness and death become a point of encounter with Light and Life ... Seen in this light, every new tragedy that occurs can also be a setting for good news, inasmuch as love can find a way to draw near and to raise up sympathetic hearts, resolute faces and hands ready to build anew.'

It is fitting that this day coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. In today's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his disciples with the important task of spreading the Good News – to 'make disciples of all the nations'. The way we communicate, and the news we choose to share with others, is a vital part of our role as disciples.

'The early Christians compared the human mind to a constantly grinding millstone; it is up to the miller to determine what it will grind: good wheat or worthless weeds. Our minds are always 'grinding', but it is up to us to choose what to feed them.'

*Pope Francis' Message for the 51<sup>st</sup> World Communications Day*

**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

**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.

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

**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)*

**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@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**2016 Parish Statistics**

Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16)	Funerals (10)	Station Masses in October
7 within parish 9 outside parish	8 within parish 2 outside parish	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	

**Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo – One-Day Pilgrimage to Knock:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Parish bus from Newtownstewart with hotel and 3-course meal  
en route and 3-course evening meal in hotel on return (bring packed lunch)

Rosary Rally • Anointing of Sick • Mass

**Homilist:** Fr. Thady Doyle (The Curates Diary) accompanied by Fr. Roland Colhoun

**Occasion:** 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest

**Cost:** £39 (£25 for children) – transferrable, but not refundable

For more information email [roland@derrydiocese.org](mailto:roland@derrydiocese.org) or call (028) 8166 1445

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

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** The visit of the Mother of God, with the child Jesus in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth, who was herself six months' pregnant with the forerunner of Christ, St. John the Baptist.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June – St. Justin (martyr) [100-165]** An early Christian apologist, regarded as the foremost interpreter of the theory of the Logos in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. Was martyred, alongside some of his students.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – St. Kevin (abbot) [498-618]** Known as the founder and first abbot of Glendalough in County Wicklow, Ireland. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

**St. Charles Lwanga and Companions (martyrs)** Ugandans convert to the Catholic Church, who were martyred for their faith and are revered as saints by both the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

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

Cappagh youth 'Let it Shine' • Maghera pupils share Romania experience • Urney and Castlefinn youth concert  
Waterside JP11 Youth Mass • Desertegney youth lead Urris hills Memorial Service • Youth Station Mass in Gortin  
Bellaghy teenagers explore faith issues • Templemore children enjoy 'Prayer and Paint'

Coleraine youth present Sorrowful Mysteries

Powerful Passion performances in Kilrea, Errigal, Sion Mills, Draperstown, Claudy, and St. Eugene's

Ardmore's Irish dancing altar server's success • Claudy Girl Guides Mass • JP11 youth at Knock

Exploring Youcat in Waterside • Long Tower Palm Procession • Maghera SMA priest writes - 'The future is Africa'

Coleraine fundraiser for Africa • Culmore Lenten Journey • Steelstown tribute to Sacristan Noreen

Killygordon parishioners enjoy retreat • Swatragh Big Breakfast • Waterside reflection for Eucharistic Ministers

Killyclogher faith story • Glenullin GAC Mass • Ardmore Big Breakfast and Easter hamper delights

Newtownstewart's new cruet veil

Remembering the late Fr. Bernard Bryson of Maghera and Eglinton principal, Tony McLaughlin

Inishowen Pastoral Councils enjoy inspirational evening • Derry legionaries host regional conference,

Our Lady of Fatima statue visit to Cathedral and Killyclogher parishes • Ardmore 'Joy of Love' journey continues

Pastoral Council book launch highlights energy within parishes • Perpetual Help feature,

Children's Catechism Club • Diocesan Diary

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**Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions**

Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month from May to October with the exception of 19<sup>th</sup> August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry

beginning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

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**DVD Presentation and Talk – The Message of Fatima** Given by Lida Bulf (Consecrated Life) • All are welcome

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in St. Brigid's Carnhill, Derry

**DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12.00noon** First Holy Communion

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery**      **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am in Broughderg Cemeteries**

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

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**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown  
Coach leaving from St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry **Cost:** £80 per person (inc. all transport and pilgrimage costs)

If you would like to join Bishop Donal and many from all around our diocese on Pilgrimage  
to walk in the footsteps of St. Patrick please contact us to reserve your place.

A non-refundable deposit of £20 per person is required to secure your place.

For info / to register call The Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email [amhickey@derrydiocese.org](mailto:amhickey@derrydiocese.org)

**Children in Crossfire – Ben Nevis Climb:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June flying from Derry. Places are limited

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