

PARISH OF GREENCASTLE

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PARISH OF BADONEY LOWER

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (28th August, 2022)

Time to say Goodbye: As I take my leave of you in Greencastle and Badoney Lower and head to pastures new in Moville I take this opportunity to simply say, *thank you so much* for making me feel part of the parish families and your own families. So much has happened in these 7 years and I have many happy memories of being with you and having the privilege to lead these two parishes during that time. The future may seem bleak but as the 'Thought for the Week' below says we could wallow in self-pity or take this as an opportunity for a new beginning and a different way of being parish and church. I wish both Fr. Brian Donnelly as the Administrator and Fr. Roland Colhoun as Curate every grace and blessing as they take on the task of shaping the four parishes under their pastoral care for evangelisation and mission into the future. Please give them as much support and understanding as you can as they grapple with their new responsibilities. As I said at the weekend, I will not be a stranger in the future. I will be inducted as Parish Priest of Moville on Monday 5th September in St. Mary's Church, Ballybrack at 7.30pm mass to which you are all most welcome. Please note the church is not in Moville itself but outside it (check it on Google!) God bless you and your families and again thanks for the memories, love and support. *Fr. Eddie Gallagher*

Contact Arrangements: As well as change of priests we also have change in the Parish Office so unfortunately there may be some disruption until new arrangements can be put in place.

In the meantime can you please contact either Fr. Brian Donnelly in Plumbridge by calling (028) 8164 8283 or Fr. Roland Colhoun on (028) 8166 1445

GREENCASTLE

Sat. 27th Aug.	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Paul and Elizabeth McCullagh (12 th and 42 nd Anniversaries)
Sun. 28th Aug.	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Mass
Tues. 30th Aug.	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	9.30am	Mass
Wed. 31st Aug.	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Adoration
Thu. 1st Sept.	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	10.00am	Mass followed by Confession
	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	2.00pm	Requiem Mass and Burial of Ashes of James and Mary Gillen (nee McCrory)
Fri. 2nd Sept.	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	7.30pm	Mass: Rory Bradley (2 nd Anniversary)
Sat. 3rd Sept.	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Rita Fox (7 th Anniversary)
Sun. 4th Sept.	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Mass

Remembering Our Dead (Greencastle): We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Jimmy McCullagh (Iowa, USA)** whose ashes were buried here this week and the souls of **James and Mary Gillen (England)** whose ashes will be buried this coming Thursday in Broughderg as well as all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and Housebound Visits – Greencastle and Badoney Lower: Fr. Gallagher will be in contact with all the sick and housebound and will organise a visit over the next couple of weeks.

Lough Derg One-Day Retreats – Dates for September (3rd, 7th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th): Booking is essential. €45pp admission includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car and coach parking. Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at 10.30am and finish at 4.30pm. For more info and to book:
Tel: +353 (0)71 9861 518 **Website:** loughderg.org **Email:** info@loughderg.org

Short Catechism Question and Answer – What is Freedom? *Catechism of the Catholic Church (section 1,731)*
 Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. Reason and will form the higher part of the human soul.

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre Saturday Workshop – When It Is Darkest: Understanding Suicide:

Saturday 24th September, £40 / €45. This workshop will untangle the complex reasons behind suicide and dispel unhelpful myths. It will also provide compassionate advice on how best to help someone vulnerable and support those struggling through the tragedy of suicide to find strength in the darkest of places.

Workshop Facilitator: Fr. Hugh Lagan SMA

Please share with anyone who may be interested. Everyone welcome. Call Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place on (028) (048 from ROI) 3082 1964 or email admin@dromantineconference.com

September Rota (Greencastle)	Greencastle (6.00pm Vigil)	Broughderg (11.30am)
Readers	Joanne McCullagh	Isabella McKenna
Prayers of Faithful	Molly Clarke	Cara-Rose / Colleen Brogan
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Bradley	Patricia Donnelly
Altar Society	Team Eileen	Carmel McCrory

BADONEY LOWER

Sat. 27th Aug.	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun. 28th Aug.	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am	Mass
Mon. 29th Aug.	Cormac House, Gortin	10.00am	Mass then Adoration until 12.30pm
Fri. 2nd Sept.	St. Patrick's, Gortin	10.00am	Mass followed by Confession
Sat. 3rd Sept.	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sun. 4th Sept.	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am	Mass

Remembering Our Dead (Badoney Lower): We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Rose McGillion (Garvagh)** who was buried this week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Amen*

YouTube and Facebook: There is continuing disruption to the YouTube stream of mass in Gortin and Facebook coverage may be sporadic. Please be patient during the transition time in both parishes.

Anniversary Requests (Badoney Lower): Anniversaries should be phoned to the Parish Office or left in sacristy before mass for inclusion in the Prayers of the Faithful of the Mass.

Thought for the Week: "Nothing paralyses our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome. If we see only the problems, we will be defeated; but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory." *Warren Wiersbe*

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

For the Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Saturday 24th September, led by Bishop Donal McKeown with Stations of the Cross at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 3.00pm with Sacrament of the Sick.

Buses will travel from a variety of pick-up points. For more info call Fr. Patrick Lagan at St. Eugene's Cathedral on (028) 7126 2894 or email the parish office at cathedral@derryiocese.org

Sacred Heart College Omagh – Return to School Dates

Thu. 1st Sept Year 8 and Year 9	Fri. 2nd Sept Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11	Mon. 5th Sept Year 12, Year 13 and Year 14	Tues. 6th Sept All year groups
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September Rota (Badoney)

Readers	Gortin (7.30pm Vigil)	Rouskey (10.00am)
Eucharistic Ministers	Jo Keenan	Patrick McCrory
Altar Society	Ciaran McCreanor	Kathleen Haughey, Alice Woods
Parish Counters	Teresa McGarvey, Marian McGarvey, Oonagh O'Neill, Geraldine McGoldrick	Roisin Bradley, Geraldine Bradley, Clare Ann Conway, Mary McNulty
	Team C: Sean McCullagh	

Next Week's Readings

Wisdom 9:13-18 • Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 R/ v 1 • Philemon 9-10 • Luke 14:25-33 • Lectionary 1:903

Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Sisters of Mercy, Bethany House of Prayer, Dundalk – Prayer by Telephone
For those wishing to request confidential prayer call
00353 42933 1602 between 9.00am and 9.00pm every day
One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you

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*

National Vocations Office: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a diocesan priest? If you are considering such a vocation, contact your local priest or the Diocesan Vocations Director
Fr. Pat O'Hagan, PP Merville at pgoh2111@gmail.com
or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Prayer for the End of the Virus
Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.
Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.
We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.
Amen

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.
To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? 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) 9094 1690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

Prayer for Synod on Synodality (2021 – 2023)
We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen*

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

Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome.
"A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.
You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:
Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)
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Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)
'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)
Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

1. The parable brings out two contrasting experiences, but each in its own way can be a moment of grace, a moment of truth, a moment of growth. You may be able to recall such experiences in your life. In the first (verses 8, 9) we discover that we had claimed a place that is too high for us; we are not as selfless, generous or compassionate as we thought we were. In the second (v.10) when others point out a goodness in ourselves that we may not have acknowledged to ourselves. How have you grown through such experiences?
2. In verses 12-14 Jesus warns us against the danger of ulterior motives in doing good. We can do good things partly because of the benefit we will get from what we do. That is natural but can lead to disappointment and resentment when our expectations are not met. When the good deed in itself is our reward, we have a greater freedom. Feedback will be a bonus but not necessary. What does your life experience tell you about this?

Derry Diocesan Prayer for Vocations
Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know your sheep, and you know how to reach their hearts. Give to the people of the diocese of Derry hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit. Speak to the hearts of the faithful men and women of our diocese, that they may hear your call to follow you and serve your people as priests, consecrated religious and consecrated virgins. Awaken in them the courage to answer: "Here I am, Lord. Send me." St. Eugene, pray for us. St. Columba, pray for us.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.

Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk

What Is Spiritual Communion? It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Our Faith – Developing What We Were Taught in School:

- Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice?
- Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith?
- Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist?
- Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life?

The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne addresses these and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing.

More info, enrolment visit drumalis.co.uk/pathways

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Call us on (028) 7135 1329

Towards Peace: A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.

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

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

2020	PARISH STATISTICS	2021
(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	10 Boys • 7 Girls [17]
(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls	First Communion	7 Boys • 9 Girls [16]
(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	10 Boys • 6 Girls [16]
0 within parish • 1 outside parish	Weddings	5 within parish • 2 outside parish [7]
8	Deaths and Burials	12

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%

A Prayer for Now: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

Northern Ireland Adoption and Foster Care:

With an increase in children and young people needing foster homes across Northern Ireland, we need you now.

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It's always the right time for fostering.

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Fr. Shields Camogie Club, Greencastle: An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to try camogie for the first time or return to the game they love. We welcome all who want to try at the following training sessions:

Mondays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm (seniors) Wednesdays, (post-primary, 7.00pm to 8.00pm (U14s and U16s)
Thursdays, 6.30pm to 7.10pm (U6s and U7s) *Support will be given to those who have never played before*

We can assist with online registration, sticks and helmets can be provided during training sessions and matches
Add our club page and message us or come on the nights at the above times
@frshields.greencastle or call Kira on +44 7833 4188 50

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 29th August – *The Beheading of John the Baptist (martyr)* Herod had imprisoned John because he reproved Herod for divorcing his wife (Phasaelis), and unlawfully taking Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod Philip I. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter (traditionally named Salome) danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired, up to half of his kingdom. When the daughter asked her mother what she should request, she was told to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Although Herod was appalled by the request, he reluctantly agreed and had John executed in the prison.

Saturday 3rd September – *St. Gregory the Great (pope and doctor of the Church) [540-604]* Bishop of Rome from 3rd September, 590 to his death. He is known for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the Gregorian Mission, to convert the then-pagan Anglo-Saxons in England to Christianity. Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope.

Sunday 4th September – *Bl. Dina Bélanger [1897-1929]* Known in Québec City for being a concert pianist (trained at a NY conservatory) and a gifted composer prior to entering the order of the Religieuse de Jésus-Marie at the age of 24. What sets Bl. Dina (in religious life, Mère Marie Sainte-Cécile de Rome) apart and makes her especially worthy of our esteem was her interior life. Like Thérèse of Lisieux immediately before her and Faustina Kowalska after her, Bl. Dina was privileged to be a mystic, a bride of Christ in whom he confided the depths of his merciful love for every human being.

Bl. Mary Stella and Her Ten Companions (virgins and martyrs) Nuns of the Holy Family of Nazareth who arrived in Nowogrodek in September, 1929. Nowogrodek was a small town in the eastern lands of the Republic of Poland (now Belarus). Its population was very diversified because it included Poles, Jews, Muslims, Belarusians and Russians and others.

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre (in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham) Masters in Catholic School Leadership:

A post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. A great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to / have an interest in leadership roles within the Catholic School system.

Applications for the Autumn intake close Friday 30th September. For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Omagh – *Inductions*

Thu. 1st Sept.	Year 8 (Group A)	Off: Friday 2 nd September	Returns: Tuesday 6 th September
	Year 11	Off: Friday 2 nd September	Returns: Monday 5 th September
Fri. 2nd Sept.	Year 8 (Group B)	Returns: Tuesday 6 th September	
	Year 13	Returns: Monday 5 th September	
Mon. 5th Sept.	Years 9-14		