



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year B] (29th April, 2018)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Thought for the Week: "Thanks be to God, throughout the history of the church it has always been clear that a person's perfection is measured not by the information or knowledge they possess, but by the depth of their charity." *Pope Francis in Gaudete et exsultate, Apostolic Exhortation on Holiness*

Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Easter [Year B] (Sunday 29th April – Sunday 29th April)

Saturday 28th April	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass: Rose Hollywood (6 th Anniversary)
There will be NO MASS on Monday 30th April and Tuesday 1st May		
Wednesday 2nd May	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.20pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass followed by Rosary
Thursday 3rd May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass followed by Confession until 11.00am
Friday 4th May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 5th May	St. Patrick's	10.00am First Saturday in honour of Our Lady followed by Confessions until 11.00am 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Maureen Fox (10 th Anniversary)
Sunday 6th May	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass

Confirmation Congratulations and Thanks: We congratulate the children and families of all those involved in our Confirmation ceremony last weekend. We thank Bishop Donal for his presence and all who contributed to the ceremony in any way. We congratulate in particular the 17 children of Our Lady of Lourdes PS Colleen Brogan • Trea Clarke • Ryan Coney • Niamh Conway • Tara Haughey • Sorcha Hughes Lennan Mayton • Matthew McGlinchey • Mickey Joe McGlinchey • Amy McGurk • Caolan McKenna Gearoid McNamee • Darragh Morris • Patrick Morris • Seán Og Teague • Daire Tracey • Maebh Warnock

Sick and Housebound: Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care Friday 4th May at the usual times.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Rose Hollywood (6th)** whose anniversary occurs at this time

Rosary – Month of Mary: For the Wednesdays of May the rosary will be recited after 7.30pm mass in St Patrick's Church.

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Tuesday 28th August to Tuesday 4th September.
Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038 for further details

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

Rosary on the Coast Event for Life and Faith and to Keep the Eighth Amendment: Sunday 20th May at 2.30pm at Benone Strand, Magilligan, Derry and Fahan Beach, Donegal. Please come along and pray for this crucially important cause, six days before the Referendum is held. *For more details call +0044 (0) 7730330028*

Pope Francis' Intention for May (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Evangelisation – The Mission of the Laity: That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • Psalm 97:1-4, R/ cf. v 2 • 1 John 4:7-10
 John 15:9-17 • Lectionary 1:536 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 28 th April • Clara Maguire	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 29 th April • Sorcha Hughes
Saturday 5 th May • Cathan McDermott	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 6 th May • Michael McGlinchey
Saturday 12 th May • Ruairi McDonald	Ascension of the Lord	Sunday 13 th May • Daire Tracey
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events Email: kathleenburnsiil@gmail.com • Tel: (028) 8775 7800
Gaeltacht Thir Eoghain: Monday 2nd to Thursday 6th July
Month's Mind Masses: Now taking bookings for light refreshments afterwards

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes to Mark 160th Anniversary of Apparitions
 Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown
Address: 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ • **Email:** derrypilgrim@outlook.com • **Tel:** (028) 7126 0293

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Nurses Needed: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July
 Led by Bishop McKeown • 2018 marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes
Address: Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. BT48 6UJ • **Tel:** (028) 7126 0293 • **Email:** derrypilgrim@outlook.com

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

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events: *Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry*
Celebration of Friendship: Monday 14th May Friends can come together to give gratitude for friendships shared. Arrival time is 11.30am for 12:00noon. Gratitude Prayer and Celebration Lunch. *Cost is £20 • Pre-booking essential*
May Day Retreat – "The Seed and the Soil (III)": Tuesday 1st May, 9.45am to 2.30pm. Fr. Paschal McDonnell OFM leads this Retreat Day, helping us embrace our truth. We hold, with reverence, our family and other relationships in the context of seeking integration. The day will include a Celebration of Eucharist. *Suggested Offering is £20*

Baby Massage Classes – 5 Week Course: Begins Wednesday 2nd May (from birth to 1 year or crawling) with Kerry McCrory [Certified IAIM Infant Massage Instructor] in Coneyglen. *Call 07585 514 417 to book a place (£40)*

Children in Crossfire – Walk the Path of the Camino De Santiago:
 Tuesday 31st July to Monday 6th August • Help the children of Tanzania and Ethiopia
Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** ronan.mcxay@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

ACCORD – Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship) for Academic Year 2018 / 2019
 Validated by St. Patrick's College Maynooth and aligned to Level 8, 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications and is aimed at qualified, experienced counsellors/psychotherapists who have *Degree/Diploma in Counselling / Psychotherapy • Knowledge / Experience of the Person Centred Approach Completed a minimum of 200 client hours and have a current supervised caseload*
 Successful applicants' course and supervision fees funded by ACCORD with training in Maynooth, one weekend per month, September to June • Closing date: Friday 18th May, 2018
 Application criteria and form: accord.ie/joining-accord/becoming-a-counselor

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
Accord Marriage Preparation Course (2018 / 2019): 1st and 2nd June • 22nd and 23rd June *accord-ni.co.uk*

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].
 Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

Greencastle Community Association – Annual General MeetingWednesday 2nd May at 8.00pm in Community Centre

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service – Facilitator Required: Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses. Professional training provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award). Accredited by Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Email: omagh@accordni.com • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439 • **Website:** accordni.com

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

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 • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes:

Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018?

For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

Parish Liturgy for April, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Nuala Glass	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Lauryn Hollywood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Megan Coyle Orla Coyle	Peter Tracey Leo Donnelly	Perry McCrory Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Rosemary McCullagh, Nuala Glass, Louise O'Brien and Alannah Coyle		Ann McDermott, Carmel McCrory, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

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

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Cherish the Ladies Concert: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel.

Tickets (£15) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

Family Care Adoption Services: We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children

For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Online:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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

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

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

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme.

If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office

Email: t.mcmenamain@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 30th 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.

ASPIRE: Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.
 For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 15:1-8: John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God? With your friends? With your family? With communities or groups to which you belong?
2. In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis wrote: 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?
3. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.
4. God is glorified by our being fruitful. When has human fruitfulness reminded you of God at work in our world?

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

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

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
<p>April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13th April</p>		

Musings – Why Pope Francis is Happy

Question from a young boy during an interview between Pope Francis and young people in 2014: Everyone is this world is trying to be happy. But we have wondered are you happy? If so, why?

Response from Pope Francis: Absolutely, absolutely, I am happy. And I am happy because ... I don't know why ... Perhaps because I have a job, I'm not unemployed, I have a job, a job as a shepherd! I am happy because I found my path in life and travelling that path makes me happy. And it is also a peaceful happiness, because at that age it is not the same happiness as a young person feels, there's a difference. A certain inner peace, a happiness that also comes with age. And also with a path that has always had problems; even now there are problems, but that happiness doesn't go away with the problems, no: it sees the problems, suffers them and goes on; it does something to resolve them and goes on. But in the depths of the heart there is that peace and that happiness. It is a grace of God, for me, really. It is a grace.

Interview with Young People (Monday 31st March, 2014)

The Deep End – Stay Connected:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education system, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of productivity, do you? But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

People see the gospel in our lives; let them read our lives. Pope Francis

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

Saturday 19th May at 12 noon
First Holy Communion

Tuesday 21th to Sunday 26th August in Dublin
World Meeting of Families

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

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