Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (1st February, 2015)

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Saturday Evening (31st January)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
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Sunday 1st February	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions
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Although St.Brigid's feast day is not celebrat	ed this year, if you wish to ha	ve your traditional crosses blessed bring them to Mass
Monday 2 nd February	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass (sick and housebound will be visited)
Presentation of the Lord		Candles blessed. Service of Light and Commitment
Feast Day for Consecrated Life		for Year 7 pupils preparing for Confirmation
Tuesday 3 rd February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass followed by the blessing of throats,
St. Blaise (martyr) and St. Angsar (both bish	ops)	traditional on this feast day,
Wednesday 4th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time		
Thursday 5th February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Agatha (virgin and martyr)		
Friday 6th February	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions
St. Paul Miki and Companions (martyrs)	First Friday of the Month	8.00pm Mass
Saturday Morning (7th February)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Mel (bishop)		
Saturday Evening (7th February)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
		6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 8th February	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions
	•	11.00am Mass: Gerard, Gerry and Mary McCrory

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to register by filling out a parish census form

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection of £855 with £19.35 in loose change.

Lourdes Hospitalite Collection: This will be taken up next weekend (there is no envelope in your box of envelopes).

This annual diocesan collection is the main source of funding for the care of the sick pilgrims from all over the diocese.

The Holy Land Collection: This will be taken up on Ash Wednesday (18th February).

Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish. Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.

Sick and housebound Visitations: These will be attended on *Monday 2nd February*. Please inform them if you live nearby.

If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for *Michael Devenney, Malachy Coyle, Peter Donnelly, Thomas McDermott, Margaret Casey* and *Christina Enright*, whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for *Cecilia Straza, Charlie Morris* and *Jeannie Keenan*, the recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Service of Light and Commitment for the 2015 Confirmation Class: Monday 2nd February (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) at 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Parents, families, Godparents and sponsors are invited to take part. Parishioners are invited to commit to becoming a Prayer partner for each child preparing to receive the sacrament this year

St. Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, Derry – Sunday Evening Mass: To be celebrated weekly in at 7.00pm, beginning on Sunday 15th February. Candlelight and Taizé Music.

This may be of particular interest to students living in the area

Long Tower Church, Derry - Traditional Latin Mass: Sunday 1st February at 2.00pm.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 1st to 6th July. Bishop McKeown would like you to consider joining them this year.

Thornhill Ministries' Team – Supporting Parish Liturgy Series 1: 6th and 23rd February and 2rd, 9th 16th and 23rd March in the Fir Trees Hotel, Melmount Road, Strabane. A six week workshop programme for members of liturgy teams, pastoral councils, and those who have an interest in supporting the liturgical life of the parish. Cost £40. Facilitators are Sr. Perpetua McNulty and Sr. Marie Wiley. To book call (028) 713 51233 or email thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org • Module 2 will follow in the Autumn

Next Sunday's Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 • Psalm 146:1-6, r/v 3 • 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 • Mark 1:29-39

(Lectionary I, page 747) Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]

GAA Lotto Results: B • H • J • M • Z (3 with 3 letters winning £20 each) Next Jackpot: £4.150

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 31st January	Fourth Sunday	Sunday 1st February
The family of Niamh Conway	in Ordinary Time	The family of Ruanai McDermott
Saturday 7th February	Fifth Sunday	Sunday 8th February
The family of Sheah Conway	in Ordinary Time	The family of Shauna McGurk

	Alzheimer's Society Carer Information Programme – Upcoming Events: Derg Valley Healthy Living Centre, 5-7 Parkview road, Castlederg from 7.00pm to 8.30pm				
Monday 2nd February					
Monday 9th February	The Emotional Impact of Dementia	Dr. Jean Donaghy (Clinical Psychologist)			
	Financial Matters	Strabane Citizens Advice			
Monday 16th February	Challenging Behaviours	Nicola Hayes (Specialist Nurse)			
Monday 23rd February	An Overview of Local Services	Julie-Anne Casson (Alzheimer's Society)			
	Independent Voice in Health and Social Care	Patient and Client Council			
If you have any queries call Julie-Anne Casson on (028)8224 0826 / (078) 8960 4702					

Annual Ceremony for Pope John Paul II Award: Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, former Archbishop of Baltimore USA, will present the awards on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Millennium Forum, Derry for the Co. Derry and Co. Tyrone Deaneries.

If you wish to attend call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email admin@thepopejohnpauliiaward.com

Limited number of tickets available • We congratulate our parishioners who will be presented with Gold awards

Vocations Information Day: Saturday 21st February at 11.30am in Ardstraw House, Derry.

The Meaning of Marriage – Marriage is a unique relationship different from all others: Bishop McKeown encourages us to read this recent document from the Episcopal Conference. He states 'this document is to be seen in the context of the recent and forthcoming Synods on the Family. It is intended to assist us in our reflection on the nature of marriage and its importance for society and the Church.'

One major question at the heart of the synods is how to ensure that he wishes of adults do not outweigh the needs of children and of the common good. This pastoral statement is a scriptural and theological reflection on the identity of marriage as a unique relationship between a man and a woman, in the service of individuals and society. I encourage you to reflect and discuss this document widely, so that you can enable the Church to speak effectively on the importance and nature of marriage in the world of today. You can access the statement at catholicbishops.ie/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Meaning-of-Marriage-Web-English.pdf

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca – Up	coming Events:		Call (028) 71	126 2512 for	bookings
Tuesday 3rd February, beginning at 7.30pm	Marian Devotions				
Saturday 21st February	Day Retreat for Sacrista	ns and Members of Alta	ar Societies,	cost for day	£20.
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Columba Community – More Alive: A day of serenity at St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot on Sunday 1st February from 11.00am to 4.00pm (St. Brigid's Day). Breige O'Hare, a qualified spiritual director will lead us in a day of quiet reflection concluding with Mass.

Booking essential, call (00353) 74 9368370 ⋅ Cost is €12 / £10 including a light lunch

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/or 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.

Please familiarise yourself with the policy by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre - Card Playing: Every Friday night at 8.30pm.

Dalradian Gold Limited (DGL) – Community Relations Assistant Needed: Now recruiting for the position.

For a copy of the job description call Angela Coney on (028) 8224 6289 or email aconey@dalradian.com

Lough Derg – Ecumenical Celebration of Friendship and Prayer on Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 18th February from10.30am to 3.00pm. This year's guest speaker is the former president of the Methodist Church, Rev. Dr Heather Morris. The event will conclude with an ecumenical prayer service in St Patrick's Basilica. Distribution of Ashes and Eucharist are not included Everyone welcome, including community interfaith groups • Admission is £22 / €25 and includes refreshments and lunch.

Advance booking is essential • For more information / bookings call (00353) 7198 61518 or email info@loughderg.org

People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Pope Francis' Intentions for February (please remember these in your personal prayer)

Universal - Prisoners: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelisation - Separated Spouses: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community

Feast of St. Brigid (abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland) [Wednesday 1st February]: If you wish to have your traditional crosses blessed bring them to Mass with you on this morning. St. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c.454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel and prayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the help of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands.

Do This In Memory: Our next Sunday gathering will be at the Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent (7th March).

Pope John Paul II Award: Tuesday 10th February in the Millennium Forum. Derry, This is the 8th year of the award in the Derry Diocese and it will be launched in several other diocese this year.

Fr. Hasson would like Year 13 students undertaking the award program to offer their gifts for service in our parish

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry - Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs:

Saturday 14th March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

Couples Preparing to Celebrate Marriage in Northern Ireland: You are asked to note that the period of notice for marriage, which is required by civil law, is increasing from a minimum of 14 days to a minimum of 28 days, with effect from 2nd March. Couples must give at least 28 days notice of marriage to the civil Registrar local to the place where marriage is to be celebrated.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 1st to 6th July. Gift vouchers are available from the Thornhill Centre (028) 7135 1233 and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre (028) 7136 2475.

Vouchers can be used as part or full payment towards the pilgrimage

Couples Planning to Marry in 2015: Please confirm your details with Fr. Hasson as soon as possible.

*Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests: 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. Privileges of members: Deceased: 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (this will take place in Greencastle on Wednesday 15th February). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. Living: 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com 6th and 7th February • 6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

	2014 Parish Statistics				
Baptisms Confirmations		firmations	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation	Marriages	Funerals
8 Boys		4 Boys	7 Boys	5 within parish	22
8 Girls	8 Girls 7 Girls		8 Girls	5 outside parish	22
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in Octobe			d August where our special guest and main celebrant w		
			n on his first visit to the parish. We have now completed		
Penal Mass sites located within our parish boundaries. Thank you for sharing your pho			otographs		

Parish Liturgy for February, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of the Faithful	Caoileann Conway	Aiden / Ryan Clarke	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Colum Devlin	Eamon Tracey	Pat McGuigan
Collectors	Michael McElhatton	Brendan Conway	Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Kathleen Tracey		Anne McDermott
Altar Society	Maria Morris		Josephine Clarke
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 1st February - St. Brigid (abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland) Ic. 454-5241 Renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare, with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. Her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland, but in several European lands.

Monday 2nd February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son and the Mother ... on this day Christ's faithful people, with candles, in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'. They should therefore be taught to walk as children of the light in their entire way of life, because they have a duty to show the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps'.

Ceremonial of Bishops, n.241

Tuesday 3rd February – St. Blaise (bishop and martyr) Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Patron Saint for sore throats and sick cattle. Died in 315.

> St. Ansgar (bishop) A Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the 9th century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandanavia. Patron Saint of Denmark.

Thursday 5th February - St. Agatha (virgin and martyr) Died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3rd century. Patron Saint of bell-founders.

Friday 6th February –

St. Paul Miki and Companions (martyrs) Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit, and his twentyfive companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. They were the first martyrs of East Asia to be canonized. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and then stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion of Christ.

Saturday 7th February - St. Mel (bishop) St. Mel or Moel died in 488. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with St. Patrick, his uncle, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He helped evangelise Ireland while supporting himself through manual labour.

Salvador Rvan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)

A lovely story in a 7th century Life of Brigid tells of how a thieving boy approached the saint for alms seven times on the same day (in different disguises each time), to be given on each occasion one sheep. However, that evening, when the sheep were counted, not one was found to be missing. The perpetrator, baffled by this, finally returned the seven sheep after which the number in the flock had still not changed. A generous heart rarely diminishes the giver.

Irish Language Class for Beginners: Every Thursday in Greencastle GAA Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Teenagers and adults are welcome. Call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001

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Call 0800 988 0559 or visit warm-homes.com.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels - Mark 1:21-28:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

- 1. In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.
- 2. Jesus combined teaching with healing and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?
- 3. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?
- 4. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?

The Deep End – A Teaching That Is New:

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

A friend once told me a story about his favourite lecturer in college. He met him while crossing the campus one day, stopped and asked the lecturer how he was. The lecturer paused for a long moment, thinking about it, before eventually replying, 'I'm fine, thanks for asking.' At the time my friend wasn't sure what to make of it, though the unusual encounter stuck in his mind for years afterwards. On reflection, he appreciated that the lecturer had thought about his question, and to this day it has made him stop and think every time he asks someone, or is asked, 'how are you?'. The lecturer had taken an everyday question, and everyday language, and infused it with new meaning.

The people who listen to Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel are used to hearing scribes and teachers in the synagogue. But with Jesus they witness something new. We don't know what Jesus was teaching that day, or what kind of language he was using, but what struck the people was that he taught with authority. He had drawn them in, but they couldn't quite put their finger on it. 'What does it all mean?' they asked each other. He had made them think, and they recognised that he was he was offering something different.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015			
Friday 13th March St. Patrick's 6.30pm First Confession			
Sacramental	Sunday 26th April	St. Patrick's	2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Celebrations	Sunday 17th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
	Feast of the Ascension		•

Solemn Annual Exposition		Sunday 3 rd May	St. Patrick's
of the Blessed S	acrament	Sunday 30 th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan	Wednesday 11th February • Monday 6th April • Friday 29th May St. Patrick's		Friday 29th May

Derry Diocesan Society Masses	Wednesday 11 th February • Monday 6 th April • Friday 29 th May Sunday 19 th July • Tuesday 8 th September • Thursday 29 th October	St. Patrick's
in our Parish	Sunday 19th July	Our Lady of the Wayside
Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates		

Public Prayers for	Saturday Evening (4th July)	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday)	Sunday Morning (5th July)	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
(4th and 5th July)	Monday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls
(4° and 5° daly)			(remembering all who died in 2015)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Saturday 7th March	Second Week of Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 13 th March	Third Week of Lent	6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 28th March	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 18th April	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 17th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 6th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass