



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Second Sunday of Lent [Year B] (1st March, 2015)

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| Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week of Lent [Year B] (2 nd March – 8 th March) | | |
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| Saturday Evening (28th February) | St. Patrick's | 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday |
| Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent [Year B] | St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside | 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass |
| Monday 2nd March Second Week of Lent | St. Patrick's | 7.00am Mass <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i> |
| Tuesday 3rd March Second Week of Lent | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Wednesday 4th March St. Casimir | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Thursday 5th March St. Kieran (bishop) | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Friday 6th March Second Week of Lent | St. Patrick's <i>First Friday of Month</i> | 7.00pm Confessions 7.30pm Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Mass |
| Saturday Morning (7th March) Second Week of Lent | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
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| Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection of £902 with £17.45 in loose change. | | |
| Remembering Our Dead: Pray for Kathleen Warnock, Teresa McCullagh, Jim McLaughlin and Noel McLaughlin , whose anniversaries occur at this time. | | |
| Sick and housebound Visitations: These will be attended on Monday 2nd March . Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson. | | |
| Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <i>Luke 18:16</i> Trócaire's Lenten Campaign – Week 2: Mahlet (13) is the little girl from Ethiopia who appears on this year's Trócaire Box. Mahlet represents the many children in the developing world who are suffering because their families can't grow enough food to feed them. <i>Find out how you can help at trocaire.org/lent • Thank you for your support</i> | | |
| Lent 2015 – What Will You Take Up This Year? One magazine suggested to its readers last week that to help experience something fresh this Lent, beyond the typical practices of 'giving up' X or Y, they might focus on practices Christians might 'take up' instead – an activity or discipline that would deepen the doer's spiritual life while it also improved local conditions or the environment, relationships within families or parishes and even the wider political process. <i>Have you got any suggestions that could help you or all of us rethink and celebrate this season?</i> | | |
| Rosary Crusade to Protect Ireland from Abortion: Begins with a 9 Day Novena of Rosaries on Friday 6 th March and ends with a Rosary Vigil at Parliament Buildings, Stormont (Main Gates), Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast on Saturday 14 th March at 3.00pm. Join thousands of people from across Ireland to pray and be a voice for our unborn children at this critical time. <i>For more information please call Rosary Crusade for Ireland on 028 9027 8484</i> | | |
| Youth 2000 – Weekend Retreat: Friday 27 th to Sunday 29 th March at the Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny. For young adults between the ages of 16 and 35. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all under 18. Meals and accommodation is on site. <i>For more details visit youth2000.ie or call 07598 876 399</i> | | |
| Greencastle Vintage Club Meeting: Wednesday 4 th March at 8.30pm. <i>Members are welcome to attend and help</i> | | |
| Christianity preaches the infinite worth of that which is seemingly worthless and the infinite worthlessness of that which is seemingly so valued. <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i> | | |
| Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 • Psalm 18:8-11, r/ Jn6:8 • 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, r/ John 2:13-25; (Lectionary I, page 251) Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1] | | |
| GAA Lotto Results: B • G • L • T • W (8 with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) Next Jackpot: £4,350 | | |

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| 6.00pm Saturday Vigil <u>Saturday 28th February</u> The family of Lennon Mayton | Offertory Gifts Rota Second Sunday of Lent | 9.00am Sunday Morning <u>Sunday 1st March</u> The family of Enda McKenna |
| <u>Saturday 7st March*</u> The family of Matthew McGlinchey | Third Sunday of Lent | <u>Sunday 22nd March</u> The family of Shona McKenna |
| First Confessions (Reconciliation) is scheduled for Friday 13th March at 6.30pm | | |
| <u>Saturday 14th March</u> The family of Michael McGlinchey | Fourth Sunday of Lent | <u>Sunday 15th March</u> The family of Stephen Meenan |
| As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. Thanks to all who participate in the life and work of our parish faith-community. *Do This In Memory Week 6 | | |
| <p>Taizé 2015 – On and Around Tuesday 12th May: 2015 will be a special year for the community, with several important celebrations planned during the year. The first will be the centenary of Brother Roger's birth, on the Wednesday 12th May, 1915 in the Swiss village of Provence.</p> <p>In Taizé, for this anniversary, the community is inviting those living in the greater region around Taizé (between Dijon and Lyon, Moulins and Geneva) to come and celebrate. On Sunday 10th May, from 3.00pm onwards, various workshops will present Brother Roger's life. There will also be a special programme adapted for children and teenagers. At 5.30pm the community and all those present will come together for a prayer of thanksgiving.</p> <p>Elsewhere in the world, on or around the 12th May, to remember Brother Roger and to put into practice his call to follow Christ, young people are invited to organise a prayer and to do something together for other people, showing solidarity with those in need. We would like to include these different initiatives on our site – please write, with details of places and dates, to info2015@taize.fr.</p> <p>Taizé 2015 – Three Special Meetings this Summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection Week on the Relevance of a Religious Vocation: Sunday 5th to Sunday 12th July An international gathering for young people 40 and under living a monastic or religious life, both those in formation as well as those already committed for some years, with the help of leaders from Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant congregations, communities and monasteries. Youth Gathering for a New Solidarity: Sunday 9th to Sunday 16th August. commemorating Brother Roger's life, thousands of young adults between 18 and 35 will come to Taizé, as well as people involved in working for greater solidarity, representatives of international organisations, Church leaders, believers from other faiths, young people from different cultures. There will also be workshops on art and creation. On Sunday 16th August, during the afternoon, this gathering will conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving, open to all, in memory of Brother Roger, in the presence of Church leaders. A more detailed programme can be found on the website. Colloquium on Brother Roger's Contribution to Theological Thought: Sunday 30th August to Sunday 6th September. An international colloquium for young theologians 40 years old or under: theology students, researchers, or those already serving in Church ministry for several years. Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic theologians from various countries will be in Taizé to shine light on different aspects of Brother Roger's thought which could make a contribution to theological research. <p>Visits in the UK: In March a brother of the Community will be at a weekend meeting in Birmingham, "You are the Salt of the Earth", and he will also take part in gatherings in other places. At the same time, Raquel from Portugal and Wiebke from Germany, two of the volunteer team at Taizé will be visiting 18 schools in England and Wales which are interested in the School and College Weeks. A 20-minute film which was shot by young people themselves during a stay at Taizé last summer has just been released: One Week in July.</p> <p>Commented Bible Passage – God, Take Care of the Violence in Me: Words are sharpened weapons. The singer of this psalm decided to use language for that purpose. Not to attack, but to defend himself. He has no other protection from the violent and the untruthful, so he tries to find in God what the evildoers have taken from him. What did they take? The very possibility of communicating. Violence attacks in us our ability to build bridges and leave isolation behind.</p> <p>For the Diary: On Sunday 8th March at 4.30pm brother Alois will be giving one of the Lent conferences at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris on the theme of "A life which becomes a sign".</p> <p>Prayer: On the road towards Easter we would like to follow your light, Christ Jesus. Even with only a little faith, we would like to listen to you when you say to us "Turn to God and trust in the Gospel."</p> | | |
| 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. <i>Please familiarise yourself with the policy by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church</i> | | |
| St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Colleges of Education – Mass for Class of '71: St. Mary's, Falls Road on Friday 27 th March at 6.00pm in the College Chapel. Were you or a relative a student teacher who commenced their course (Cert Ed, BEd or Post Grad) in St Mary's or St Joseph's Colleges of Education, Belfast in September of 1971? A Mass followed by tea will be held to celebrate 40 years associated with the Colleges as Alumni and to remember deceased friends and classmates. <i>Call John on 07701 336 308</i> | | |

Pope Francis’ Intentions for March (please remember these in your personal prayer)

Universal – *Scientists:* That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelisation – *Contribution of Women:* That the unique contribution of women in the life of the Church may be recognised.

A Step Too Far? A *Contemplation on Forgiveness:* Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown. A locally produced internationally award winning film that investigates an alternative to revenge – the idea of forgiveness.

From Northern Ireland to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, (Amish country), ordinary people share their real life stories and how they have come to view forgiveness.

The film will be shown in 3 parts and followed by discussion and the following guest speakers:

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| 5 th March (7.00pm) | What does it mean to Forgive? Is it a Step to Far? | Q & A with film-maker Paul Moorhead, and personal reflections from Denise Mullen and Geoff Hamilton. |
| 12 th March (7.00pm) | Is Forgiveness Good for Us? | The Psychology of Forgiving Peter McBride, Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health. |
| 19 th March (7.00pm) | Forgiveness, Remembering and Reconciliation | Alistair Little and Reverend Andrew Rawding. |

Supported by Cookstown District and Dungannon Area Churches and Clergy Forums, Rural Community Network, and the Irish Churches Peace Project

TinyLife – *Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies:* Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.

Our Volunteers: All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.

How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer? Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.

Next Training Dates: Saturday 9th, Saturday 16th and Saturday 30th May

Thornhill Ministries’ Team – Supporting Parish Liturgy Series 1: 2nd, 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

Those who graduate through Alcoholics Anonymous are warned of, among many things, the dangers of complacency, of describing yourself as cured. The programme of AA does not promise to turn you into someone who no longer drinks, but only to help the alcoholic to resist the first drink, one day at a time.

From the book Lapsed Agnostic by John Waters

The pope said that the Holocaust should teach “new generations” that “only the difficult path of listening and dialogue, love and pardon” can lead to “fraternity and peace in truth.”

He expressed his prayer that the Holocaust be a warning for everyone: "May the Shoah teach especially, as much the old generations as the new ones, that only the tiring path of listening and dialogue, of love and pardon, leads peoples, cultures and religions of the world to the desired encounter of fraternity and peace in the world. May violence never again humiliate the dignity of man!"

Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your behaviours. Keep your behaviours positive because your behaviours become your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.

Mahatma Gandhi

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| Parish Liturgy for March, 2015 | St. Patrick’s (6.00pm Vigil Mass) | St. Patrick’s (9.00am Mass) | Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass) |
| Readers | Mary Slane | Nuala Glass | Geraldine McNamee |
| Eucharistic Ministry | Mary Tracey | Eileen McKenna | Mary McCrory |
| Prayers of the Faithful | Emma Clarke | Peter Fox | Grace Conneely |
| Collectors | Michael McElhatton John Bradley | Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan | Sean McKenna Brendan Daly |
| Altar Society | Kathleen Beggs, Joanne Beggs and Mary McKenna | | Anne McDermott Patricia Donnelly |

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 4th March – St. *Casimir [1458-1484]* Strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe. Though a young prince he chose a life of prayer and penance. Patron Saint of Poland.

Thursday 5th March – St. *Kieran (bishop)* Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father’s territory, Ossory where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.

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.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses

St. Columba’s Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com

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

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

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

| 2014 Parish Statistics | | | | |
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| Baptisms | Confirmations | First Holy Communion / Reconciliation | Marriages | Funerals |
| 8 Boys 8 Girls | 4 Boys 7 Girls | 7 Boys 8 Girls | 5 within parish 5 outside parish | 22 |
| Station Masses in October | Parish Pilgrimage Sunday: This was marked with our pilgrimage to the Mass Rock at Dorville on Sunday 3 rd August where our special guest and main celebrant was our new bishop, Bishop Donal McKeown on his first visit to the parish. We have now completed our series of pilgrimages to the Penal Mass sites located within our parish boundaries. <i>Thank you for sharing your photographs</i> | | | |
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Musings

Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth)

In our Second Reading we hear the words ‘If God is for us, who can be against us?’ This may, at first, seem fairly obvious. Of course God is ‘for’ us, cheering us on, as it were; encouraging us through life’s journey. And yet, this is not everyone’s image of God. Too many times we imagine God to be an authority figure who lays down rules and regulations which are impossible to keep, and who then waits for us to slip up. It’s good, then, to remind ourselves that, instead, our God loves and supports us infinitely and wants nothing more than our flourishing.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Mark 9:2-10: John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The Transfiguration was one of those special spiritual experiences that are well nigh impossible to describe in words. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have there been moments when you have been more than usually aware of God's love for you? How has this sustained you in difficult times?
2. It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.
3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear for it is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?

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The Deep End – Coming Down the Mountain: Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

The people of Sebeja in Ethiopia once lived in a region where mountain tops were green and covered in vegetation. Today, the people of Sebeja are confused as to why their rains have stopped; why a land once full of vegetation is now dry. Having lived a simple life and played no part in causing their weather systems to change, these people are now experiencing the effects of climate change, the causes of which lie with the lifestyles of rich nations thousands of miles away. This is a great injustice.

When we read today's Gospel we can see Peter who is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus. But Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind at the time. Jesus' way involves coming down from the mountain and walking a very different path. We hear the call to act on climate justice everywhere but now we need to really listen and to take urgent action. This involves making changes to our lifestyles and campaigning governments who are slow to act. We start with ourselves, with small acts in the hope that the Kings and Presidents of the world will follow.

Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all.

| IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015 | | | |
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| Sacramental Celebrations | Friday 13 th March | St. Patrick's | 6.30pm First Confession |
| | Sunday 26 th April Fourth Sunday of Easter | St. Patrick's | 2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown) |
| | Sunday 17 th May Feast of the Ascension | St. Patrick's | 11.00am First Holy Communion |
| Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | | Sunday 3 rd May | St. Patrick's |
| | | Sunday 30 th August | Our Lady of the Wayside |
| Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish | Monday 6 th April • Friday 29 th May • Sunday 19 th July Tuesday 8 th September • Thursday 29 th October | | St. Patrick's |
| | Sunday 19 th July | | Our Lady of the Wayside |
| Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates | | | |
| Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4 th and 5 th July) | Saturday Evening (4 th July) | St. Patrick's | Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| | Sunday Morning (5 th July) | Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg | Directly after 11.00am Mass |
| | Monday 2 nd November | St. Patrick's | 6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (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 7 th March | | Second Week of Lent | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Friday 13 th March | | Third Week of Lent | 6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation) |
| Saturday 28 th March | | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Saturday 18 th April | | Third Sunday of Easter | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 17 th May | | Feast of the Ascension of the Lord | 11.00am First Holy Communion |
| Saturday 6 th June | | Feast of Corpus Christi | 6.00pm Vigil Mass |