



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (1st August, 2021)  
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**Thought for the Week:** "The whole story flows toward reconciliation, not in human creeds or constitutions, but in love, the love of the One who gave us being and life. . . So our journey in the story of creation, the adventure of Jesus, and the global uprising of the Spirit has come full circle. It all came from God in the beginning, and now it all comes back to God in the end."  
*Brian McLaren*

<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass: Gerard Coyle (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	Gortin / YouTube	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b>	Adoration
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass followed by Confession
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> Transfiguration of the Lord	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass followed by Confession
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>12noon to 1.00pm</b>	Confession <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Deceased of the O'Hagan Family (Brackagh South) (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b> Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of **Gerard Coyle (10<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and for all of the souls of our deceased relatives, friends and neighbours.

**Sick and Housebound:** Visits will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August before and after lunch, times will be confirmed during the coming week. All the sick and housebound of our families will be prayed for at mass at the 10.00am Mass that morning.

**The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the Lough Shore:** Open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Several info boards highlight features of particular interest. *Leaflets available at Visitors Centre*

**Guided Walk Experience:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July with Mass outdoors weather permitting.  
*Further dates for late August and early September will follow*

For bookings and further info email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or call 0(0353) 71 9861518  
[loughderg.org](http://loughderg.org) Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

#### Giving Thanks for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. *Amen*

#### Walk with Zest in Remembrance of Imelda Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Leaving Greencastle Hall at 3.00pm and walking over Mullydoo Road, onto Crockanboy and up via Chapel.  
*Donations welcome as we carry our buckets • Everyone welcome*

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

**Next Week's Readings:** 1 Kings 19:4-8 • Psalm 33:2-9, R/ v 9 • Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
 John 6:41-51 • Lectionary 1:785 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

#### Townland Mass Rota

<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b>	Formil
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Formil
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b>	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Sheskinshule, Crockanboy

#### The Deep End – Food That Satisfies:

*Triona Doherty (trionad@gmail.com)*

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food - eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment - bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. *Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*

**Preparing Our Parishes for the Future:** One of the future challenges for our parishes is having trained leaders in each parish to ensure that the church's primary mission of evangelisation can take place. This was the vision set out in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Obviously the Covid 19 Pandemic has knocked us off course in it's implementation however let us remind ourselves and reflect upon the vision of that plan. "God is Love" - the Derry Diocesan Plan 2018-2021 asks us to take responsibility both individually and collectively, for making our parishes places of welcome; where those who feel excluded or far from the Church's love, can begin to feel the genuine love and warmth of our parish communities.

As disciples of Christ we must prayerfully seek the grace to reach out in love to all, and by doing this - even imperfectly, we CAN make Jesus known and loved..... Implementing the Plan will involve major refocusing of what we do in our parishes. Dedicated resources and personnel will be established at diocesan level to support parishes to fully implement the Plan. Training and formation for those who will have leadership roles in each parish will be provided.

As each parish community develops its own capability, it can begin to take responsibility for its pastoral priorities and take the first steps to address those priorities - whether using their own resources or working cooperatively with neighbouring parishes." That is the vision now hopefully we together in Greencastle and Badoney Lower can build on what we have achieved thus far and make that vision a reality.  
*Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*

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

**Evangelisation – The Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the

**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? 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

**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*

**Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):**

Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies

*Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)*

**SUSE+ New Courses:** Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can offer help and support to get into further education, training and employment. We complete job searches, CV building, interview preparation.

Mentors work 1-to-1 with participants to help secure opportunities in the local area.

New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success and Wellbeing, Digital Skills, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management and Business Administration.

*For more information email tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk or call 074 3653 3475*

**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

**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

**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*

**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

**Epilepsy Action NI:** Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?

Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham**

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership:** This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn, 2021.

*For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org*

**Mid Ulster Agewell:** Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

*For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.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*

**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*

**Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster?** Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.

*To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit barnardos.org.uk/foster*

**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.

**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.

**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%

**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)  
 Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"  
 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).

**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*

**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](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)*

**Certificate in Christian Thought:** Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more.

*Full details are available at [derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought](http://derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought)*

**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*

**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*

**Catholic Engaged Encountered – Online Marriage Preparation Course via Zoom:**  
 Planned for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.  
*For more information and to book call (028) 2763 8512 or visit [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie)*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:** *John Byrne OSA ([jpbymeosa@gmail.com](mailto:jpbymeosa@gmail.com))*

1. Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?
2. Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?
3. The work of God is that we 'believe in the one whom God has sent'. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts?
4. As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	8