

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (1st September, 2013)
 The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheshkinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School reopens for everyone on Monday 2nd September
The Breakfast Club will start on Monday 9th September

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (2nd September, 2013 – 8th September, 2013)

Saturday Evening (31st August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 1st September Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 2nd September Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass Sick and Housebound will be visited
Tuesday 3rd September St. Gregory the Great (Pope and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 4th September St. Mac Nissi	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 5th September Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 6th September First Friday of September	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Mass: Rose Ann McGarvey (3rd Anniversary)
Saturday Morning (7th September) Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (7th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: John Heagney (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 8th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£840**.
 Please support your parish by using your envelope each week and especially if for some reason you must attend Mass outside your parish. Our parish depends upon your envelope contribution for our material support, thank you.
 Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.

Remembering Our Dead: We also pray for **Rose Ann McGarvey, Elizabeth McCullagh** and **Cecilia Keenan**, whose anniversaries occur now.

Sick and housebound: These will be attended **Monday 2nd September**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the Sacristy in Greencastle. Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our Catholic parish communities. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus.
Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area
 Monday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th October • Tuesday 5th, 12th and 26th October • Wednesday 6th, 13th and 27th October

New Candelabra: This has been placed in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle for a trial period.
Take great caution when lighting your prayer candles – the electronic candelabra is still available

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin – Irish Language Classes: Available on every level. Registration Day is Wednesday 4th September from 10:00am to 4:00pm. £60 full / £25 concessionary for 30 weeks. For more info: ciara@culturlann-doire.ie / (028) 7126 4132

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Quinn Clan Gathering: Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September.
 Contact (028) 8775 7800 // kathleenburnsill@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle but neighbouring groups have asked for our support with a 'Clothing Bank' near to St. Patrick's Church for a period of time.
Please support them in any way you can

Next Sunday's Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33; Lectionary I, page 903
Sunday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year C] • Weekday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year 1]

Lotto Results: H • L • R • P • Y (8 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,450

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Lough Derg One Day Retreats: A guided day of prayer, reflection and renewal. The morning includes Rosary and Way of the Cross as well as Prayers of Intercession and Healing of Memories. The afternoon offers an opportunity for quiet time & personal prayer and ends with a celebration of Eucharist. 1st, 3rd, 7th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September
Living with Suicide Workshop: Well recognised as a Sanctuary, Lough Derg offers a 'Living With Suicide' Workshop on Wednesday 25th September. This day is for adults who have been affected by suicide, either through personal loss or with suicidal ideation, or for those ministering to the suicide bereaved or working in support services. *Advance booking is essential*
 €40, inc. return boat fare, tea/coffee & scones, services and light lunch • Contact Maureen on 071 9861 518/info@loughderg.org

Viatores Christi Information Evening: Viatores Christi is a Catholic lay missionary association, founded in 1960, which recruits, trains and places skilled people on long term projects run by our mission partners in areas of need throughout the world. If you are interested in volunteering as a lay missionary overseas we are hosting an information evening in the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry on Tuesday 3rd September from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Two members of Viatores Christi will speak about their experiences in El Salvador and Bolivia and answer any questions you may have.
Witness from Daniel Ferguson: My name is Daniel Ferguson. I moved from the diocese and I have just returned from El Salvador where I worked as a lay missionary for a number of years. The organisation that trained and supported me while I was overseas is called Viatores Christi. Before I left I attended an orientation programme run by Viatores. It was very beneficial for me and I would recommend it to anyone thinking about volunteering overseas. Viatores have asked me to run an information evening in order that anyone interested can come along and find out a bit more about the organisation before committing to the orientation programme.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 3rd September – St. Gregory the Great (pope and doctor of the Church) [540-604] Was a Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As Pope he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come, calling himself servant of the servants of Christ. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England. Patron of musicians.

Wednesday 4th September – St. Mac Nissi (bishop) Took his name from his mother Cnes or Ness. It is claimed that Patrick baptised him and taught him the psalms. He chose the district of Connor for his hermitage, but later became bishop of his clan. He died early in the 6th century.

Sunday 8th September – The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary We celebrate the Birthday of Mary, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator. [Not celebrated formally this year]

The Nine First Fridays: 'I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment.
From the promises of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary

The Five First Saturdays: '...behold my Heart in the midst of thorns that ungrateful persons, at every instant, press on it with their blasphemy and ingratitude. At least you console me, and tell all men that I promise to help, in the hours of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, whoever the first Saturday of each month for five consecutive months will go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes, meditating the mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me' – from the Promises of Our Lady of Fatima to Sister Lucy.
Prayer Taught by The Blessed Virgin to the children of Fatima

Ejaculation by Saint Margaret Mary: O Heart of love, I place my trust entirely in You. Though I fear all things from my weakness, I hope all things from your goodness.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins! Save us from the fire of hell, and release the holy souls from purgatory, especially those who are the most abandoned. O Jesus, for Your love, for the conversion of sinners, in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the Holy Father.

National Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage: Sunday 8th September. Anointing of Sick & Rosary at 2.00pm. Mass at 3.00pm.
Chief Celebrant: Fr. Fintan Monahan • **Guest Speaker:** Sr Briege McKenna OSC • **Guest Singer:** Dana
Email: catholicgrandparents@gmail.com **Tel:** 00353 982 4877 **Website:** catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Irish Dancing Class: Resumes Monday 2nd September in Greencastle GAA Hall. 4.15pm to 5.45pm – Teacher: Patricia Wilson.

Termonmaguirc Parkinson's Patients Comfort Fund – Sponsored Walk: Sunday 1st September for beginning and ending at McKenna's Gortcashel. Roisin Gallagher, as organiser is asking for your support for this worthwhile cause

Part-Time Degree Course in Irish: Available in Derry and Letterkenny. Call (028) 7167 5277 or email nm.mccaul@ulster.ac.uk

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Silence: That the men and women of our time, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and learn to listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.
Missionary – Persecuted Christians: That Christians who suffer persecution in many parts of the world may be prophets of the love of Christ by their testimony.

When Pope Francis calls you up on the phone Beppe Severgnini, a noted humourist and columnist, suggested in his newspaper that this is how you should respond:

- Listen first, then talk, and if the conversation permits, ask the soccer-mad Francis about the recent friendly between Italy and Argentina.
- Always ask how Benedict XVI is doing. 'It'll make him happy,' Severgnini noted. Francis frequently refers fondly to his 86-year-old retired predecessor who is living on the other side of the Vatican gardens.
- Avoid touchy subjects like Vatican policy or scandal.
- Don't ask for any favours.

International Gathering Conference 2013 hosted by Pioneer Association – The Spirit That Sets Us Free:
 Overcoming Addiction All Hallows College, Drumcondra Dublin 9 Saturday and Sunday, 28-29 September 2013
 Speakers include: Campaigner for Social Justice, Fr Peter McVerry, SJ Fr James Harbaugh, SJ, American author of A Twelve-Step Approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, Majella Coyle - Addiction Counsellor, White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre, Plus open forum discussions, a service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinners and evening entertainment on the Saturday provided by harpist and singer, Deirdre Seaver, and a host of traditional Irish musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann. Mass on Sunday will be celebrated by Most Rev Diarmuid Martin, DD, Archbishop of Dublin at noon. TICKETS: €70.00 per person. Credit Card bookings being taken on 01 874 94 64 For the full itinerary and more information, please contact the Pioneer Association by email at pioneer@jesuit.ie or visit our website www.pioneerassociation.ie

Creation Time – Why Water Justice? *Fiona Murdoch (Communications Officer, Eco-Congregation Ireland)*
 Justice should flow down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream. Amos 5:24
 We can no longer continue to live as if there was an infinite supply of clean, usable water while people in developing countries suffer from malnutrition or starvation as the result of droughts caused by climate change. The rest of God's Creation is deeply impacted too, including animals, birds, fish and plants.
 This year's Creation Time theme of 'Water Justice' encourages us to worship the God of justice with the hope that water justice will flow like a river and eco-righteousness will permeate our hearts and minds like an overflowing stream.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts.
Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 **Fax:** 00-353-94-9388295 **Email:** info@knock-sh.rine.ie **Website:** knockshrine.ie

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
 11th & 12th October, 15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
 Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

Parish Liturgy for September, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Aileen Tuohy	Peter Fox	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Raymond Bradley	Patrick Tuohy Michael Bradley	Francis Keenan Colm Beggs
Altar Society	Nuala Glass Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our weekend Masses. Readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any families to perform this important role for us.
Thank you to our parish workers

Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 3 and 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. For info contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) // email@familycaresociety.org // familycaresociety.net

Songs of Praise: The BBC's Songs of Praise will be recording two programmes later this summer for transmission on the 15th September and St Patrick's Day next year. The venue is The Guildhall in Derry and the date of recording is Saturday 31st August. We would like to invite the members of your choir to join us as part of a larger Congregational Choir for the recordings. This would require those taking part to attend a rehearsal a few days before the recording. This will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed. On Saturday 31st August we will record 10 hymns in two sessions between 10.30am and 1.30 pm and then at 3.00pm until 6.00pm music will be provided on the day for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass parts. We would be delighted if you could let us know if your choir would be interested in joining us in August and also indicate the numbers wishing to attend please. Please note that we would require this information by Monday 22nd July at the absolute latest. Members of the public also wishing to take part in the recordings will be able to apply for tickets through the BBC Ticket Unit later in July. Tickets are now available from bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/shows/songs_of_praise_31aug13
All choirs who have booked must confirm numbers this week, specifying the number of male and female singers

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?
 For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome: 26th and 27th October.
 For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Monsignor Danny Monaghan (Wednesday 4th – Wednesday 11th Sept.):
 Price including half board, all taxes and insurance: £499. For further details contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357

Foyle Hospice – Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning: Thursday 19th September. As a registered charity, care to patients and their families is free of charge and we depend on the generosity of our local community to raise the £2.3 million that is currently required annually to maintain our essential services.
 We are looking for supporters to hold coffee mornings in schools, colleges, homes, churches, halls, workplaces just about anywhere to help us raise much needed funds for the Hospice.
 We will supply the coffee (sponsored by Bewleys) and also all of the publicity / promotional material to help you run your event – Your coffee morning does NOT need to be on 19th September, you can have it any date in September. It also does not need to be held in the morning – SO, the date and time is up to you.
 If you would like any more information please call (028) 7135 9888 / 07808 807 998
 Thanks so much for your attention to this request and I hope to hear from you soon

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013

Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick's	Derry Diocesan Mass
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – **Luke 14:25-33:** *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

- The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
- 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?
- Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

The Deep End – **The Cost of Discipleship:** *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

This account is troubling. Surely Jesus does not expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? Maybe he didn't really mean it? Crosses and possessions, we can understand that bit. Perhaps Jesus is making a point here about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we move on from the comfortable. If we are to be agents of change, we let go of the familiar, and that can often be painful whether it be old rituals, a group we were once part of, friends who don't understand. The two parables in this story remind us to think things through and weigh up the cost involved. This Kingdom of God stuff does involve sacrifice even though we would prefer to skip the bits that make us uncomfortable. It's not so simple Jesus... I find it difficult... and sometimes it feels like 20,000 against 10,000.

So this passage is a call to conversion and we read it from the various forms of discipleship that we are in: parenting, advocacy, political life, social work and so on. In order to achieve our goals we make sacrifices. Jesus 'turned to them', he is speaking from experience. Jesus' words are harsh, but spend time with this text today, his words can be interpreted as passionate, urgent, focused and even offer us a great freedom and encouragement in whatever form of discipleship we have chosen.

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.	
NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world