



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] (2nd August, 2015)
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (3rd August, 2015 – 9th August, 2015)

Saturday Evening (1st August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Pat Tracey (Anniversary)
Monday 3rd August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>
Tuesday 4th August St. John Vianney (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 5th August Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 7th August St. Sixtus II (pope) and Companions (martyrs) and St. Cajetan (priest)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass <i>First Friday of the Month</i>
Saturday Morning (8th August) St. Dominic (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
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Sunday 9th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	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 kindness in last week's collection of **£953.50** and **£21.50** in loose change.
St. Patrick's Cemetery: Donations of **£110** were received this week for the support of the on-going work.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Susanna Bradley** and **Pat Tracey**, whose anniversaries occur at this time and also for the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Sick and housebound Visitations: These will be attended on **Monday 3rd August**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th August in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged 16 to 35, this is a great opportunity to find out what your Catholic faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland.
For more info and to book online, visit youth2000.ie or call 01 6753 690

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: Bishop McKeown will lead and invites you to join him on Friday 7th August. If you are aged 16 and over and would like to register, please call Niamh Moore at the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email n.moore@hotmail.co.uk

Annual Steak BBQ: Saturday 15th August in McCreagh's Bar, Glenhull. Tickets are £15 and food will be served from 8.00pm. *All proceeds to support the Alzheimer's Society*

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

Please honour the special needs parking spaces in the Church car park

As a parish community we thank the young people from year 4 and year 7 and their families for the important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the year they display when they bring the gifts to the altar on our behalf. During the summer months no particular family will be scheduled for this task so anyone can volunteer to participate and we say thanks to you for taking on this responsibility.

Indulgence of St. Mary of the Portiuncula: On Sunday 2nd August a plenary indulgence may be acquired in parish churches. The practice prescribed for the obtaining of the indulgence are a devout visit to the church and recitation there of the Our Father and Creed and in addition a sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope. This indulgence may be acquired only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself. The Portiuncula indulgence was originally granted by Pope Honorius III at the request of St. Francis to those who visit the Portiuncula chapel of Our Lady of the Angels in Assisi on 2nd August. St. Francis had gone to this chapel one night and had a vision of Our Lord and his mother, Mary surrounded by a host of angels. When asked if he had a special favour, Francis requested the grace of full pardon for all who having confessed their sins, would visit the chapel. The small chapel is now in the basilica at Assisi and the indulgence is extended, no longer confined to those visiting it.

World Youth Day: This will be held in Kraków, Poland from Sunday 24th to Sunday 31st July, 2016. If you are aged between 18 and 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at wyd@derrydiocese.org or alternatively, call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 before Sunday 1st November.

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MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas): Find out if you're missing out on benefits, services or grants by booking your FREE home visit. Referrals can be made for benefits checks, home safety visits and occupational therapy assessments as well as others. You'll also receive a FREE bag containing £25 worth of items to help keep you warm this winter.
Call Carol Conway on (028) 8225 1559 to book your appointment or for more information

World Youth Day Registration Begins - Pope Francis is the First Person to Sign Up: Pope Francis was the first pilgrim to sign up for World Youth Day to be held in Krakow, Poland, launching the opening of registration. Accompanied by two Polish teenagers who wore World Youth Day 2016 T-shirts, the pope had to make a couple of attempts pressing the screen of a tablet before his online registration went through.
 "There. With this electronic device I have signed up for the day as a pilgrim," he told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square on Sunday for his Angelus address.

The pope said, "I wanted to be the one to open registration" in front of everyone gathered for the Angelus and in the company of two teens.

The 26th-31st July, 2016, celebrations will come during the Holy Year of Mercy, which Pope Francis proclaimed to invite people to follow the merciful example of God, the Father.

World Youth Day "will be, in a certain sense, a jubilee of youth" during the holy year, as its theme is also about being merciful toward others, the pope said.

God's merciful power through Jesus "heals every ill of body and spirit," the pope said before praying the Angelus. Reflecting on the day's Gospel reading, St. John's account of the multiplication of loaves and fish, Pope Francis said the story shows how the disciples tried to find a "market"-based solution by calculating how much money they would need to feed the large, hungry crowd that had gathered by the Sea of Galilee.

"But Jesus substitutes the logic of buying with another logic, the logic of giving" when he points to the generous gift offered by the boy, Andrew, who offered to give all that he had: five small loaves and two fish.

Even though people could not see how such a small contribution could make a difference, "God is able to multiply our tiny gestures of solidarity and let us participate in his gift," the pope said.

Jesus offers "fullness of life for those who hunger. He satisfies not only material hunger, but also that deeper hunger -- the hunger for meaning in life, the hunger for God," Pope Francis said.

Complaining does nothing to solve the many problems in life, "but we can offer that little we have like the boy in the Gospel," he said.

Everyone has some kind of talent or skill as well as time, he said. "If we are willing to put them in the Lord's hands they will be enough so that there will be a little bit more love, peace, justice and above all joy in the world."

Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Volunteers: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.
Evangelisation – Outreach to the Marginalised: That setting aside our very selves, we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

A Blessing to One Another – John Paul II and the Jewish People: *Vatican City (29th July, 2015) [VIS]*
 “A blessing to one another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People” is the title of an exhibition opening today in the Vatican (Charlemagne Wing, 29th July to 17th September), previously displayed in a number of state capitals in the USA, where it received more than a million visitors.
 The exhibition, presented as a gift to John Paul II for his 85th birthday, was inaugurated at the Xavier University of Cincinnati, Ohio, on 18th May, 2005, just a month after the Pope's death. It then arrived in Rome, and while in Europe its organisers wanted it to visit Krakow, the Polish city where Karol Wojtyla was archbishop.
 “A blessing to one another” describes the steps the Pontiff took to improve the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people, and reflects the continuing relevance of the conciliar declaration “Nostra Aetate”, issued fifty years ago, in which the Catholic Church expresses her appreciation for other religions and reaffirms the principals of universal fraternity, love and non-discrimination.
 Funded by various universities and private individuals and bodies who see interreligious dialogue as a source of progress for humanity, the exhibition narrates John Paul II's relations with those whom he defined during his historic visit to the synagogue of Rome on 13th April, 1986 as “our elder brothers”. It is divided into four sections and consists of photographs, videos, recordings and other interactive sources.
 The first section illustrates Karol Wojtyla's early years in his birthplace Wadowice, what would become a lifelong friendship with the young Jew Jerzy Kluger, and the relations between Catholics and Jews in Poland during the decade 1920 to 1930. The second section is dedicated to the Pope's university years in Krakow, and his work not far from his friends in the Ghetto who knew the horrors of the Shoah. The third describes his priestly and episcopal life, Vatican Council II and the change of direction it represented in relations between Jews and Christians, and the close link between the cardinal archbishop of Krakow and the Jewish community in his archdiocese.
 The final section considers the figure of Wojtyla as the Successor of Peter, his visit to the Synagogue of Rome, and his trip to Israel in the year 2000 when he left a prayer in the Western Wall asking for divine forgiveness for the treatment that Jews had received in the past and reaffirming the Church's commitment to a path of fraternal continuity with the People of the Covenant. Visitors to “A blessing to one another” are invited to write a prayer to be placed in a reproduction of the Wall. They will be gathered and deposited in the Western Wall without being read.

Looking After Our Parish Cemeteries: These are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please co-operate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard or into our neighbour's property. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away.

Registration of the Religious of the Diocese: Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card. *Thank you!*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 30th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Tuesday 8th September • Thursday 29th October	St. Patrick's <i>Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed</i>
Monday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)

Parish Liturgy for August, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Monica Coyle	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of the Faithful	Aidan / Ryan Clarke	Rosemary McCullagh	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Michael McElhatton	Peter Tracey Eoghan Clarke	Perry McCrory Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Siobhan McKenna, Caitriona McCullagh and Ciara McKenna		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
<i>New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead Donnelly</i>			

Ordination to Priesthood: Rev. Sean O'Donnell will be ordained a priest of our diocese at 3.00pm on Sunday 14th June in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Please keep him and all considering responding to God's call to priesthood in your personal and family prayers this week. The following priests in our diocese have / will be celebrating special jubilees this year. Pray for them:

60 years (1955)	Dr. Brendan Devlin [5 th March, retired] Fr. Bernard Bryson [19 th June, retired] Msgr. Ignatius McQuillan [19 th June, retired]	Fr. Michael Mullan [19 th June, retired] Fr. Art O'Reilly [5 th March, CC Banagher]
55 years (1960)	Fr. Michael Collins [12 th March, retired] Fr. John Doherty [19 th June, CC Melmount]	Bishop Francis Lagan [19 th June, retired] Fr. Seamus O'Connell [19 th June, retired]
50 years (1965)	Fr. Oliver Crilly [20 th June, PP Greenlough]	Bishop Kieran O'Doherty [20 th June, PP Granaghan]
45 years (1970)	Fr. Eugene Boland [11 th April, Bishop's Office Derry]	
40 years (1975)	Fr. Charles Keane [1 st June, PP Coleraine] Fr. Michael Doherty [15 th June, PP Melmount]	Fr. Patrick Doherty [15 th June, PP Glendermott & Strathfoyle]
35 years (1980)	Fr. Edward McGuinness [8 th June, Bishop's Office, Derry] Fr. Eugene Hasson [14 th June, PP Greencastle]	Fr. Fintan Diggin [22 nd June, PP Clomany]
30 years (1985)	Fr. David O'Kane [15 th June, PP Claudy]	
25 years (1990)	Fr. Paul McClafferty [24 th June, Bishop's Office, Derry]	
10 years (2005)	Fr. Peter O'Kane [24 th June, Post-grad studies, Rome]	

Alcohol: The Challenge of Moderation *A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference*
 We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life.
 We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community.
 We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups.
 What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol. If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.
Full text can be read at catholiccommunications.ie

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
 The Letter to the Ephesians today could almost have been written as a column on New Year's resolutions. It invites us to 'put away your former way of life' and to 'clothe yourselves with the new self', while also speaking of becoming 'renewed in the spirit of your minds'. But the source of this makeover – bodily and spiritual – is not ourselves, but Christ whose peace is said to 'rule in our hearts' according to a similar passage found in the Letter to the Colossians. What areas of my life do I need to be renewed at the moment – and what parts of my life do I need to let go of?

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/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. *See poster at entrances*

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 4th August – St. John Vianney (priest) [1786-1859] Had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. His marvellous gift for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to his parish, Ars. From 1830 on, he averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

Thursday 6th August – The Transfiguration of the Lord The cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die.

Friday 7th August – St. Sixtus II (pope) and Companions (martyrs) He and his four deacon companions were put to death in 258.

St. Cajetan (priest) [1480-1547] Founded the Theatines to renew sacramental life in the Church.

Saturday 8th August – St. Dominic (priest) [1170-1221] Spanish priest who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy through instruction and prayer.

Saturday 9th August – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (virgin and martyr, patron of Europe) Born in Breslaw (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children in a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at 25. She became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in a gas chamber on 9th August, 1942. *[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]*

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 6:24-35:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

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?

The Deep End – Desire:

Paul Clogher (Waterford Institute of Technology)

In Titian’s painting Noli Me Tangere (1511-15), the risen Jesus veers just inches away from Mary’s touch. She may, in a second, fall to the ground. In the eternal now of the painting, however, she remains just inches away. Mary desires touch to make sense of sight but must learn to let go in order know her rabbi more deeply. A resuscitated Jesus could only ever be a phantom, a zombie even. The risen Jesus remains present no longer as the mistaken gardener but in the bodies of others, in the touch of the community that form his body.

In today’s readings Paul and John both speak of desire. Paul urges the Ephesians to abandon old desires and illusions while John’s Jesus tells his followers that their desire is misplaced. They are looking for food that rots but he is offering himself as bread from heaven. Paul asks his readers to desire Christ, to unite themselves to his body. Likewise, in the Gospel, Jesus offers his body. This is no attempt to flee the world. Instead, Christian faith invites us to live as the body of Christ and, in so doing, experience his presence in the bodies of others.