

The Mass

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A
2ND AUGUST, 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Stand)

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

PENITENTIAL ACT (2)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: And grant us your salvation.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy. **People:** Christ, have mercy

Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 144

[R] You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.

[1] The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures..... **[R]**

[2] The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **[R]**

[3] The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35,37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted,
or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even
attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph,
by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the love
of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

(Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they
could be by themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he
stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity
on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, "This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by;
so send the people away, and they can go to the villages
to buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "There is
no need for them to go: give them something to eat
yourselves." But they answered, "All we have with us is
five loaves and two fish." "Bring them here to me," he
said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on
the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish,
raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And
breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who
gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they
wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining,
twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five
thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(Sit)

THE CREED

(Stand)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...



THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (2)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.

People: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb ...

People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in
every taste.

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Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (2nd August, 2020)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
Website: greencastleparish.com • **Email:** greencastlepp@yahoo.com • **Tel:** (028) 816 48474

Thought for the Week: "The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction."
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Liturgy Schedule for the Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time [Year A] (2nd August – 9th August)

Saturday 1st August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori (bishop and doctor of the Church) (Formil, minus Aughascribba Road) Susanna Bradley (10 th Anniversary)
Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Facebook Live Facebook Live	9.00am 11.00am 12 noon	Mass (Cashel, Leaghan and Brackagh South) Mass Angelus and Rosary
Monday 3rd August	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Angelus and Rosary
Tuesday 4th August	Facebook Live	9.00am	Mass and Rosary
Wednesday 5th August	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration Mass: Gerard Coyle (9 th Anniversary)
Thursday 6th August	Facebook Live	10.00am	Mass and Rosary
Friday 7th August	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Angelus and Rosary
Saturday 8th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Sheskinshule (minus Maryville and Sheskinshule View)
Sunday 9th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside Facebook Live Facebook Live	9.00am 11.00am 12 noon	Mass: Broughderg and Crock Mass Angelus and Rosary

COLLECTIONS 19th July: £1,100 • 26th July: £1,365 *Thank you for your generosity*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Susanna Bradley (10th)** and **Gerard Coyle (9th)** whose anniversaries occur at the time. We also pray for the souls of **Bishop Francis Lagan** and **Kenny Conway (Teebane West)** recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society and for all who have died due to Covid-19.

Sick and Housebound: Fr Gallagher will make socially distanced visits to the sick and housebound in his care on Friday 7th August between 11.30am and 1.00pm.

Parish Bulletin and Mass Leaflets: During the months of July and August Parish Bulletins will be printed using unused Mass Leaflets. For mass in church a number of Mass Leaflets will be printed for those attending each weekend. *For those following mass online a weekly link to the leaflet will be posted with the bulletin on the website*

Anniversary Masses: As we continue public masses on a rota basis for townlands it may become difficult to be present for an anniversary mass when your townland or area is not rostered. Here are some possibilities, you may wish to book a mass for some of the other weekdays, Monday or Friday Morning or Wednesday evening (when scheduled) or for Facebook Live Masses on Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday morning. We will try to accommodate as far as possible. Please understand the less than ideal situation we are trying to work with.
If you wish to book a mass please contact Fr. Gallagher

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg – Annual Fundraising Barbeque:
 Saturday 22nd August • Food served from 7.00pm • Tickets: £15

Next Week's Readings: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 • Psalm 84:9-14, R/ v 8 • Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:22-33 • Lectionary 1:688 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Public and Facebook Live Weekend Mass: This weekend marks our fourth weekend of public mass in the parish, all areas have been given the opportunity to gather in prayer with their townland or neighbouring townland. During the coming week the Parish Covid-19 Task Force will meet to review how things have gone so far and look at any adjustments required to the townlands which have been grouped together. Therefore the rota below may need to be changed, please look out for next week's bulletin which may have a revised timetable. In the meantime please continue to follow the directions of the ushers / stewards who will greet you outside the church, in the porch and who will lead you or direct you to your seat. All other instructions will be given during the course of mass. For the time being Fr. Gallagher will lead the singing during mass. Families from areas outside the parish who attend regularly are invited to attend mass within the townland nearest to their home or original family home. Once again please also note that Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended but as an alternative you are welcome to come when mass is scheduled. Mass will also continue each Sunday at 11.00am on Facebook Live.

Please consult the bulletin on the Parish Website or Facebook Page in case of any changes to the rota

Sacrament of Confirmation: During the coming week the Parish Covid-19 Task Force will review arrangements for Confirmation and also look at how other parishes have already approached this celebration or propose to approach it in the coming weeks. The main issues to be decided are the overall numbers in the church, the number allocated to each family and whether a parent or teacher will need to stand in as Confirmation Sponsor. At all times we need to remember that we need to follow Public Health regulations which can change at short notice. When decisions have been finalised they will be communicated to all the families. It is also hoped to organise an opportunity for the children to gather in the church and make some preparations with them.

Saturday 8th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule (minus Maryville and Sheskinshule View)
Sunday 9th August	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Broughderg and Crock
Saturday 15th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Muninamale, Alworries and Aughascribba Road
Sunday 16th August	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Crockanboy, Maryville and Sheskinshule View
Saturday 22nd August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Binnfreaghan
Sunday 23rd August	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacroy and Coneyglen
Saturday 29th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil (minus Aughascribba Road)
Sunday 30th August	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Cashel, Leaghan and Brackagh South

Arrangements for other Sacraments and Ceremonies:

Baptism: If you have a child for baptism contact Fr. Gallagher and a date and time for baptism will be organised.

Marriage: Most weddings for 2020 have been rearranged for 2021. Any weddings in church in 2021 will follow government capacity regulations.

Confirmation: It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday 5th September at 11.00am.

First Communion: It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday 26th September at 11.00am with First Confession shortly beforehand.

Confession: In the short-term during summer months (weather permitting) Fr. Gallagher will be available for Confession at the Calvary in the graveyards on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 5.50pm in St. Patrick's Church and Sundays from 8.30am to 8.50am in Our Lady of the Wayside. Confession with social distancing and privacy in the church building is quite difficult to achieve hopefully this will resume in the near future.

Funerals: According to present regulations only 30 people are permitted in the church or cemetery at any one time.

Please note that as regulations change we will either extend or roll back on these arrangements

The Net – July-August, 2020 Edition: With the Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the July-August edition of 'The Net' will only be available on the Diocesan website at this stage (derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-july-august-2020). However, the publication will be available again in parishes when the restrictions are lifted.

For inclusion of your faith related news in future editions just email editorthenet15@gmail.com

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.

If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

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

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

The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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)

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

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

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 service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland. *If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info*

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.

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

Online Youth Programmes: To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit:

Facebook: DerryDiocesanYouth **Instagram:** derryyouth

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

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 or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

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

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

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

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*

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*

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 courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

Scripture Saturday with Bishop Donal: Created by Derry Diocesan Youth, Bishop McKeown presents a series of short lessons on the Gospel in easy-to-understand, short (3-4 minute) videos, with tips and references of where and how to use these lessons in your daily life. *View the series at derrydiocese.org/scripture-saturday*

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.

Derry Youth Community: A faith-based Gap Year opportunity for young adults aged between 18 and 25 is now open for applications for the year starting September, 2020. DYC offers the opportunity to live in community, to develop and be formed in faith and be involved in youth ministry in parishes. The three main aspects of DYC are: Accompaniment, Community and Encounter. *If interested and for more info email dyc@derrydiocese.org*

Trócaire: Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. As with your parish envelope please leave at Broughderg Post Office, St Patrick's Church Sacristy outside door postbox or the Parochial House. No boxes please.

Please also fill in Gift Aid details on envelope. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Can't stop? There is a solution.
Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email csoofaa@btinternet.com. alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

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.

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*

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2019
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	1 within parish • 6 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	11

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%

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg GAA / Greencastle Community Association: Like all communities at the minute Greencastle is about to enter into unfamiliar territory as we face the influx of the Covid-19 coronavirus. No one knows what the incoming days and weeks bring, however, what we are sure of, is that we as a community will be supporting each other. We have a number of volunteers within our community who have already put their names forward to help where needed. If you, your family or someone you know is currently in self isolation and require some help please contact any of the individuals below. We would encourage everyone to make a call to your neighbour as they may need help and again please contact any of the individuals below. We have a team of volunteers willing to help where required, it may be something like picking up some shopping, posting some mail, lifting a prescription or just a friendly phone call. *For up to date info and advice visit www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus*
Collie Touhey: 07970 379 741 Fiona Teague: 07813 935 996 Briege Beggs: 07799 058 273

Community Coordination Hub: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Covid-19 Community Coordination Hub will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline to assist residents who may have become isolated and vulnerable due to the impacts of Coronavirus and the associated mitigation measures. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure those most at risk will have access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. **Access to Food Parcels** provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who can't leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, don't have support through family, friends or access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. Please complete the Food Parcel Request Form and a member of the Council's Community Coordination Hub will contact you. We aim to respond to requests within 24 hours. Referrals to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Coordination Hub for other support services are directed through the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline:
Freephone 0808 802 0020 Text ACTION to 81025 Email covid19@adviceni.net
Support and advice is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week.

Help is available for the Unemployed: Have you recently been made redundant or are unemployed? If so, SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support with job searches, CV building, interview preparation. mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in the local area. An online course provision is also available which includes mindfulness and meditation, money management, holistic therapies, self-care, employability, confidence and motivation, job club and much more.
For more information email Tracy at tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk or call (074) 3653 3475

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