



**+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 B] (2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018)**  
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**Thought for the Week:** "In sport, as in life, competing for the result is important, but playing well and fairly is even more important! When people strive to create a society that is fairer and transparent, they collaborate with the work of God. We too, responsible for different religious communities, wish to offer our contribution for that commitment." *Pope Francis on Sport*

**Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (2<sup>nd</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> September)**

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass: Rita Fox (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Please note that the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in St. Patrick's is changed to 7.30am to accommodate those travelling to the All-Ireland Final 11.00am mass in Our Lady of the Wayside will be celebrated as normal on that day</b>			
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>12noon - 7.15pm</b>	Adoration <b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass followed by Confession
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass followed by Confession: Roseann McGarvey (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass: Lucy McCullagh (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass

**Weekly Collection:** £810      *Thank you for your generosity*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Rita Fox (3<sup>rd</sup>)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and the soul of **Bernie Caruso (Philadelphia)**, recently enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society.

**Sick and Housebound:** Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at the usual times. If you feel a relative or family member living in the parish would like a visit from the priest contact Fr. Gallagher.

**Our Lady of Lourdes PS:** Please note that the school will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September due to the All-Ireland Final the previous day and reopen on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 4. Primary One and Primary Seven pupils are requested to return or begin as previously notified on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Catholic Grandparents Association – Annual National Pilgrimage:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in Knock Shrine. Everybody is welcome to come along to honour and thank grandparents, alive and dead, for all they have done for us down through generations. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio. Combined Choirs of Knock Parish, the Tuttle Family and Dana will sing 'Our Lady of Knock.' Children are asked to write a prayer for their grandparent(s), all prayers brought / sent to Knock Shrine will be blessed on the day.  
*catholicgrandparentsassociation.org • Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus, pray for us*

**I Am Worship Band Concert:** Derry's very own I Am Worship Band, who represented Ireland at Phoenix Park for the Papal celebration, will be performing their debut album 'Fight the Good Fight' Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in the Millennium Forum. An evening of praise and worship, young people celebrate their faith in song with a night to remember! **Tickets:** £15 (available at the Millennium Forum box office) • **CDs:** £10 (available at Veritas, Derry)

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 35:4-7 • Psalm 145:7-10, R/ v 1 • James 2:1-5  
 Mark 7:31-37 • Lectionary 1:796      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person  
 Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service  
*To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com*

**Strule Arts Centre – Upcoming Events:** Register at [struleartscentre.co.uk](http://struleartscentre.co.uk) or call Kevin Goodwin on 07747 899 249  
**Irish Language Information Night:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm  
**Sean-nós Dancing, Singing in Irish and Irish Classes:** Begins Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. For 3 levels

**Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events in September:**

**Cherish the Ladies Concert [SOLD OUT]:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September in Mellon Country Hotel.

*If tickets become available there is a reserve list • Admission will be strictly by ticket only on the night*

**Music Workshops:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> in Plumbridge with members of "Cherish the Ladies". *Intermediate level upwards*  
 Whistle/Flute – Joanie Madden • Fiddle – Nollaig Casey • Tunes Workshop (Any Instrument) – Mirella Murray  
**Lá Spraoi – Fun Day Integrating the Irish Language:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> in Plumbridge.

**Thornhill Ministries – Holy Land Retreat:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

*Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org)*

**Dean Maguirc College:** Open for Year 8 pupils on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Omagh Set Dancers – Weekly Class:** Every Monday from 8.30om to 10.30pm in Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre from 10<sup>th</sup> September. Come along and learn set dancing, make friends and enjoy a cuppa!

*Newcomers are especially welcome • Call Marie on 07734 907 816 for more information*

**Fermanagh & Omagh District Council ASPIRE Employability Programme Free Graduate Fast Track Package:**

For graduates from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – training Includes:

First Aid • IT for User Skills • Social Media • CV Building • Interview Skills • Confidence Building

Personal Development • Presentation Skills • Employment Networking

*Call ASPIRE Omagh on (028) 8224 6535 or ASPIRE Fermanagh on (028) 6632 6478*

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership:** Working in partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre offers this 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. Autumn, 2018.

*For more info call Thérèse in the Catechetical Centre 0044 28 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)*

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

**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*

**Musings:** '... we begin to see how love requires truth. Only to the extent that love is grounded in truth can it endure over time, can it transcend the passing moment and be sufficiently solid to sustain a shared journey. If love is not tied to truth, it falls prey to fickle emotions and cannot stand the test of time.

'... If love needs truth, truth also needs love. Love and truth are inseparable. Without love, truth becomes cold, impersonal and oppressive for people's day-to-day lives. The truth we seek, the truth that gives meaning to our journey through life, enlightens us whenever we are touched by love. One who loves realises that love is an experience of truth, that it opens our eyes to see reality in a new way...'

*Pope Francis (Lumen Fidei 27)*

**Pope Francis speaks to Ireland**

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2018*

"Today as in the past, the men and women who live in this country strive to enrich the life of the nation with the wisdom born of their faith. Even in Ireland's darkest hours, they found in that faith a source of the courage and commitment needed to forge a future of freedom and dignity, justice and solidarity. The Christian message has been an integral part of that experience, and has shaped the language, thought and culture of people on this island.

It is my prayer that Ireland, in listening to the polyphony of contemporary political and social discussion, will not be forgetful of the powerful strains of the Christian message that have sustained it in the past and can continue to do so in the future." *Dublin Castle [Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August]*

<p align="center"><b>Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)</b>  <b>Universal – Young People in Africa:</b> That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.</p>
<p><b>Accord Counselling Services:</b> Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.  <i>If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p><b>Kindercare Fostering NI:</b> 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:  <b>Tel:</b> (028) 90941690 • <b>Email:</b> gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • <b>Website:</b> kindercareni.co.uk</p>
<p><b>Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour:</b> Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.  <i>Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com</i></p>
<p><b>Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:</b>  All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness  <i>For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com</i></p>
<p><b>ACCORD – Relationship Counseling:</b> A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-judgmental setting.  <i>An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p><b>String Instrument Music Lessons:</b> Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall  For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent  <b>Beginners:</b> 6.00pm to 6.45pm • <b>Advanced:</b> 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place</p>
<p><b>Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm:</b> If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Contact us using the details below.  <b>Address:</b> IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal  <b>Tel:</b> (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • <b>Website:</b> celticprayergarden.com • <b>Facebook:</b> IOSASCentre • <b>Twitter:</b> IOSASCentre</p>
<p><b>Rural Support:</b> 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  <b>Email:</b> info@ruralsupport.org.uk <b>Website:</b> ruralsupport.org.uk  To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606</p>
<p><b>MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas):</b> 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, 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.  <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
<p><b>Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service?</b>  <i>Applications are invited from individuals wishing to join for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship)</i>  Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth.  <i>For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p><b>Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday</b>  <b>Sean-Nós and Set Dancing</b> 6.00pm to 7.00pm • <b>Singing in Irish</b> 7.00pm to 8.00pm  <b>Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels</b> 8.00pm to 9.30pm  <b>Email:</b> kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • <b>Tel:</b> 07747 899 249</p>

Parish Liturgy for September, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Joanne McCullagh	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	TBC	Lauryn Hollywood	Tara Conneely
<b>Collectors</b>	Patrick McElhatton Megan / Orla Coyle	Ronan Hollywood Peter Tracey	Perry McCrory Sean McKenna
<b>Altar Society</b>	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna, Catriona McKenna, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Mary Bradley, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

**Family Care Adoption Services** *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*  
For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)  
us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.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*

**ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training**  
To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.  
**Omagh Office:** (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme  
*The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.  
**St. Patrick's:** Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass  
First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding  
Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass  
**Our Lady of the Wayside:** Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

**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*

**Accord Marriage Preparation Courses:** Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019?  
Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows:  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September • 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September • 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October • 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November • 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Icon Painting Workshop:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October in Knock.  
*For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com*

**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

**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*

**Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2018-2021 – God is Love:** Bishop McKeown has announced the publication of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018-2021 in the diocese, 'God is Love'. The Plan is the result of a two-year programme of work by the Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of 14 men and women - laity from across the diocese, Religious and clergy. It is a first step in developing a co-responsible Church at parish and diocesan level, identifying paths that might lead to solutions to the many challenges we face, including the practical need to plan for the times when priests will not be present in the way that they have been up to now. A number of printed copies of the Plan have been received for the parish and a PDF version of it is also available to view and download on the diocesan website – derrydiocese.org – you are invited to read it. The main work of implementing the Plan will begin after the summer break. Bishop McKeown asks for your prayers and support, in the knowledge that everything done in faith and love will bear fruit in God's own good time.

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Nativity 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.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September – St. Ciaran (abbot)** Born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

1. Certain sections of the Jewish people put great store on the importance of rules and conventions as a measure of the goodness of a person. Jesus challenges this view. Where have you seen goodness in unconventional people? What brought it home to you that being a good person meant more than getting appearances right?
2. Even fidelity in religious practice is not enough. 'This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me'. How have you experienced the importance of carrying your faith beyond attendance at Mass on Sundays? When have you seen that in others? What brought this home to you?
3. What Jesus seeks are followers whose faith is whole-hearted and warm, people whose religion is not primarily in dutiful observance but in their enthusiasm for life and their care for one another. It is good to be with them. Give thanks for the people you know who are like that.
4. 'It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come.' It is also from within that good intentions come. We have choices. When have you been faced with the choice between good and evil? When did you realise the importance of accepting responsibility for your own life and choices? How has this helped your growth as a person?

**The Deep End – 'Every Generous Action is a Gift from God':**

*Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

The second reading today reminds us that as Christians we are called to put our faith into practice; every generous action is a gift from God. St James speaks of the word that is planted within each of us and through that word we are sent out to work together for a more just world. From 1 September until the Feast of St Francis on 4 October Christian churches are encouraged to celebrate the Season of Creation. This is an annual celebration of prayer and action inviting us to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth and the environmental destruction which threatens our world. The theme this year is 'Walking Together'. As pilgrims, let us walk together to awaken again to the wonder of the Earth, our common home, and the web of life which it shelters.

In the gospel Jesus tells the Pharisees that it is what comes out of a person that defiles a person, emphasising how through our actions we show what is in our heart. Let us encourage one another during this Season of Creation by praying with and for creation; encouraging small actions in our homes and parishes to try to live more sustainable lives.

'God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things. From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe ... Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'.

*Pope Francis (Laudato Si', 85)*

**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*

**2017 PARISH STATISTICS**

<b>Baptisms (26)</b> 10 Boys • 16 Girls	<b>First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14)</b> 8 Boys • 6 Girls	<b>Confirmations (15)</b> 7 Boys • 8 Girls
<b>Marriages (5)</b> 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		<b>Funerals (12)</b> 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
<b>April:</b> Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April		
<b>December:</b> Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 <sup>th</sup> December in St Patrick's Church		