



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [Year A] (2nd November, 2014)
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**We offer a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph O'Connor P.Em, who will
lead us in prayer at Mass for the next 3 weekends**

Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (3 rd November – 9 th November)		
Saturday Evening (1st November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 2nd November Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
There will be NO PARISH MASS from Monday 3 rd November to Thursday 6 th November and the morning of Saturday 8 th November		
Friday 7th November St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary)	St. Patrick's <i>First Friday of the Month</i>	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Mass
Saturday Evening (8th November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Michael Conway (6 th Anniversary)
Sunday 9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica [Year A]	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 last week which amounted to **£1,012** and **£38** loose change.
Annual Mission Collection: A kind contribution of **£280** was graciously accepted.
Retired Priests' Pension Fund Collection: This will be taken up next weekend, please be as generous
 The new boxes of envelopes for the parish collection are now available. You will notice that your new box will contain envelopes for the next 18 months and will run until April 2016. In future the envelopes will cover the period known as the tax year and this will assist us with our gift aid claims. If you are a tax payer please consider making your contribution to the parish as gift aid by signing the necessary paperwork.
At this time of year maybe you can review your contributions to the parish

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.
***Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine et lux perpetua luceat eis.**
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them*

Parish Stations for October: Thank you to all families who hosted a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October, we were blessed with five Stations. Every Station Mass was a very unique experience. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated and I hope that you will maintain this tradition in the parish. *Fr. Hasson*

Book of the Names of the Dead: This will be displayed on a table in front of the Baptismal Font from the Solemnity of All Souls until the beginning of Advent. It will be left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember and pray for the repose of their souls. Placing the book close to the Baptismal font gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection.
If you wish to enter a name in the book you are welcome to

THERE WILL BE NO SICK AND HOUSEBOUND VISITATIONS THIS NOVEMBER

Pioneer Association – Annual Short-Term Pledge Initiative for November: In honour of the Holy Souls.

Pope Francis' Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal: That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.
For Evangelisation: That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre: Every Friday at 8.30pm.

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 4:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 4, 7-9, r/v 5;
 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22; (Lectionary I, page 1,006) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 1 st November The family of Matthew McGlinchey	Offertory Gifts Rota Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 2 nd November The family of Alisha McKenna
Saturday 8th November The family of Michael McGlinchey	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 9th November The family of Enda McKenna
Saturday 15th November The family of Amy McGurk	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 16th November The family of Shona McKenna

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.
 Thanks to all who participate in the life and work of our parish faith-community. ****Do This In Memory Week 3***

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

Diocesan Mass for Deceased Young People: Sunday 9th November at 3.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral Derry. A Mass of remembrance celebrated for all deceased young people of the Diocese, remembering in particular those who have passed away this year. During this Mass the Diocesan community will gather together to remember, to pray, and to celebrate the life of loved ones. The Diocese extends an invitation to all who are grieving the loss of a young friend or relative at this time to attend. *Refreshments will be provided afterwards*

Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

From 12.00noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1st November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st to 8th November.
 The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th November. *The conditions mentioned above apply also for this*

Jewish Prayer

There is a time for everything, for all things under the sun:
 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to laugh and a time to cry, a time to dance and a time to mourn, a time to seek and a time to lose, a time to forget and a time to remember.

This day in sacred convocation we remember those who gave us life. We remember those who enriched our lives with love and beauty, kindness and compassion, thoughtfulness and understanding. We renew our bonds to those who have gone the way of all the earth. As we reflect upon those whose memory moves us this day, we seek consolation, and the strength and the insight born of faith.

Tender as a parent with a child, the Lord is merciful.
 God knows how we are fashioned, remembers that we are dust.
 Our days are as grass; we flourish as a flower in the field.
 The wind passes over it and it is gone, and no one can recognise
 where it grew. But the Lord's compassion for us, the Lord's righteousness to
 children's children, remain age after age, unchanging.

New Hampshire Epitaph
 Sacred to the memory of Amos Fortune, who was born free in Africa,
 a slave in America, he purchased liberty, professed Christianity,
 lived reputably, and died hopefully.

Greencastle Community Centre – Card Playing: Commences Sunday 2nd November at 7.00pm.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Sunday 6th September to Sunday 13th September. Direct from Belfast. Price includes half-board, tax, insurance is £539 and (£439 if paid by 10th December).
For details call Maria Bradley on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

Book by Fr. Neal Carlin of Columba Community – *They That Wait on the Lord: An Uncharted Journey:*
Having recently celebrated 50 years in the priesthood this new book reveals Fr. Carlin's journey of both joy and pain. From ministering in the Maze prison during the troubles to establishing a rehabilitation centre for those in the despair of addiction, this is a story of hope and trust in the Lord for those who wait in faith.
Available from Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry, IOSAS Centre, Derryvane, Muff and Veritas bookshops • (028) 7126 2407

Irish Language Class for Beginners: Every Thursday in Greencastle GAA Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.
Teenagers and adults welcome. *Call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001*

Annual Christmas Fayre: Scheduled for Sunday 30th November in the Greencastle Community Centre.
Anyone interested in having a stall can call either Leona on 07789 687 564 or Caroline on 07733 114 210 for more details

Saturday 1st November St. Patrick's **6.00pm** Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

Jack and the Beanstalk: Monday 22nd December at 3.00pm. A relaxed performance designed to create an enjoyable atmosphere for young people with learning and sensory difficulties and their families to experience theatre.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 1st to 6th July. The Youth Team will be part of this pilgrimage. Young people participating in the Pope John Paul II Award can apply to be part of the Youth Team. There will be opportunities for the Youth Team to be actively involved in the pilgrimage, including involvement in various liturgies and ceremonies, and assisting the sick or less able pilgrims.

Applications can be downloaded from derrydiocese.org and sent via these methods before 31st October
derrypilgrim@outlook.com • Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Derry Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ
Please note that places are limited

Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *Matthew 11: 25-30:* *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. For Jesus the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?
2. Jesus was dealing with a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created so that all would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.
3. In v.27 Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?
4. Jesus sympathetically offered people support but he combined this with the challenge to take up their yoke. Recall and give thanks for people who were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and understanding for you. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015
St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
14th and 15th November • 5th and 6th December • 9th and 10th January • 6th and 7th February
6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Parish Liturgy for November, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Monica Coyle	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of the Faithful	Ryan Clarke	Megan McKenna	Brianna Gillen
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Michael Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Francis Keenan Sean Keenan
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*

Traditionally in November we consider what used to be called 'The Last Things' – Heaven, Hell and Purgatory. Many people in the past considered Purgatory a place of punishment. But it may be more helpful to consider it as a state of cleansing for those not fully ready to experience God's unconditional love. I've heard it compared to the young girl going to her Debs whose boyfriend arrives half an hour early while she is still getting ready. For her to leave immediately would turn what should be a joyous occasion into a kind of 'hell'. Waiting, in this case, involves anticipation of a greater joy to come.

Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults: A new resource from the Irish Episcopal Conference, designed to complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It has been adapted for an Irish audience and is written in accessible, easy to understand language. Whilst it can be used as an Individual private resource for reflection, it is also particularly useful for Parish Study Groups, Liturgy Groups, Parish Pastoral Councils and any individuals/groups working in parishes to promote catechesis / deepening of adult faith formation. A Study Guide to complement the Catechism has also been published. The Catechism is available from Veritas bookshops, at a cost of £19.99 / €24.99 and the Study Guide costs £11.00 / €12.99. Good discounts are available for multiple purchases. Tel: 02871 266888 or E-mail: derryshop@veritas.ie

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 3rd November – *St. Otteran (monk)* Irish monk associated with Columba of Iona. Some claim that he was an abbot from County Meath but that is not definite. Patron Saint of graves and cemeteries.

Thursday 6th November – *All the Saints of Ireland* Pope Benedict XV beatified Oliver Plunkett in 1920 and during his papacy also (1914-22) the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland was instituted. The same Pope also granted Ireland the honour of having a litany of its native saints approved for public recitation

Friday 7th November – *St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary) [658-739]* Northumbrian missionary saint, known as the "Apostle to the Frisians" in the modern Netherlands. He became the first Bishop of Utrecht and died at Echternach, Luxembourg.

The Deep End – 'Come to me... and I will give you rest: *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

In all our lives we carry many burdens. Sometimes we carry them in such a way that they help us grow, at other times we allow them to eat away at us, making them very heavy indeed. Jesus is not saying that we will not have burdens to carry. But he is telling us to find rest in him. Jesus is offering refreshment and peace. Even when those we love pass into eternal life, we are consoled in knowing that they are at peace and that we will be united with them again.

We perform many rituals in remembering the dead, especially in the month of November. Today we might light a candle, say a prayer, visit a church or grave, look at old photographs. We can be thankful for the many ways in which our loved ones shaped us, cared for us, and who are with us as we continue to journey through life.

'We are who we are today and we are where we are today, because of those whose lives have touched ours and who have let our lives touch theirs. God, in the magnificence of things, does not intend us to be neutral when we lose those who have loved us. So, our grief has to be tinged with gratitude for lives which have shaped us, for hands that have held us, for voices that have inspired us, for eyes which have beheld us, for ears that have listened to us.'