



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Second Sunday after Christmas [Year C] (3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2016)

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**Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis**      Paragraph 10 of Misericordiae Vultus  
 "Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy.  
 The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget  
 that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable steps"

Liturgy Schedule [Year C] (4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016 – 10 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016)		
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Maureen Morris (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Second Sunday after Christmas [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Charles of Mount Argus, Dublin (priest)	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass 8.00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass: Nellie Tracey (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Raymond Penyafort (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass <i>Visitation of Sick and Housebound</i>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Bernard Keenan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> Baptism of the Lord [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass
<i>Exposition and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament will resume on Eve of and on First Friday of February</i>		

**Collection:** Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£1,270** and **£30** in the loose plate

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Maureen Morris, Nelly Tracey** and **Francis Conway** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Baptism:** Congratulations to the parents baby **Aayla Lily Donnelly** on the christening of their child on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December in St. Patrick's Church.

**Visitation of Sick and Housebound:** Fr. Gallagher will visit the sick and housebound at the usual times on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Direct from Belfast for the special price of £439 including half-board, tax and insurance if paid by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.  
*For further details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038*

**Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.  
*If you would like more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 • Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30, R/ v 1  
 Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7 • Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22 • Lectionary I, page 185 or 835  
**Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January The family of <b>Tiernan Coyle</b>	Second Sunday after Christmas	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January The family of <b>Ciaran Warnock</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Ella Kane</b>	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Ciatari Warnock</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Aisling Lucas</b>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Michael Clarke</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January* The family of <b>Caioleann Maguire</b>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Molly Clarke</b>
<b>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</b> As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and thank them <b>*Do This In Memory Week 5</b> We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

**YOUTH 2000 Group:** Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm in The Oratory, Main Street, Newtownstewart. Prayer, music, friendship and Newtownstewart coffee! This will also be our Pope John Paul Award Project for 2015-2016.  
*16 year olds and over welcome*

**ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses:** All couples intending to be married in the parish are expected to have completed a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course. Please book well in advance of your wedding date.  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May • 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June • 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June  
**To book (opening time can be found on the website):**  
**Website:** accord.ie • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439 • **Email:** omagh@accordni.com

**St Columba's, Long Tower – Healing Mass:** Fr. Neal Carlin and the Columba Community will celebrate a healing Mass followed by individual prayer for healing on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January in St. Columba's Long Tower at 7.30pm.  
*All welcome*

**Cappagh / Badoney CCÉ – Monthly Seisiún:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00pm in the Plumbridge Parochial Hall. Come along to enjoy a good night's free entertainment. Everyone welcome • supper served

**Rouskey Community Centre – Farmers and Farm Families Computer Classes.**  
 Beginning Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm. £15 for training. Includes:  
 Four week – IT • One week – Rural Support  
 Two week – APHS Training • One week – Farmer's Health and Safety Awareness

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 1: 1-18.** *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

- This prologue to the Gospel of John is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.
- The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?
- The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God'. How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?
- In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?

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

2015 Parish Statistics			
<b>Baptisms</b> 6 Boys 8 Girls	<b>Confirmations</b> 8 Boys 8 Girls	<b>First Holy Communion / Reconciliation</b> 10 Boys 9 Girls	<b>Marriages</b> 10 within parish 5 outside parish
<b>Station Masses in October</b> 7	<b>Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE</b> Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
<b>Funerals</b> 13	<b>Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson</b> Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

<p><b>Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b></p> <p><b>Universal – <i>Interreligious Dialogue</i>:</b> That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.</p> <p><b>Evangelisation – <i>Christian Unity</i>:</b> That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.</p>
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<p><b>This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i></b> Celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. Western Christians commemorate principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Baby Jesus, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. Eastern Christians commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God.</p> <p><b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – <i>St. Charles of Mount Argus, Dublin</i> (priest) [1821-1893]</b> Born in Holland. Took vows as a Passionist in 1846 and came to Mount Argus in 1857, it was there he spent most of his priestly life. His ministry in the confessional was renowned and the poor of Dublin found in him a strong support. Died on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1893. St. Charles was canonised on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2007.</p> <p><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January – <i>St. Raymond Penyafort</i> (priest) [1175-1275]</b> A very brilliant lawyer when at the age of 47 he became a Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominicans and Archbishop of Tarragona.</p> <p><b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January – <i>Baptism of the Lord</i></b> Commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.</p>
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<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.</p> <p><i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
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<p><b>The Good Ship Lollipop – <i>Appeal For Child Refugees</i>:</b> The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. <i>Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid</i></p> <p><b>Website:</b> tuesdayschild.ie • <b>Email:</b> info@tuesdayschild.ie • <b>Tel:</b> (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362</p> <p><b>Donation by Texting:</b> TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g.TUES75 £5)</p>
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<p><b>Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – <i>Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership</i>:</b> A post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles or with an interest in the Catholic School system.</p> <p><i>For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org</i></p>
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<p><b>Yoga with Margaret Franklin:</b> Every Tuesday at 7.15pm in An Creagán.</p>
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<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>St. Patrick's:</b> 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</p> <p>First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding</p> <p>Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass</p> <p><b>Our Lady of the Wayside:</b> Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass</p>
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<p><b>GCSE Irish Class:</b> Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh. This is also open to students from other schools and to adult learners of Irish.</p> <p><b>Email:</b> kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • <b>Tel:</b> (028) 8225 6220</p>
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Parish Liturgy for January, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McDermott	Monica Coyle	Anne McDermott
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Maeve McCullagh	Aileen Tracey	Conan Maguire
<b>Collectors</b>	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
<b>Altar Society</b>	Mary Bradley, Helen Tracey and Aileen Tracey		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

<p><b>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – <i>Use of Photography and Video</i>:</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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);</li> <li>• Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p><i>From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>
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<p><b>Child Safeguarding:</b> 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. <i>See poster at entrances</i></p>
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<p><b>Towards Peace:</b> A new 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.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> towardspeace.ie • <b>Tel:</b> 01 505 3028 • <b>Email:</b> towardspeace@iecon.ie</p>
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<p><b>Musings</b></p> <p><i>Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)</i></p> <p>Today's Entrance Antiphon recalls: 'when peaceful silence lay over all ... the all-powerful Word leaped down from heaven'. This image of the Word of God enthusiastically 'leaping' into the human condition was a favourite among early Christian writers. Ambrose of Milan once wrote: 'He came into this world in a kind of leap. He was with the Father, he came into a virgin, and from a virgin he bounded into a manger. He was in a manger ... he went down into the Jordan and up onto the cross, he went down to the tomb, rose up from the tomb, and sits at the right hand of the Father'.</p>
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### **The Deep End – *In the Beginning Was the Word...***

*Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

There is a very deep teaching in today's reading, taken from the opening of the Gospel of John. There is so much depth here and much to reflect on. God is described as the Word and as Light. The Word is that divine energy, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things. John tells us that no one has ever seen God, but through Jesus, God has been made known. There are wonderful lines in the passage, written for all of us, to convey the message that God lives among us yet even though God created the world, the world still does not know him. God is involved in humanity; God is not somewhere out in the universe watching; God is involved with us. Today can you spend some time reflecting on the deep words of this passage? Perhaps reflect on where have you seen God in the world around you? Where is God present for you? Invite God more deeply into your life.

Lord, humanity today wants to live independently of you, and even Christians speak as if you created the world and then left it to its own devices. We thank you for the teaching of St. John reminding us that all things come to be only because you speak a Word, and that every single thing that exists today has its being because that Word continues to be spoken in it, and the only way that anything which has come to be has life today is because your Word lives within it.

*Michel de Verteuil*

**St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests:** The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese, and their contact details, are as follows.

Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmail\_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk

Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk

Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com

Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e\_cassidy@hotmail.com [prayerforpriests.com](http://prayerforpriests.com)

### **Thornhill Ministries – *Upcoming Events:***

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Lourdes has been designated as one of the international places of pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. Gift vouchers for any amount are available for purchase.

*Application forms are available from Rosemary on (028) 7126 0293 or Theresa on 07517 965 751*

**Trip to the Holy Land:** An 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

*For more info call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org)*

### **Alzheimer's Society Carer Information and Support Programme (CrISP)**

CrISP is a series of workshops for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. It provides an opportunity for you to talk in a friendly and confidential environment about your experiences and the impact they are having on you.

**Week 1 – Induction and Welcome** Welcoming everyone to the programme

**Week 2 – Understanding Dementia** Explores the physical, psychological and emotional impact of dementia

**Week 3 – Legal and Money Matters** Explores legal and financial issues to help you understand the importance of planning for the future

**Week 4 – Providing Support and Care** Explores concerns/challenges that may arise when supporting a person with dementia

**Week 5 – Coping Day to Day** Looking at the physical, psychological and Emotional impact that dementia may have on you as a carer

The free workshops are run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers for a group of up to 12 people who care for a family member or friend with dementia

If interested Paula Canney on (028) 8225 0103 / 07718 322 726 or email [paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk)

**Save Our Sperrins Meeting:** First Wednesday of every month in Greencastle Community Centre with the next meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm. Join your local environmental group with an interest in protecting and promoting our Sperrins, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Special guest speakers and an opportunity to immerse yourself in your local community with shared interests in using our local knowledge and previous generations' determination to preserve our beautiful, natural countryside for future generations.

Learn about local areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) like Cashel Rock, special not just for its 450 million year old geographical rock formation but also for protected wildlife including the Irish Hare and the Lapwing more commonly known as the 'Peewit'. The Owenreagh River running through Greencastle, due for designation as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as one of the last breeding grounds of the rare Freshwater Mussel (*Margaritifera*) in these islands. **Facebook:** [SaveOurSperrins](https://www.facebook.com/SaveOurSperrins) • **Email:** [saveoursperrins@gmail.com](mailto:saveoursperrins@gmail.com)