



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

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

Second Sunday of Easter [Year C] (3rd April, 2016)

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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 24)

"Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life. I think especially of the great apostle of mercy, Saint Faustina Kowalska. May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love."

Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week of Easter [Year C] (3 rd April, 2016 – 10 th April, 2016)			
Saturday Evening (2nd April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions	
		6.00pm Vigil Mass: Joseph McGarvey (8 th Anniversary)	
Sunday 3rd April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Second Sunday of Easter [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am Confession	
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		11.00am Mass	
Monday 4th April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Second Week of Easter			
Tuesday 5th April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass	
Second Week of Easter			
Wednesday 6th April	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass	
Second Week of Easter			
Thursday 7th April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
St. John Baptist de la Salle (priest)			
Friday 8th April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Second Week of Easter			
Saturday Evening (9th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions	
		6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 10th April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Third Sunday of Easter [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am Confession	
		11.00am Mass	

Collections: £1,190 including £35 loose plate • **Clerical Collection:** A further £80 has been collected • **Trócaire:** £2,310 so far

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the soul of **Joseph McGarvey** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July): Doctors and Nurses are needed to help with this Pilgrimage. For further information please call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00am to 1.00pm) or 07517 965 751 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 6.00pm)

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver: Pat McHugh, a lay helper will be in this parish on the weekend of 9th and 10th April to appeal on behalf of the missions. Pat will tell us about the Sisters' work and will be grateful for your support. *A collection will be taken up after communion at all masses next weekend*

Veritas and James Kilbane – Overnight Pilgrimage To Knock: Departs Thursday 7th April from Derry at 8.00am with stops at Strabane and Omagh. Arriving in Knock at around 12noon. Presentation of the film "The Story of Knock" at 1.00pm. Mass in Apparition Chapel at 4.00pm with Fr. Gerry Gillespie as celebrant (music by James Kilbane). Overnight stay in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris (approx. 10 miles), where dinner will be served followed by a night of music and song in the hotel. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Gillespie in the hotel the following morning after breakfast with music by James Kilbane before departing. Total cost £85 (inc. bus, hotel accommodation, evening meal and Breakfast). *Call Marie or Lucy at Veritas on (028) 7126 6888 to learn more*

Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)

Universal – Small Farmers: That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.

Evangelisation – African Christians: That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

Next Week's Readings (Third Sunday of Easter): Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 • Psalm 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13, R/v 2
Apocalypse 5: 11-14 • John 21: 1-9 • Lectionary I, page 468 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Parish Liturgy for April, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Clare Tuohey	Rosemary McCullagh	Shauna Morris
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Lawrence McBride	Peter Tracey Cathal Keenan	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Anne Donnelly, Alice Keenan and Anne Tuohey		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 2 nd April The family of Caolan Tracey	Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday 3 rd April The family of Chloe McGurk
Saturday 9 th April* The family of Eoghan Conway	Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday 10 th April The family of Kerrie McLaughlin
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and thank them *Do This In Memory Week 8 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

An Caislean Glas Gaa Tir Eoghain – Cleaner Required: 3-4 hours per week.
If interested call Mick Coyle on 07817 401 639

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – Relief Caretaker / Cleaner Required: For school for Holiday Relief.
For more information call (028) 8164 8732

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Fundraising Dance: Tickets £8 • Proceeds to subsidise cost of music classes Saturday 2nd April in Shepherds Rest, Sixtowns (music by TG4's Glór Tire winner Liam Kelly).
Call Roisin on 07789 697 238 or pay at door

Derry Youth Community: Are you a young person aged between 18 and 25? Are you interested in a gap year experience with a difference? The NYC is a group of committed young people who live in a community based in Derry City who serve the Diocese of Derry. You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be given the opportunity to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities and youth ministry. You will also live in mutual co-operation with others; explore and deepen your faith; participate and share in leisure activities such as music, art, sport and drama. If you feel you are equal to the very real challenges of the initiative. **Web:** derryyouthcommunity.com • **Closing Date:** Friday 27th May

St. John's College, Dromore – Free One-Day Irish Course: Saturday 9th April from 10.00am to 4.00pm with classes for beginners, improvers and advanced learners. Course will also include classes for GCSE and A Level students in preparation for their upcoming exams.
For more information email kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com or call (028) 8225 6220

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Fundraising Dance: Saturday 2nd April at 9.30pm in the Shepherd's Rest, Sixtowns. Tickets are £8 and include a hot supper • Available from committee • With dancing to Liam Kelly

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes and Courses.	
Crocheting and Knitting	Second class on Wednesday 6 th April at 7.00pm. £25 for 6 weeks.
Classes with Mary Kelly	Beginners and advanced crocheters and knitters are all welcome. <i>10 people needed</i>
Grandfather Rights Course	One day training course for a maximum of 6 persons per group and followed at a later date by a 3 hour assessment on an individual basis. From 10.00am to 5.00pm and will involve going through a booklet on the theory part about handling pesticides and using them safely, this will last for three hours. We will then go to the field and do a bit of practical spraying and calibrate the sprayer, this will last for 4 hours. £250 plus VAT per individual • Few more people needed Only for those born on or before Thursday 31 st December, 1964
Contact Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 and (028) 8164 8706 and leave a message	

*Notices for the bulletin should be left with or sent to Fr. Gallagher no later than 10.00am on Thursday mornings
Any notices which do not make the print version of the bulletin can be found on the parish website*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 24th April at 2.00pm Confirmation	Saturday 14th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion
Sunday 26th June at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Melmount, Strabane Ordination of Rev. Christopher McDermott to the Priesthood for Derry Diocese	
Saturday 2nd July Intercession for the Dead in Greencastle Cemetery	Sunday 3rd July Intercession for the Dead in Broughderg Cemeteries
Wednesday 2nd November Mass for the Dead	Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent
	Sunday 25th December Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)

Year of Mercy – Local, National and International Pilgrimages as Arranged by the Diocese

LOCAL (beginning at 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass)			
Carndonagh Sunday 8 th May	Dungiven Sunday 5 th June	Omagh Sunday 10 th July	Long Tower Thursday 11 th September
NATIONAL			
Lough Derg	Friday 17 th to Sunday 19 th June (some pilgrims will be walking to Lough Derg, leaving Derry on Wednesday 15 th June and going via Castlefin and Pettigo) • Early August (date TBC)		
Knock	Wednesday 20 th to Sunday 24 th July (Cursillo Walk to Knock) • Croagh Patrick September (date TBC)		
INTERNATIONAL			
Lourdes Friday 1 st to Wednesday 6 th July	Krakow (World Youth Day) Thursday 21 st to Sunday 31 st July	Rome and Assisi Friday 2 nd to Thursday 8 th September	

Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact:

Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592
Email: email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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.

6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June

To book (opening time can be found on the website):

Website: accord.ie • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439 • **Email:** omagh@accordni.com

Lourdes Pilgrimage (Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July):

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office is now open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Forms available from Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: (028) 7126 0293 / 07517 965 751 (Mon. to Fri. 9.00am to 6.00pm)

I AM Alive – Christian ROCKS Concert: Easter Sunday 27th March from 8.00pm to 10.00pm in St Columb's Hall, Derry. Take part in a musical celebration of our love for Jesus and his love for us. A 14-piece band will deliver music in a fresh new way aimed at lifting your soul and inspiring your faith.

Tickets (available at Veritas): Adult (£10) • Students (£7)

Thornhill Ministries 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd September. There are still a few places still available.

For more details call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Yoga with Margaret Franklin: Every Tuesday at 7.15pm in An Creagán

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

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

Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership: 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.

For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

Child Safeguarding: If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI/or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities. *See poster at entrances*

The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees: 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. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*

Website: tuesdayschild.ie • **Email:** info@tuesdayschild.ie • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362

Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g. TUES75 £5)

Towards Peace: 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.

Website: towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@iecon.ie

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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding

Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass

Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 7th April – St. John the Baptist de la Salle (priest) [1651-1719] Devoted his life to the care and education of poor children and to the training of teachers. Formed his companions into the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Patron Saint of teachers.

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 20: 19-31: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What positive part has doubting and questioning played in your life? How have such moments helped you to know that your life is worthwhile? How have questions and doubts strengthened your faith?
3. Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He accepted how he felt and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having to justify every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

Lectio Musings *Fr. Declan O'Loughlin (Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education, Post-Primary)
 Parochial House, 30 Newline Road, Dromintee, Killeavy BT35 8SZ*

Fear is a terrible thing. It cripples us and makes us into cowards and people incapable of action. The apostles and disciples were huddled away in terror of the mob and the dreaded knock of the door. Knowing this the Master came and stood among them. Not for the first time did he calm their terrors. The storm at sea might well have been a sign of what was to happen at Golgotha. Joy and peace he imparted to them. How blessed they must have felt. The unimaginable had truly occurred. What was the end now was to be transformed into the beginning, and what a beginning. In sending them forth, He equipped them with his Breath, the Ruach of the Father. Poor Thomas missed it all and was still locked into his grief and loss.

God how often I find myself saying his words 'Unless!' You took his hand as you had before with Peter as he sunk into the sea, and restored his self-belief and faith in you. My Lord and my God!

The Deep End – Shalom: *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

In today's Gospel we hear that the disciples are locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. It is a dark situation to be in and they are most likely quite frightened. When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

They must have been so excited to tell Thomas this news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism - we can even be made fun of. In today's world, none of this is easy. Then why do it? The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over.

John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply. Even in the darkest of times and the most hopeless of situations, this Risen Jesus can bring peace and wholeness if we unlock the doors of our hearts.

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