



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

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year B] (3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2015)**

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### Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Easter [Year B] (4<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 – 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2015)

<b>Saturday Evening (2<sup>nd</sup> May)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year B]	St. Patrick's	<b>8.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) followed by opening of the Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.30am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Rose Hollywood (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) <b>4.30pm</b> Concluding prayers of Solemn Annual Exposition
	Our Lady of the Wayside	
	St. Patrick's	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>7.35pm</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>8.00pm</b> Mass: Kathleen McCrory (USA)
<b>Saturday Morning (9<sup>th</sup> May)</b> Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (9<sup>th</sup> May)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>8.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£745.43** and **£9.57** in loose change.

**Diocesan Purposes Collection:** To be collected on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Anthony Loughran**, whose Requiem took place on Thursday, we extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his friends and family circle. We also pray for **Michael McCullagh**, **Peter Fox**, **Mary McBride** and **Philomena Feeney**, the most recently enrolled members of the DDS.

**Sick and housebound Visitations:** These will be attended on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

**To do for the Easter Season:** Read a CTS booklet available at the Church entrances.

**Changes in Mass Times:** Due to First Holy Communion on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg will be at 9.00am and Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle will be at 11.00am.

**Christ the King Church, Strathroy – Talk on Divine Mercy and St. Michael the Archangel:**

Given by Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.      *He will bless with a relic of St. Faustina*

**Lough Derg Special Day Retreat – Hope and Encouragement for a New Beginning:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Fr. Ben Hughes, who promotes healing and well-being, will facilitate the day which will be beneficial to anyone who is living or struggling with any issue that is holding them back or hurting their life. *Advance booking essential*  
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**6 Mile Sponsored Walk:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Leaving McCrea's Bar, Glenhull at 3.00pm. £10 entry fee (family rates on the day) with proceeds going to Motor Neurone Disease Association. *Call Roisin Hood on 07789 697 238*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • Psalm 97:1-4, r/v 2 • 1 John 4:7-10  
 John 15:8-7 • (Lectionary I, page 536)      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May The family of <b>Daire Tracey</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May The family of <b>Oisín Coyle</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May The family of <b>Maeve Warnock</b>	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May The family of <b>Rachael Devine</b>
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. <b>What can you volunteer to do in your parish?</b> Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish.		

**During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month**

<b>The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)</b>	<b>The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)</b>	<b>The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)</b>	<b>The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)</b>
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist

**Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** This will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle next weekend. Please feel free to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings and those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named areas to take responsibility to ensure a presence at specific times.      **Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us**

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
<b>10.00am</b>	Glenhull / Aughminacrory	<b>1.30pm</b>	Benefreaghan
<b>10.30am</b>	Muniamale / Alworries	<b>2.00pm</b>	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan
<b>11.00am</b>	Crock / Coneyglen	<b>2.30pm</b>	Teebane / Carnarancy
<b>11.30am</b>	Aughascribba	<b>3.00pm</b>	Crockanboy
<b>12.00pm</b>	Broughderg / Evishession	<b>3.30pm</b>	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
<b>12.30pm</b>	Formil East	<b>4.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule
<b>1.00pm</b>	Formil West	<b>4.30pm</b>	Concluding Prayers and Benediction

**World Youth Day:** This will be held in Kraków, Poland from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016. If you are aged between 18 and 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at [wyd@derrydiocese.org](mailto:wyd@derrydiocese.org) or alternatively, call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087. World Youth Day, founded by St. John Paul II is the largest gathering of its kind in the world. It is celebrated every 3 years, each year moving to a different country, with the Pope presiding over the event. WYD is an excellent opportunity for young people from across our diocese to come together, in fellowship, with other young Catholics from around the world, to share and engage in their faith.

**Looking After Our Parish Cemeteries:** These are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please co-operate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard or into our neighbour's property. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away.

**An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Single Farm Payment Forms:**

NIAPA official will be there to complete them on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.      *Closing date is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May*

**Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland – Special Evening of Music and Song with The Priests:** The classical music trio The Priests will present a special fundraising concert in St Patrick's RC Cathedral, Armagh on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. The evening will celebrate the hope that local people have helped Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland build over the last 21 years. *Tickets cost £20 and can be purchased at [habitatni.co.uk](http://habitatni.co.uk) or from Armagh Parish Office (028 3752 2813)*

**Dean Maguirc College – Leaving Mass for Year 12 and 14 Students:**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am in St Colmcille's Church.      *Everyone most welcome*

**St Columba 's Long Tower – Mass for Healing:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.      *All are welcome*

**An Goirtín Naomh Pádraig Football Club – Big Bingo:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00pm in Gortin Rouskey Social Centre.

<p><b>Pope Francis' Intentions for May (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b></p> <p><b>Universal – Care for the Suffering:</b> That rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.</p> <p><b>Evangelisation – Openess to Mission:</b> That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularist cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.</p>
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Parish Liturgy for May, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Siobhan McKenna	Helen / Brendan McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer needed	Brianna Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Margaret Morris	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Brian Gillen Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Eileen McKenna and Ann McAleer		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
The Altar Society need volunteers for the months of June and July – can you help?			

<p><b>Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time</b></p> <p>God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, in good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura.</p> <p>Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.</p> <p>Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.</p> <p>Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.</p> <p>We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.</p> <p><b>Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.</b></p> <p><i>Fr. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)</i></p>	<p><b>International Eucharistic Congress Prayer 2012</b></p> <p>Lord Jesus, You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.</p> <p>You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever.</p> <p>Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.</p> <p>May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.</p> <p>May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection.</p> <p>In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever.</p> <p><i>Amen</i></p>
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<p><b>TinyLife – Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies:</b> Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.</p> <p><b>Our Volunteers:</b> All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.</p> <p><b>How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer?</b> Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.</p> <p><i>Next Training Dates: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015</i></p>
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<p><b>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:</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>Lough Derg – Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p><b>One Day Retreats:</b> Begins Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and continues on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May. <i>Advance booking is essential</i></p> <p><b>Three Day Pilgrimage Season:</b> From Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. You can begin on any day between then and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. <i>Pre-booking not required</i></p>	<p><b>Tel:</b> 00353 71986 1518 • <b>Email:</b> info@loughderg.org</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.</p> <p><i>See poster at Church entrances</i></p>
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<p><b>Registration of the Religious of the Diocese:</b> Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card.</p> <p><i>Thank you!</i></p>
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015			
Sacramental Celebrations	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
	Feast of the Ascension		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	St. Patrick's
		Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May • Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		St. Patrick's
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September • Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October		
	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Our Lady of the Wayside
Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates			
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> July)	Saturday Evening (4 <sup>th</sup> July)	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday Morning (5 <sup>th</sup> July)	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 15:1-8:***John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships
  - with God
  - with your family
  - with your friends
  - with communities or groups to which you belong?
2. 'Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.'  
In what ways do you see that you have been 'pruned' by the experiences of life, or by the word of God, to be a more fruitful person? Perhaps you have also experienced the need for 'pruning' in significant relationships in your life.
3. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.
4. God is glorified by our being fruitful. When has human fruitfulness reminded you of God at work in our world?

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

We are told in our First Reading that when the converted Saul came to Jerusalem and tried to join the disciples they were afraid of him and were slow to believe that he was really a believer. How often are we reluctant to accept that people can change? 'A leopard never changes its spots,' we mutter, 'better not take a chance with him or her.' Sometimes, though, we are reminded of second chances in the most surprising places – such as the Australian soap opera, Home and Away, whose storylines regularly feature ne'er do wells who achieve redemption over time through the forbearance and acceptance of the residents of Summer Bay!

**The Deep End – What Does it Mean to be a Branch?***Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit, they need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education systems, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding on the pressure in this Gospel passage by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of produce do you? But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit bearing comes naturally and people will see the Gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

People see the Gospel in our lives; let them read our lives.

*Pope Francis*