

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 A] (3rd September, 2017)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Thought for the Week: "The Holy Spirit leads us like a mother. He leads His child by the hand... as a sighted person leads a blind person." *St. John Vianney*

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 3rd September – Sunday 10th September)

Saturday 2nd September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 3rd September	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass
Monday 4th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 5th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 6th September	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass
Thursday 7th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass: Roseann McGarvey (7 th Anniversary)
Friday 8th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Saturday 9th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Lucy McCullagh (4 th Anniversary)
St. Cieran (abbot)			
Sunday 10th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass

Station Masses in October: Once more the opportunity is offered to families across the parish to host a Station Mass during the month of October. This year there are eleven dates available as follows
 Monday 2nd, 16th and 23rd • Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th • Friday 6th, 20th and 27th
 If you already offered last year to host a mass this year please get in touch as soon as possible to avoid a double-booking
To book please approach Fr. Gallagher or call the Parochial House on (028) 8164 8474

Weekly Collection: £915 *Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish and other collections over the summer*

Baptism: We welcome into God's family **Jamie Francis Cahill** who was baptised on Saturday 26th August in St. Patrick's Church. *May God continue to bless them and his parents and godparents*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the soul of **Roseann McGarvey** whose 7th anniversary occurs at this time and for **Noelle Conway, P. Joe Clarke** and **Patsy O'Neill** who are recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society.

Blessing of Bikes and Bikers: An Inter-denominational Service will take place in St. Aengus' Church, Burt (on the N13 near the Derry Bridge Border) on Sunday 3rd September for around 1.30pm. Collection on the day will be for RNLI. The Service will be followed by a 'Ride Out' to Ned's Point RNLI Station where light refreshments will be served. If anyone is interested, Fr. Gerry Sweeney will be leaving the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road, Strabane after Mass at 12.30pm to travel to Burt Chapel.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Greencastle and Badoney Lower Parishes are organising a bus to join the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 23rd September. The bus will leave Gortin at 8.00am with pick-ups in Greencastle and Mountfield. The cost of the bus will be £15. There will be a short stop on the way down and a dinner stop in Bundoran on the way home. Pilgrims from neighbouring parishes are most welcome.
To find out more / book with Pat McSwiggan call (028) 8164 7099

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Day of Renewal: Sunday 8th October in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh
Registration: 9.00am • **Theme:** 'You are the salt of the earth' (Mt. 5:13) • **Speaker:** Sr Josephine Walsh DHS
Holy Mass: 3.30pm • **Celebrant:** Bishop Donal McKeown • **Cost:** £25 (includes lunch and tea / coffee)
 Booking essential to facilitate catering • **Tel:** 028 8224 2092 (office hours) / 028 8224 3973 / 0787 6411 435 / 0759 6609 041

Free Training Course for Carers of people with Dementia: From September in Derry and Strabane.
 4 weeks at 3hours per week • *To register please email roisin.flynn@alzheimers.org.uk or call 07484 507 178*

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.
Tel: 01 443 4510 • **Email:** reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Massive Prayer Rally for Ireland: Saturday 9th September at 1.00pm. Join thousands of people gathering at Nutts Corner, Co. Antrim, to pray for the healing, restoration and transformation of our land.
For more information call Precious Life on (028) 9027 8484 or email info@preciouslife.com

Next Week's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9 • Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 8 • Romans 13:8-10
 Matthew 18: 15-20 • Lectionary 1:697 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Presentation of the Gifts (Offertory): The rota for children of P4 and P7 making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation during this new school year will be prepared and handed out during the coming week.
Next weekend (9th and 10th September) being the first weekend of the new rota operating

Attention Farmers: Anyone affected by recent flooding needs to complete a Force Majeure form in relation to their single farm payment. *Please contact NIAPA (867 65700) or your local form filler / agent to get a form as it must be submitted straight away*

Tyrone Ancient Order of Hibernians – Hibernian Day Parade: Sunday 10th September in Greencastle Co. Tyrone to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima at 3.00pm. We will be walking up to The Mass Rock on The Green Road, Greencastle for Rosary and Hymns then parading back to Greencastle Community Centre
 Anyone wishing to take part in this community parade please email tyronecountyboardaoh1@yahoo.com • Everyone Welcome

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
 Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579
Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details

Dunamanagh Parish Annual Steak BBQ: Friday 8th September in Aughbrack Hall, starring Johnny Brady.
Admission: £15 • **Food Served:** 8.00pm to 10.30pm • In aid of the Building Fund

McCrea's Bar & Lounge, Glenhull – Annual Steak BBQ
 Saturday 9th September. Food served between 7.00pm and 10.00pm, with music by Gerry Mac. *All proceeds go to Aware NI*

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders.
For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Institute of Irish Leadership | **Creative Writing Workshops:** Tues. 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th September (10.30am to 12.30pm)
Walking Group: Meet every Mon. in Pomeroy Forest Car Park (11.00am to 12 00noon)

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden – Growing in Grace Weekend Retreat
 Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September at St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co. Donegal. For those in recovery from addiction facilitated by 11th Step Group (Scotland). *Call (00353) (0)7493 84866 to book or for more info*
 €150 [residential] // €100 [non-residential] • Limited accommodation available • All meals provided

Rouskey Community Cookery Book: Another new project for Rouskey. We are now looking for homemade cooking and baking; old traditional recipes, new recipes and gluten-free and vegetarian. We invite you to bring all your recipes on Monday 11th September from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Rouskey Community Centre or you can still email them to rouskeycommunity@yahoo.com or give the recipes to members of committee. *Funded by the Fermanagh Omagh District Council*
Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma: Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring. We have a number of people who are interested in this course but we need a few more. *Proposed by Rouskey CDA • Call Bridie on 07591 047 556 for more information*

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
 Get together over a cuppa with all your friends in aid of your Local Foyle Hospice.
 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.
For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

Mrs Darling's Confidence Academy: Returns to Green Elves Playgroup, Greencastle on Saturday 9th September, offering high-quality drama, singing and dance classes to feed your child's imagination and boost their confidence.

Munchkins Session	3 and 4 year olds	10.00am to 11.00am	£35
Kool Kids Session	5 to 8 year olds	11.00am to 12.30pm	£40
Superstars Session	9 to 12 year olds	12.30pm to 2.00pm	£40

There is a sibling rate to make this very affordable for families with the eldest sibling being full price. Additional siblings are charged at £20. Sign up on Saturday 9th September, fifteen minutes before your child's class. Find us on facebook or call (028) 8164 8119 for further information

The Net – September Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:
 Strathfoyle Junior Choir honour St. Oliver Plunkett • High praise for Limavady HOPE Camp • Hollybush PS celebrates 125 years
 Fabulous Fundraising at Foreglan PS • Glenuillin, Dernafaw, Claudy and Altinure Children of the Eucharist
 Limavady principal retires • Coleraine Churches' Forum • Kilrea celebrates Fr Malachy Gallagher's ordination
 Desertmartin's young pioneers • Greencastle Mass Rock • Malin Well Mass and Boat Blessing • Buncrana Flower Festival
 Fr. Charles Lafferty ordained in Ardmore • Corpus Christi in Buncrana, Clonmany and Carnhill • Burt Golden Jubilee celebration
 Ardmore pioneers celebrate • Fatima talks in Claudy and Maghera • Long Tower feature • Derry input at Dublin Summit
 Faith and friendship with SPReD • Remembering Bishop Edward Daly • Derry Diocese celebrates Year of the Family
 Diocesan Diary • Cursillo today • Children's Catechism Club • Autumn gardening tips • Quiz Time
For coverage of your parish or school faith activities email editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Parish: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen

Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions
 Every 13th of the month from May to October with the exception of 19th August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13th May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour
Celebrant: Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown • *All are welcome*

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

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

Rural Support: 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
Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk
 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

Kindercare Fostering NI: 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:
Tel: (028) 90941690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

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

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.
If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office
Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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

Parish Liturgy for September, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Michaela Gillen	Rosemary McCullagh	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

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 / 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*

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ACCORD – Relationship Counseling: 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.
An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com

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

Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm: 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.
Address: IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal
Tel: (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • **Website:** celticprayergarden.com • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 16:21-27: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain, as a student studying, or an athlete training, can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?
2. Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. Peter would have none of it. When have you found that taking up your cross brought you life, even though at the time it may have been difficult?
3. Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die. In spite of this he trusted that the power of God would overcome evil. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?
4. Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward for faithful discipleship. What have these rewards been?

Musings – Any Who Welcomes You Welcomes Me: Dietrich Bonhoeffer (The Cost of Discipleship)

To deny oneself is to be aware only of Christ and no more of self, to see only him who goes before and no more the road which is too hard for us.

When Christ calls a person, he bids them come and die.

The disciple-community does not shake off sorrow as though it were no concern of its own, but willingly bears it. And in this way they show how close are the bonds which bind them to the rest of humanity. But at the same time they do not go out of their way to look for suffering, or try to contract out of it by adopting an attitude of contempt and disdain. They simply bear the suffering which comes their way as they try to follow Jesus Christ, and bear it for his sake. Sorrow cannot tire them or wear them down, it cannot embitter them or cause them to break down under the strain; far from it, for they bear their sorrows in the strength of him who bears them up, who bore the whole suffering of the world upon the cross. They stand as the bearers of sorrow in the fellowship of the Crucified: they stand as strangers in the world in the power of him who was such a stranger to the world that it crucified him.

The Deep End – Selfless Love: Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

It can be difficult to understand why anyone would willingly place a burden on themselves. We are bombarded daily with promises of a better, easier life. Magazines and lifestyle gurus offer us a better work-life balance. New gadgets pledge to remove obstacles or irritations and make our lives less stressful. It's all a bit of a contrast to the message of today's gospel, where Jesus says that his followers must take up their cross. Why would we deliberately suffer, or take on a burden? Surely we should aim to make our lives as easy as possible!

Yet, we see self-sacrifice all the time. Parents make sacrifices for their children, and many people tend lovingly to elderly parents or relatives. Friends give up their time to listen and support each other. Teachers go the extra mile for a vulnerable child, and nurses, doctors, and care workers often go beyond the call of duty. Countless people give up their time and resources to help those in need, whether it's raising funds for charities or offering practical support to those who are sick, homeless, or struggling. And it's all done out of love.

When Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to suffer grievously and be put to death, they naturally react with shock, as it seems like a strange path to choose. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate love for us, just as we would sacrifice everything for someone we love dearly. Being a follower of Jesus means being prepared to sometimes put others' needs before our own.

Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour: 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.

Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo: Monday 18th September for 4 nights. 4 nights full board in Hotel Centro di Spiritulita. The pilgrimage will include visits to of Padre Pio and Monte Sant Angelo – the shrine in the cave where the birthplace St. Michael the Archangel appeared. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Daniel Ilhunnia MSP • €689

If interested call JWT on 00353 1241 0816, Marie on 07799 112 224 or Clare on 07778 025 587

Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub

This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.

We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.

An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.

To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.

The questionnaire will also be available online

Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.

We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

SUSE+ Community Programme: Are you aged between 16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week? If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid
If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below

Address: SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

Email: conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk • **Tel:** 07834 129 213 *Courses will be run, subject to minimum number interested*

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

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes: Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 469 428 or (028) 8164 8706

Child Care Level 2
Proposed by Rouskey CDA through
South West College in Rouskey
Community Centre in September

Provides learners with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare them for employment or to provide career development opportunities to progress onto a relevant Level 3 programme. As work placement is a vital part of this programme, learners will get the opportunity for both 'learning' and 'doing'.

Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma
Proposed by Rouskey CDA
through South West College

Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring.

Essential Skills Levels 1 and 2 in English and 2 in IT These September courses are free

Camowen Farmers Group trip to National Ploughing Championships, Tullamore: Leaving Carrickmore Tuesday 19th September at 12noon and returning Thursday 21st September at 3.00pm. £250, this includes luxury coach for 3 days, entry to Ploughing Championships, 2 nights B&B and 2 dinner in 4-star Trim Castle, Co. Meath, Lunch on Tuesday 19th in Glencarn Hotel, Castleblayney and dinner on 21st in Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan.
£100 deposit by Tuesday 15th August to secure booking • Call (028) 8076 1339 / 07789 067 231 for more details

Pope Francis – 'Vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit'

The Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations has launched a prayer initiative for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in Ireland. In this centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, parishes, schools and families are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary, for vocations in Ireland, on the 13th of each month from May until October.

Those taking part in the prayer initiative are invited to use the social media hashtag #Pray4Vocations

2016 Parish Statistics

Baptisms (18) 7 Boys 11 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16) 10 Boys 6 Girls	Confirmations (21) 10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16) 7 within parish 9 outside parish	Funerals (10) 8 within parish 2 outside parish	Station Masses in October 8
Events The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 th October		

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Friday 8th 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.

Saturday 9th 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.

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:

Rome Pilgrimage: [Group 1] Sunday 29th October to Thursday 2nd November
[Group 2] Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)
God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;
To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word,
To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.
Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done
with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*
Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

St. Pio Monthly Devotions: The monthly devotions through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina that take place the second Wednesday of each month in St. Patrick's Church will resume 13th Sept. after summer break.

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

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.

For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** a.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 10th September. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to honour the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, family and society in teaching and passing on the faith. Anointing of the Sick will be at 2.30pm, with Mass at 3.00pm followed by the Rosary. Chief Celebrant Archbishop is Eamon Martin with Music by the Ballina School Choir featuring special guest Dana.

All prayers will be blessed during the pilgrimage

Bus: £15 (pick-ups can be made along the main route) • **Meals (optional):** €30

Call Mona on (028) 8673 7954 or Una on 07743 575 969 to book • Everyone welcome!

Children's Prayer Appeal: Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. The prayers can be brought to Knock on the day or posted in advance to the Catholic Grandparents' Association, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co Mayo.