

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

**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] – Day for Life (3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU

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**Thought for the Week:** "If the heart of divine mystery is turned in compassion toward the world, then devotion to this God draws persons into the shape of divine communion with all others: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). To deny one's connection with the suffering needs of others is to detach oneself from divine communion."  
*Elizabeth Johnson*

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> The Guardian Angels	St. Patrick's	<b>12.30pm</b> Wedding Mass <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Lizzie McCullagh (nee McCaffrey) (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b> Mass: Mary Rose McCullagh (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
<b>Note:</b> As of this week (the first weekend in October) Sunday mass in the parish will be celebrated at 11.30am. While social distancing rules continue this mass will be celebrated in either Greencastle or Broughderg Churches. <i>Please check the Liturgy Schedule and Townland Rota each week for the venue of Sunday Mass</i>		
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Bruno (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> Our Lady of the Rosary	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Denis and Companions	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.30am</b> Mass

**Baptism Dates for October and November:** While social distancing rules are in place, only one baptism at a time will be permitted. Until informed otherwise please continue to contact Fr. Gallagher for booking.  
**Greencastle** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm      **Broughderg** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm

**Baptism:** We offer our prayers and best wishes to the parents and families of **Michael Óg Bernard Gillen** and **Alicia Isabella Small** who were both received into the family of God through the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> (Michael) and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September (Alicia) in St. Patrick's Church.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Lizzie McCullagh (1<sup>st</sup>)**, **Mary Rose McCullagh (4<sup>th</sup>)** and **John Conway (29<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all who died due to Covid-19.

**Weekly Collection:** £955      *Thank you for your continued generosity*

**Catholic Marriage Encounter – Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** An online experience using Zoom  
 Starting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm and ending Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm  
 Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance  
*Visit marriageencounter.ie for full details*

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer of 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.

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

**Townland Mass Rota**  
 Some changes to the townland groupings have been made, please check below to see if your townland (or part of it) has been changed. Mass for Broughderg is not broadcast so you may need to follow either the mass on YouTube from either the Vigil Mass from Greencastle or Gortin. Please note that the 11.00am mass time may be changed later in the month to 11.30am.  
*Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South now with Formil • All of Aughascribba Road now with Aughascribba, Binnefreaghan now with Sheskinshule and Crockanboy*

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacroy, Alworries
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.30am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>6.00pm</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacroy, Alworries
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South

**Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October with Mass outdoors (weather permitting). The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential.  
**Email:** info@loughderg.org      **Telephone:** 0(0353) 71 986 1518      **Website:** loughderg.org  
**Address:** Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

**Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Music Classes via Zoom:**      *For more info call Bridget on 07710 990 616*  
 Planned to start on the week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
 Classes will be on Whistle, Button Accordion, Fiddle and Banjo and all will run on Monday nights (except for the Banjo class which will run on a Thursday night)  
 Classes are not face-to-face at this stage so are not suitable for complete beginners, we welcome musicians with a basic knowledge of their chosen instrument and those who are learning classical music on the violin / fiddle

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Blessed Columba Marmion [1858-1953]** An Irish monk, and the third abbot of Maredsous Abbey. Beatified by Pope John Paul II on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2000, Marmion was one of the most popular and influential Catholic writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. His books are considered spiritual classics.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – St. Francis of Assisi (priest) [1181/1182-1282]** Abandoned all things for the love of Christ. Founded the Friars Minor and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron Saint of ecologists.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – St. Bruno (priest) [1033-1660]** Born in Cologne where he became professor of theology in Rheims university and later its head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship were the basics. At La Grande Chartreuse he founded the Carthusians and later died there.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary** Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October – St. Denis and Companions** Beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258, later buried at Montmartre. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, one of the Patron Saints of France.

**Next Week's Readings:** Wisdom 7:7-11 • Psalm 89:12-17, R/ v 14 • Hebrews 4:12-13  
 Mark 10:17-30 • Lectionary 1:785      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)**

**Evangelisation – Missionary Disciples:** We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**Dún Uladh – Online Traditional Music Classes:** Lessons available in tin whistle, flute, concertina, fiddle, banjo, harp and button accordion with instruments also available to hire. From 28<sup>th</sup> September (flute and whistle 21<sup>st</sup> September). *For more info call the centre on 028 8224 2777 or e-mail info@dunuladh.ie*

**Accord Counselling Services:** Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

**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:** kinderareni.co.uk

**Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):**

Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies  
*Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)*

**Thornhill Ministries – Beyond the Bruising:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am. An oasis hour for those seeking serenity as they live with fractured relationships. Available on zoom. *thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org*

**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*

**Eucharistic Adoration** Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

**12noon – 1.00pm** Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

**1.00pm – 2.00pm** Married couples and those preparing for Marriage

**2.00pm – 3.00pm** Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people

**4.00pm – 5.00pm** Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth

**6.00pm – 7.00pm** The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

**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

**The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility:** This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.

*Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk*

**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

**Epilepsy Action NI:** Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?

Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham**

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership:** This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Applications for the Autumn intake close Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

*For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org*

**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*

**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*

**Prayer for the End of the Virus:** Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

**Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster?** Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.

*To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit barnardos.org.uk/foster*

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection:** O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**What is Spiritual Communion?** It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

**Deanery of Tyrone Statistics**

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000  
 6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people  
 3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people

The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics  
 7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?  
 In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.  
 The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.  
 Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s  
 The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

**Radio Maria Ireland:** An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.

You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:  
 Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)  
 Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"  
 Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)  
 'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)  
 Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

**The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration**

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

**Mid Ulster Agewell:** Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.  
*For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org*

**Certificate in Christian Thought:** Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more.  
*Full details are available at derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought*

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:** *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

1. Marriages do break down, but in this story Jesus appears as the wise person urging people to seek first the original harmony where possible, rather than seek escape routes when difficulties arise. When have you found that, in marriage or in other relationships, the bonds have been strengthened when you have been prepared to work through difficulties?
2. There are other things that we needlessly and wrongly put in opposition: young and old, male and female, people from different cultures, body and soul. Perhaps at times you have discovered the advantages of exploring the richness in combining such apparently exclusive opposites.
3. The children in the second story can be taken as representing any group of 'little ones' whose opinion we may be inclined to dismiss. When have you found that you have been taught an important lesson about life, about love, or about faith by people whose views you had been inclined to dismiss?

**A Prayer for Now:** God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**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*

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	8