

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013)  
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**We welcome Fr. Joseph O'Connor to celebrate Mass with us this weekend**

**Liturgy Schedule for Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013)**

<b>Saturday Evening (2<sup>nd</sup> November)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>NOTE:</b> There will be <b>no Mass</b> from Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November		
<b>Saturday Evening (9<sup>th</sup> November)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: Michael Conway (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b> Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£885**.  
**Retired Priests' Pension Fund Collection:** This will be taken up next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> November).  
**Annual Mission Sunday Collection:** A further **£260** was collected. Thank you to all who helped in any way to write and distribute. If you have been missed or require a special envelope in your box of envelopes let us know.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Jim McCullagh**, whose Requiem takes place in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.00pm. We also pray for **Mary Rose Conway, Mick Fox, and Eddie Fox**, whose anniversaries occur at this time and remember **Fr. Vincent MacRory** and **Lucy McCullagh**, recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

**Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.  
 Please contact Eileen at [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) or call (028) 7126 9898 / 07840 182 004

**Greencastle GAA – Christmas Fayre:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Community Centre.  
 Anyone who would like to take a stall can contact Leona on 07789 687 564

**Owenkillew Credit Union – Annual General Meeting:** In Greencastle Office on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**Musings** *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*  
 As we remember our dead in November, we also think especially of those who are bereaved. One thirteenth-century Irish poet expresses this pain poignantly on the death of his young son, Aonghus: 'Only on loan had I Aonghus from God ... he has gone to another father'. Calling him his 'young hero' and his 'eye's treasure', he expresses what many bereaved parents feel: why could I not die before he did? Instead, 'for the Lord of Heaven have I reared Aonghus, the half of my heart'. There were no easy answers in the thirteenth century; nor are there today.

**Prayer from the Community at Taize:** God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in Syria and elsewhere in the world. So we turn to you - you do not let us give in to discouragement. You bring us to understand that our prayer and our compassion count. Be close to those who are suffering and send your Holy Spirit, that all humans may be inspired to make signs of peace.

**Greencastle Community Centre – Card Playing:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm.

**BADA – Upcoming Events:** **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** Card playing at 8.00pm. *Refreshments served*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Wisdom 11:23-12:1; Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2;  
 Luke 19:1-10; Lectionary II, page 330 **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Congratulations to **Eamon McAleer** who won the **£4,850** lotto jackpot with  
 E • J • M • N • T      **Next Jackpot: £1,000**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b> Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November The family of <b>Nicole Cahill</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b> Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b> Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November The family of <b>Leah McGuigan</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b> The family of <b>Niamh Clarke</b>	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b> The family of <b>Daniel McCrory</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b> The family of <b>Aoibhin Coyle</b>	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b> The family of <b>Micael McCann</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November*</b> The family of <b>Ronan Coyle</b>	Solemnity of Christ the King	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> The family of <b>Shane McKenna</b>

**\* Do This In Memory Week 2**  
 As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.  
**What can you volunteer to do in your parish?** Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community. *We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

**Green Elves Playgroup – Parent and Toddler Group:** Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm from 14<sup>th</sup> November. *All welcome just come along. For more information call (028) 8164 8119*

**Families Bereaved by Suicide Residential Weekend:** From 7.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November until 5.00pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November in The Sanctuary, the IOSAS Centre, Muff, Co Donegal.

**St Canice's Oratory Celtic Prayer Garden (Lenamore Road) – Healing Mass:**  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.00pm. Celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin. *Refreshments afterwards in the IOSAS Centre*

**PTAA – Month of the Holy Souls:** Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrificial act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise! Take the SHORT-TERM pledge for NOVEMBER. *For more information visit [pioneerassociation.ie](http://pioneerassociation.ie)*

**Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre Chapel, Larne – Christmas Carol and Song Workshop:**  
 This workshop is aimed at helping church and school choirs and individuals with material for the Christmas season. £30, including lunch and music.  
**Date:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am to 4.30pm    **Tel:** (028) 2827 2196    **Web:** [drumalis.co.uk](http://drumalis.co.uk)

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – St. Otteran (monk)** Irish monk associated with Columba of Iona. Some claim that he was an abbot from County Meath but that is not definite. Patron Saint of graves and cemeteries. [Not celebrated this year]

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – All the Saints of Ireland**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary) [658-739]** Northumbrian missionary saint, known as the "Apostle to the Frisians" in the modern Netherlands. He became the first Bishop of Utrecht and died at Echternach, Luxembourg.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 19:1-10:** *John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))*

- Zacchaeus showed himself open to the call of Jesus, to the surprise of his contemporaries who thought there was no good in tax collectors. Sometimes the people who give us lessons in goodness may be people we previously disregarded. Recall when this happened for you.
- It was the eagerness of Zacchaeus to see what kind of a man Jesus was that opened him up to conversion. When you consider moments of change in your life what were the interests or desires that prepared you for change?
- The decision of Jesus to eat in the house of Zacchaeus broke the social norms of his day and scandalised those who saw him. When have you found table fellowship a useful way of breaking down artificial boundaries between people? When has a kind word had this effect?
- Zacchaeus had become rich off the backs of the people and they thoroughly disliked him. Yet he was the one singled out by Jesus and he responded to Jesus' call. Perhaps you have also seen people who hurt you and caused you pain change their ways. How have you reacted to such a change? What has helped you to see the grace of God at work and give thanks?

<b>Pope Francis' Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b>	
<b>General – Priests Experience Difficulties:</b>	That priests experiencing difficulties may be comforted in their sufferings, sustained in their doubts and confirmed in their fidelity.
<b>Missionary – Churches of Latin America:</b>	That the Churches of Latin America may send missionaries to other Churches as fruit of the continental mission.

<b>Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time</b>	
<i>Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)</i>	
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. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. 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. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.	
<b>Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.</b>	

<b>Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society:</b> Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.	
<b>Adoption:</b> Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?	
<b>Tel:</b> (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • <b>Email:</b> email@familycaresociety.org • <b>Web:</b> familycaresociety.co.uk	

<b>ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013</b> (028)8224 2439 <a href="mailto:accordomagh@btopenworld.com">accordomagh@btopenworld.com</a> <a href="http://accord.ie">accord.ie</a> 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> November, and 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.	
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<b>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video</b>	
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:	
<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> <li>• 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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.</li> </ul>	
<i>The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the <b>Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</b></i>	

<b>Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau:</b> The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? <i>For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at <a href="http://knockmarriagebureau.com">knockmarriagebureau.com</a> and read about the workings of the Bureau</i>	
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<b>Parish Liturgy for November, 2013</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Barry Maguire
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Seoirse Conway	Rosemary McCullagh	Claire Coyle
<b>Collectors</b>	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Rosemary, Shauna and Ciara McNally		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			

<b>The Deep End – Zacchaeus</b>	
<i>Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)</i>	
It was because of the crowd that Zacchaeus could not see Jesus. Today's Gospel brings up questions for us about who we are preventing having an experience of Jesus because we deem them unworthy or 'sinner'. Zacchaeus as a chief Roman tax collector would have been seen as part of the Roman regime and an exploiter. Zacchaeus does not let that stop him, and climbs a tree to make sure he can get a glimpse of the preacher that everyone is talking about. Jesus seeks out the lost and sees Zacchaeus. He reaches out to him immediately and with urgency saying he 'must' stay at Zacchaeus' house. It is God's plan, it is a necessity.	
Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement in the Old Testament for restitution 'four times the amount'. But notice that Jesus reaches out before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes. God's love is unconditional and eternal. The encounter with Jesus has led Zacchaeus to be witness to restoration and solidarity. He wants to restore justice to the situations he has created. Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table with urgency. Jesus is waiting to be invited in 'today'. The complaints and negativity continue in the background, suggesting he is not good enough... but none of that matters. This man is a 'son of Abraham'. It was the affection of Christ, not the condemnation of the town that reversed the situation.	

<b>The Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2014:</b> The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travels to Lourdes every Easter Sunday with young people and children from all over Ireland. The Derry, Tyrone and Donegal groups are currently accepting applications from young people of any religious denomination with:	
• A physical disability or illness (aged 9-18)	• Very seriously ill children under 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative
• A learning disability (aged 11-21)	• Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness.
The young person travels without their family but accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. This week is a great experience for the young person as they have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence and often provides respite for parents/carers. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Alice on 086 856 6432 or James on 07989 303 896 for further details and an application form.	
<i>Please note closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you are interested in volunteering with The Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer please contact either of the numbers above. All volunteers pay their own fare</i>	

<b>Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing:</b> Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.	
<b>NO NAME CALLING</b>	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
<b>NO THIRD PARTIES</b>	The argument is between the two of you
<b>NO PAST HISTORY</b>	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
<b>STICK TO THE SUBJECT</b>	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
<b>NO CHEAP SHOTS</b>	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
<b>DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY</b>	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
<b>MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR</b>	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
<b>HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING</b>	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world