

.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] (3rd November, 2019)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Thought for the Week: "Yet we have often been on the defensive, wasting pastoral energy on denouncing a decadent world without being proactive in proposing ways to find true happiness... clearly reflect the preaching and attitudes of Jesus, who set forth a demanding ideal yet never failed to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals like the Samaritan woman or the woman caught in adultery."
Pope Francis' Encyclical on Family (Amoris Laetitia, Chapter 2, #38)

Liturgy Schedule for Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (3rd November – 10th November)

Saturday 2nd November DTiM (week 2) • All Souls' Day	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Michael Conway (11 th Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd November 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass
Monday 4th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 5th November	St. Patrick's	NO MASS	
Wednesday 6th November	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.15pm	Adoration 7.30pm Mass for Deceased Members of Greencastle GAA
Thursday 7th November St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Friday 8th November	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass for the Parish Faithful Departed
Saturday 9th November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Mickey (5 th), Mick (12 th) and Mary (26 th) Hollywood and Eileen Clarke (4 th)
Sunday 10th November 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

COLLECTIONS Weekly: £980 **Mission Sunday:** £855 *Thank you for your continuing generosity*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary Hamill nee O'Hagan (Dungannon, formerly Cashel)** who died this week. We also pray for the souls of **Michael Conway (11th), Brendan Morris (22nd)** and **Mary Rose Conway (32nd)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

New Altar Servers: Application and Parental Permission forms for those interested in serving on the altar will be distributed at mass this weekend and next. If you are in Primary 5 or above please consider this way of serving your parish and church. Training will begin in November to begin to serve in early December.
Please return forms to Fr. Gallagher either at mass or leave in the Parochial House

Mass for the Faithful Departed- The Annual Mass to pray all our Family and Parish Dead will take place this year on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. This is to avoid a clash with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 2nd November and an uncomfortably large congregation at this important mass.

Fr. Bill Healing and Faith Renewal Retreat: Monday 4th to Friday 8th November in St. Mary's Convent, Knock. Given by Fr. Anthony Saji VC. *For more info call Roisin on 074 93 63336*

An Caisleán Glas – Gala: Saturday 9th November in Silver Birches, Omagh. Celebrate 50 continuous years of An Caisleán Glas. *greencastle50gala@outlook.com*

Pilates Classes: 6-week block from Thursday 7th November in Greencastle Community Centre
Beginners 7.30pm • Intermediate / Advanced 8.30pm
Led by a chartered physiotherapist • To register call Roisin on 07437 762 005 or email roisin@sperrinphysio.com

Some Important Dates

Friday 8th November at 7.30pm Mass for the Parish Faithful Departed	Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm Service of Light for P7 Confirmation children
Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm First Confession for P4 Children	Sunday 26th April at 2.00pm Confirmation
	Saturday 6th June at 12noon First Holy Communion
Next Week's Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 • Psalm 16: 1, 5-6, 8, 15, R/ v15 • 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38 • Lectionary 1:930	
Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]	

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
2 nd November (DTiM week 2) • Fionn Harte	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 rd November • Nicole Horan
9 th November • Caoimhe Maguire	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10 th November • Laurance McCrory
<i>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</i>		
Greencastle Community Association – Cards: Starts Sunday 3 rd November at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.		

Chernobyl Children Appeal NI (Omagh and Fermanagh Branch) – Information Evening: Wednesday 6th November at 8.30pm in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown. Anyone interested in volunteering or hosting in the 2020 summer programme is welcome to come along to find out more regarding the charity.
If interested but unable to attend call Jane (Chairperson) on 075 196 65 089 or Aine (Assistant Chair) on: 07754 749 563

ASPIRE Employability Programme (led by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council)
Free Health and Safety Training: Wednesday 6th November to Friday 15th November.
Training includes: First Aid Certificate | Manual Handling Certificate | CSR Card Training
 Health and Safety | Interview Skills | CV Development | Job Searching Support
Call ASPIRE Omagh on 028 8224 6535 to secure your place

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg – Annual General Meeting: Monday 18th November at 8.00pm in the Community Centre.

Public Information Meeting Marking 25 years of Plumbridge AA Group: Monday 25th November at 8.00pm in Glenelly House, Plumbridge. Speakers from AA, AI-Anon and Medical expert. *Everybody welcome*

Alcoholics Anonymous: Can't stop? There is a solution.
 Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email csoofaa@btinternet.com. alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

Autumn Gala Concert in Aid of Trócaire: Frs. Martin and Eugene O'Hagan of 'The Priests' and Derry soprano Margaret Keys have announced details of an Autumn gala concert in aid of Trócaire. The concert will be held in Clonard Monastery, Belfast on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm and will feature the three vocalists together with the choir of St. Dominic's Grammar School in Belfast. Admission will be free by ticket with a suggested donation on the night of £10.
To reserve tickets visit eventbrite.co.uk, search 'Trócaire Autumn Gala Concert', email infoni@trocaire.org or call (028) 9080 8030

Holy Trinity College – Substitute Bank of Classroom Assistants: If you have a relevant qualification and wish to be included in the substitute CA register send your CV to the college marked for the attention of Mrs. N. McAshea.

Sperrin Family Practice – Flu Vaccines: Flu vaccines are for all patients registered with Sperrin Family Practice aged 65+ (born before 31-03-1955), those under 65 in a risk category eg patients with asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart etc. and all 2 to 3 year old children (born 02-07-15 to 01-09-17). Primary school children will receive their flu vaccines in school. A walk-in flu vaccine clinic has been arranged for Saturday 9th November between 9.30am and 12noon in Gortin Medical Centre for Gortin and Plumbridge surgery patients (no appointment required).

Sounds of the Season – A Celebration of Christmas Music. Tuesday 10th December at 8.00pm. Paschal McAnerly with special guests Malachi Cush, Conor McGinty (from ITV's X Factor), Lauren McCrory and The McBennett Sisters. Musical Director: Plunkett McGartland. Proceeds in aid of parish funds. Church of the Immaculate Conception Ballygawley. Tickets £20 and available from Traynor's Butchers, O'Neill's Chemist, Kelly's Inn, Playtime Nursery Eskra or by calling 07928 419 147. *Get your tickets now for what will be a wonderful night of Music and song*

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Upcoming Events: saconlon15@hotmail.co.uk • (028) 8775 7800

Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge / Irish Language Conversation Circle: Starting Soon

Walking Group: Continues every Monday (11:00am - 12:00 noon). Meet in Pomeroy forest car park.

Thornhill Ministries, 121 Culmore Road, Derry – Upcoming Events:
Tel: (028) 7135 1233 • **Email:** thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • **Website:** thornhillministries.co.uk

Oasis Day: Fr. Paschal McDonnell offers a gentle day's reflection and meditation on 'Harvesting Experience's Wisdom' - Tuesday 5th November from 9.30am to 2.15pm.
Booking essential. Suggested Offering £20 (includes Eucharist and light lunch).

Spiritual Reading Book Club: Tuesday 19th November from 10.30am to 11.45am. For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, our Book Club reviews books and helps us stay in touch with current issues and theology. The Book of the Month for November is 'A Cry is Heard' by John Vanier.
Copies of books available for purchase. New members welcome! Suggested Offering £5.00.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Card Playing: Every Friday at 8.00pm.

Broughderg Area Development Association Ltd. Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 13th November at 8.00pm.

Pope Francis' Intention for November (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.
If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

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

Owenkillew Credit Union – Death Benefit Insurance (DBI):
 DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
 To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.
Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday
Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

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

Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):
 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) • Join our faith family!

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.
If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

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

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
 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

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

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

Parish Liturgy for November, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Joann McCullagh	Orla Scullion	Barry Maguire
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Nora McCullagh	Miceal McCann	Laoise Teague
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Shea McElhatton	Colm Keenan Patrick Tuohey	Pat McGuigan Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Martina Daly

Armchair Exercises: Continues every Monday night in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. *Suitable for all ages*

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

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

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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

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@kindericare.co.uk • **Website:** kindericareni.co.uk

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Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland Weekend: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney.
For more information and / or booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call 07702 812 321 or (087) 784 0408

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 7th 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.

Sunday 10th November – St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church) Taught the two natures of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter. Died in 461.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

- 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?

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

In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus. It is a story that may remind us of our childhood, our first confession, or, as in my case, it might bring a school song to mind that you can't get out of your head! As with all familiar Gospel stories, we are invited to read again with fresh eyes and hear again as if for the first time. For this story is very rich and we risk losing the meaning due to our familiarity with it.

Like many people today, Zacchaeus was a 'seeker.' We read that he was anxious to see what Jesus was like. Clearly, he was drawn to Jesus in some way, was searching for something or someone. Zacchaeus was an outcast, a tax collector, considered a sinner by the community. Yet Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship. In return, Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. But notice that Jesus reaches out in love before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes.

The encounter with Jesus has led Zacchaeus to be a witness to restoration and solidarity. He wants to restore justice where he has acted unjustly. Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table. Jesus is waiting to be invited to his home today. Complaints and negativity continue in the background, 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.

Who do you need to reach out to today in a similar way?

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

PARISH EVENTS IN 2018

Thursday 1st February Service of Light for P7	Thursday 8th March First Confession for P4
Monday 12th March 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral	
Sunday 22nd April Confirmation by Bishop McKeown	Saturday 19th May First Holy Communion
Thursday 14th June P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry	
Thursday 21st June Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal	
Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries	
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park	
Saturday 1st September Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	
Sunday 2nd September All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin	Friday 2nd November Mass for Parish Deceased
10th November Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal	
Wednesday 21st November Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council	
Sunday 16th December Advent Penance Service	Saturday 22nd December 2 New Altar servers welcomed
31st December Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018	

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	12

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall
 For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent
Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

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World Premiere of The Beating Heart of Ulster: Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre through Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and the RSPBANI. Showcasing local, young traditional talent celebrating shared culture through the medium of music, song, storytelling and dance. The first show takes place in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh on Saturday 2nd November at 7.30pm with a second showing in the Ardhowen Theatre, Enniskillen on Saturday 9th November at 7.30pm. Admission is £5 per person, with concession price at £3 per person and family rates available. To book your tickets visit struleartscentre.co.uk and ardhowen.com.
For more info on the event call Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre on 028 8224 2777 or e-mail info@dunuladh.ie

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.

St. Patrick's: Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass
 First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am 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

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019

Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

'Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have." This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: "Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening. Blessed be the politician who is without fear." Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.'

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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Family Care Adoption Services Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children

For a free information contact Tel: (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
us using any of these details Email: anne.ohagan@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

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%

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

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

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Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing.

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Music Monday nights at 6.30pm in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge – whistle, fiddle, banjo and accordion.

Lessons: All levels catered for beginners – advanced. Call Tom on number above for relevant class times

Singing With Ciara Fox Sunday 27th October and 17th and 24th November at 2.30pm in Plumbridge.

Classes: Call Tom on the number above to register

In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II – 10 Night Pilgrimage to Poland: Tuesday 21st April to Friday 1st May, 2020.

Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit the capital of Divine Mercy, venerate the messenger of Mercy, St. Faustina's relics, see the cell that imprisoned St. Maximilian Kolbe (martyr) as well as visit the largest Marian shrines and sanctuaries in Poland – daily Mass and spiritual activities.

Flights from Belfast, luxury coach travel and excellent accommodation.

For more info, a detailed itinerary and price email Fr. Micheál McGavigan at michealmcgavigan@icloud.com