



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (4th February, 2018)
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Thought for the Week: "We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." *St. Mother Teresa*

Liturgy Schedule for Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (Sunday 4th February – Sunday 11th February)

Saturday 3rd February St. Blaise (bishop and martyr) and St. Ansgar (bishop)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Mary Ann McCullagh (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 4th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Monday 5th February St. Agatha (virgin and martyr)	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Mass
Tuesday 6th February St. Paul Miki and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Wednesday 7th February St. Mel (bishop)	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Thursday 8th February	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.20pm	Adoration
Friday 9th February	St. Patrick's	7.00pm to 7.20pm	Confessions • 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 10th February St. Scholastica (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Sunday 11th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	6.00pm	Vigil Mass <i>Do This in Memory Programme (Week 6)</i>
		9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
		11.00am	Mass

Weekly Collection: £1,045 *Thank you for your generosity*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Mary Ann McCullagh (2nd)**, **Thomas McDermott (13th)** and **Rose Heagney McDonald (27th)** and whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for the souls of recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society **Mary Rose McCullagh, John McCullagh, Laura McGuigan, Barney McCrory, Peter Leo McCullagh**

A Time of Spiritual Awakening: Sunday 4th February in St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot. Beginning at 10.00am and finishing with Mass celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin at 5.00pm. Prayer Ministry and Confession throughout the day. Lunch included • Suggested Donation €20/£20 • To book call (00353) (0)7493 68370

Lourdes Hospitalite Collection: On the weekend of 10th and 11th February this will be taken up as a second collection after Communion at all masses to coincide with the World Day of the Sick. This collection enables provision for those pilgrims who wish to go on the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and who need care. We thank you for your generosity in the past and hope that you can continue to support this work. A small number of Novena Prayer cards to Our Lady of Lourdes to be prayed from 3rd to 11th February are available at the front of the church.

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown. *Cost £669*
Address: 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ • **Email:** derrypilgrim@outlook.com • **Tel:** (028) 7126 0293
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11.00am to 1.00pm from Saturday 3rd February

Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends
 Saturday 10th March at 3.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry
If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 7126 4087

St. Joseph's Church, Kileenan – Evening of Gospel and Spiritual Music: Sunday 18th February at 7.00pm
Tickets: £20 each and available from McCullagh's Shop, Greencastle and Mill Wheel Shop, Kildress
Guest Artists: Donna Taggart, Justin McGurk, Karl McGuckin, Gerry Loughran and many more
Guest Speaker: Joe Mahon of Lesser spotted Ulster

Beginning Experience – Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change: The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March in Drumalis, Lame. The Support group continues Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in St. Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast.
To find out more call Phil on (028) 9020 7645, Marie on 07896 119 669 or email bebelfast@hotmail.com

Next Week's Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 • Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11, R/ v 7 • 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
 Mark 1:40-45 • Lectionary 1:750 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 3rd February</u> The family of Ruairi McDonald	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 4th February</u> The family of Colleen Brogan
<u>Saturday 10th February DTIM (week 6)</u> The family of Michael McElduff	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 11th February</u> The family of Lennon Mayton
<u>Saturday 17th February</u> The family of Cailum McKenna	First Sunday of Lent	<u>Sunday 18th February</u> The family of Matthew McGlinchey
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented		

Holy Trinity College – Award-Winning 'Go Berserk' Coding course for Parents / Guardians of Pupils: Friday 9th February.
 This free of charge course introduces coding to adults. *For more info call (028) 8676 2420 or visit holyltrinitycollege.org*

Cursillo – 3-Day Residential Weekends at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry
Men: Thursday 22nd to Sunday 25th February • **Women:** Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th March
For more information call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events: *For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870*
Jim Conway Weekend Friday 28th September in the Mellon Country Inn. Our branch will host
 "Cherish the Ladies" in concert. *Tickets available from committee members soon*
Workshops Saturday 29th September, led by "Cherish the Ladies".

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg – Indoor Gaelic Training Session: For boys and girls in Play School (P5 in the community centre). These will begin in February and take place on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am for those in playschool to P2 and 11.00am to 12 noon for P3 to P5s. *Cannot go ahead without help of parents, please help out as much as possible*

Fun with Fitness – Upcoming Classes: 1 class (£25) 2 classes (£45) 3 classes (£60)
Registration is Thursday 15th February and classes begin Sunday 18th February in Greencastle GAC
Monday Legs, Bums and Tums – 7.00pm to 7.30pm **Thursday** Spin – 6.50pm to 7.30pm and 7.30pm to 8.10pm
 Sunday Running Group – 8.00am to 9.00am

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none.
If you would like to avail of this service please call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com
Accord Marriage Preparation Course (2018 / 2019) 11th and 12th May • 1st and 2nd June • 22nd and 23rd June
 Bookings can be made online at accord-ni.co.uk

Greencastle Community Association – Annual General Meeting: Rescheduled for Thursday 22nd February.

Greencastle Community Centre – Cleaner Required: If interested email greencastlecommunity@gmail.com. 4 hours per week

Rouskey Community Centre *For more info call Bridie on 07591 047 556*
Sean-Nós Dancing Classes with Paul Cassidy: Starts Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm. £16 for 4 weeks
Card Making Workshop with Angela Rafferty: Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 27th February. Make your own personal cards for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day or any other celebration coming up. includes 3 cards and guidance of the tutor. £10

Precious Life – Rally to "Save the 8th": Saturday 10th March. Join thousands from across Ireland in support of the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies. Coaches will be travelling to the rally from towns across Northern Ireland.
For more info call the Rally for Life Committee on (028) 9027 8484 or click on rallyforlife.net

Owenkillew Play Actors – "Thy Will Be Done": Postponed until further notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Green Elves Playgroup – Bingo Club: Every Wednesday at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm).

South West College – Open Days: Come along to learn about the excellent courses on offer. Meet with the lecturers, talk to current students and view the brilliant facilities and equipment on site. *Both are Tuesdays from 2.00pm to 8.00pm*
Enniskillen Campus 27th February • **Dungannon Campus** 27th March

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

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer
 God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love.
 Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray
 [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].
 Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
 Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
 Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

<p>Pope Francis' Intention for February (please remember this in your personal prayers) Universal – Say “No” to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Family Care Adoption Services: We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • Online: familycaresociety.co.uk</p>
<p>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. <i>Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011</i></p>
<p>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 <i>The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy</i></p>
<p>Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes: Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018? <i>For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie</i></p>
<p>ASPIRE: Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy. <i>For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook</i></p>
<p>St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992</p>
<p>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. <i>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</i></p>
<p>Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service <i>To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com</i></p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Drink Wise, Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use? <i>For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240</i></p>
<p>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</p>

Parish Liturgy for February, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Joann McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Shona McKenna	Rachel Clarke	Caoileann Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colm Devlin	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Brian Donnelly Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Alice Keenan, Anne Donnelly and Anne Tuohey		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

Pilgrimage to Poland – In the Steps of St. John Paul II: Monday 16th to Monday 23rd July. Organised by Msgr. Bryan McCanny and Fr. Francis Bradley and led by Cardinal Séan Brady. The all-inclusive price is €1,150, inclusive of direct flights (Dublin-Craców), transfers and all taxes, 20kg baggage allowance, all entrance fees and guided tours of Wawel Castle, Divine Mercy Centre, the Black Madonna of Częstochowa, Wadowice (Pope's birthplace), Salt Mines, Auschwitz and Birkenau Camps, Craków Centre, with Dinner, B&B each day and hotel accommodation in Craców. Luxury Coach transport and an experienced Guide are provided throughout, with pick-ups locally (e.g. Omagh). 10 places remain available on first-come, first-served basis.
Email Fr. Bradley at fbradley@derrydiocese.org or call him on (00353) 87224 1897 for a brochure and booking Form

Broughderg Old Cemetery: Sometime in the early part of the New Year an operation will begin to remove trees both on the periphery of and within the Broughderg Old Cemetery. Many of these trees have been causing some difficulty at various graves and keeping them neat and tidy has also been troublesome for families. Some of the trees have also become dangerously tall and could cause damage if they were to fall.
 This is going to be a costly operation and is the first stage of a 3-stage scheme.
 Stage 2 will include drainage and stage 3 some pathways.
 Some additional fundraising will be required and we look forward to organising some such events in due course

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

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*

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday	Saturday 17th March St. Patrick's Day
Thursday 8th March at 7.00pm First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)	Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday
Saturday 19th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion	Sunday 22nd April at 2.00pm Confirmation
Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead	Tuesday 21st to Sunday 26th August in Dublin World Meeting of Families
Sunday 1st July at 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead followed by Broughderg Old Cemetery	

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

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@jecon.ie

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 5th February – St. Agatha (virgin and martyr) Died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3rd century. Patron Saint of bell-founders. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Tuesday 6th February – St. Paul Miki and Companions (martyrs) Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit, and his twenty-five companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. They were the first Martyrs of East Asia to be canonized. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and then stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion of Christ.

Wednesday 7th February – St. Mel (bishop) St. Mel or Moel died in 488. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with St. Patrick, his uncle, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He helped evangelise Ireland while supporting himself through manual labour.

Saturday 10th February – St. Scholastica (virgin) Sister of St. Benedict. She spent her life as a consecrated virgin. Patron of convulsive children. Died in 543.

Sunday 11th February – Our Lady of Lourdes On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of Prayer of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.
St. Gonnait One of the best loved saints in west Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvaurney, Co. Cork, where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily, her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick.

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish	Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish	
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTE Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick's Church		

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Mark 1:29-39: John Byrne OSA (jbpyrneosa@gmail.com)

This passage contains three stories and there is food for thought in each of them.

- The first story (vv. 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?
- The second story (vv. 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?
- The third story (vv. 35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider
 - Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?
 - Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?

Musings: Bishop Brendan Leahy, 'Mercy, the Church and Society, in Mary McCaughey, ed., *Merciful Like the Father*

In speaking about the merciful outreach of the Church, in his first official interview with the Jesuit Antonio Spadaro, Pope Francis compared the Church to a field hospital: 'I see the church as a field hospital after battle... the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.' Using simple but effective imagery, he brings home his point that before getting into details about the dos and don'ts of the Christian life, it's important to make sure we are conveying the central message and reality: 'it is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds ... And you have to start from the ground up.'

The Deep End – Jesus the Healer:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

In today's gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would be considered taboo.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as people wanted to also be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry, is clearly a very popular, attractive figure. Jesus is the healer. We might ask ourselves today: who do we know who is in need of healing of any kind? This week, how can we reach out to them?

Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's gospel what it takes to stay connected, to re-energise ourselves for our various tasks: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him. 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching. It is up to all of us to help those on this journey, the seekers, the lost and those in need of healing. We cannot break new ground unless we are inwardly free and connected to that divine presence within us and in our world.

The Net – January Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:

Lavey pupils' powerful performance • Faith Family Fun Friday in Foreglen • Ballerin's memorable night of carols
Iskaheen parishioners enjoy following the star • Cor Youth enjoying faith times together
Family of Sport celebration in St. Eugene's • Inishowen seniors enjoy Scoil Mhuire party
Cappagh's amazing 'reTreat' • Drung's Harvest Thanksgiving • Special family prayer night in Bellaghy
Mary's Meals Omagh helping feed world's hungry children
World renowned Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary promoter in Omagh and Melmount schools
Creggan developments transforming parish life • Waterside Syro-Malabar celebration
Claudy pupils consecrated to Our Lady • St. Cecilia's, Derry celebrates 50th anniversary
St. Mary's, Derry Saturday School • Scoil Mhuire Gleneely festival winner • Buncrana Tree Festival
Waterside family talks • Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh, Rún na hEaglaise
Derry faithful brave cold for Coastal Rosaries • Thornhill Crib Festival • Marriage and Family Life feature
Faith story by Sr. Deirdre Mullan, RSM • Fr. Michael Collins' book launch,
Unpacking three-day Cursillo weekend • Children's Catechism Club • Diocesan Diary • Quiz Time.

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities email editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

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.

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

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

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

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

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