

#### Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Third Sunday of Lent [Year B] (4th March, 2018)

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Thought for Lent: "Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?" Ven. Fulton Sheen

	Liturgy Schedule for Third Week of Lent	[Year B] (Sunday	v 4th March – Sunda	v 11th March)
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**COLLECTIONS** Weekly: £1,080 • World Meeting of Families: £510 Thank you for your generosity

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism Ciabhain Og Morris who was baptised on Saturday 24th February in St. Patrick's Church.

We congratulate his parents, godparents and family circle on this joyful occasion

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for the happy repose of the souls of Alice Bradley (2nd), Barney Conway (4th), Rose Morris (8th) and Noel McLaughlin (17th) whose anniversaries occur at this time.

First Confession: The children of P4 of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday 8th March at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church. Pray for them as they continue to prepare both for this celebration and for First Holy Communion later this year

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: Today we pray for the people of Eastern Ghouta in Syria. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed in the bombing of the past two weeks including many children. Trócaire's partners continue to work on the ground in horrendous conditions. We pray for those who can resolve this crisis to "How much longer will you set on a victim, all together, intent on murder, find the political will to do so. like a rampart already leaning over, a wall already damaged?" Psalms 62:3 trocaire.org

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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

Next Week's Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 • Psalm 136, R/ v 6 • Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21 • Lectionary 1:281 Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 3rd March* • Aoibheann McNamee	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday 4th March • Amy McGurk

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March • Darren Tracey Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday 11th March • Caolan McKenna

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented \*Do This in Memory Programme (Week 7) We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Official Icon of the World Meeting of Families will be in the Derry Diocese Monday 5th to Thursday 15th March St. Pius X Church. Moville Evenings of Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th March

St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry City Wednesday 7th to Monday 12th March Sacred Heart Church, Omagh Monday 12th to Tuesday 13th March St. Mary's Church, Bellaghy Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th March There will be a Petitions Box at the various venues while the Icon is there

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 NL For more info call the Rally for Life Committee on (028) 9027 8484 or click on rallyforlife.net

Cursillo - 3-Day Residential Weekend for Women at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th March For more information call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174

Lenten Talk with Davide Barbieri: Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Gortin The Family - Where we learn to live with weakness

From a life in darkness, slave to drugs and crime, to a life of light by living as a missionary of joy. Davide Barbieri, Italian born, had spent all his youth from twelve years old to twenty five years old, on heroin and was affiliated to a group that run crime and pain in Northern Italy. On his way to Emmaus, after attempting suicide five times, he had encountered the Mercy and Love of Jesus in 1996. Since then, in 1999, he opened the Community Cenacolo in Knock, Co. Mayo. He is married with six children. He works for the Aid to the Church in Need Ireland and gives talks in schools, parishes and prisons to give his testimony and would like to give people in pain, hope and joy.

Owenkillew Play Actors - Thy Will Be Done (by Michael Carey): Sunday 4th March at 8.00pm in Gortin / Rouskey Community Centre. This is a play full of country humour arising from the Irish recipe of land and love.

£7 admission (pay at door)

Gaeltacht Summer Course: If anyone (adult or child) is interested in attending to learn Irish please call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001 and she will keep you updated on Scholarship opportunities. Ulster ladies currently have some available and the deadline for applications is Tuesday 27th March.

> Last Ever Colour Run: Sunday 25th March. Let's make it the best! Register online at childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898

Cappagh / Badoney CCE - Cherish the Ladies Concert: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel. Tickets (£5) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

### Institute of Irish Leadership - Upcoming Events:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Everybody welcome • Your support is appreciated Women's Health Day with tutor Emma Gray

Tuesday 6th March, 10.30am to 12.30pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am to 12.30pm Wednesday 14th March, 10.45am to 1.00pm

Suffragettes film with tutor from Belfast Film Festival

An enjoyable morning of card making celebrating St. Patricks Day with your blessings in Irish with visual artist. A bilingual workshop

Showing the Film Saoirse, a follow up to Mise Eire (recently shown)

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

### 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 IPAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAMEI.

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

Evangelisation – Formation in Spiritual Discernment: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**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

Accord Marriage Preparation Course (2018 / 2019): 11th and 12th May • 1st and 2nd June • 22nd and 23rd June accord-ni.co.uk

**South West College –** *Dungannon Campus Open Day:* Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00pm to 8.00pm. 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.

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

**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

Beginning Experience – Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change: The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March in Drumalis, Larne. 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

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

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

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by

Providing free, confidential face-to-face support

Helping you identify a way forward

Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk

To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

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

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

# 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

## 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? For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

Parish Liturgy for March, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Scullion	Orla Scullion	Brendan/Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Michaela Gillen	Rosemary McCullagh	Colleen Brogan
Collectors	Megan Coyle Orla Coyle	Ronan Hollywood Patrick Tuohey	Brendan Daly Patrick McGuigan
Altar Society	Maria Morris, Kathleen Tracey, Louise O'Brien and Alannah Coyle		Ann McDermott, Martina McBride, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

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

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 To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

**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

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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March – St. Casimir [1458-1484] Strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe.

Though a young prince he chose a life of prayer and penance. Paton Saint of Poland.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – St. Kieran (bishop) Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the Continent, where he was baptised and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossory where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well-known monastery.

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**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

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

**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.

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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

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 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.00pm Confirmation

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon First Holy Communion Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August in Dublin World Meeting of Families

Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery
Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

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

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\*\*

**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

**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

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

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@fermanaqhomagh.com

Tel: 07747 899 249

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

#### 2017 PARISH STATISTICS

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Baptisms (26)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14)		Confirmations (15)	
10 Boys • 16 Girls	8 Boys • 6 Girls		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 RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13th April				
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13th December in St Patrick's Church				

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 2:13-25: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.
- 2. But we are the body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others)?
- There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.
- 4. We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances?

## Musings:

Pope Francis Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love, 325)

No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love. This is a never-ending vocation born of the full communion of the Trinity, the profound unity between Christ and his Church, the loving community which is the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the pure fraternity existing among the saints of heaven. Our contemplation of the fulfilment which we have yet to attain also allows us to see in proper perspective the historical journey which we make as families, and in this way to stop demanding of our interpersonal relationships a perfection, a purity of intentions and a consistency which we will only encounter in the Kingdom to come. It also keeps us from judging harshly those who live in situations of frailty. All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse.'

## The Deep End - Who Do You Think You Are?

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

A certain fiery and starry light shone from his eyes and the majesty of Godhead gleamed in His face St. Jerome

What gives you the right? Who do you think you are? In our world, it can be difficult to work out who has authority to speak on certain issues. There are 'experts', both qualified and unqualified, at every turn, telling us how we should spend or invest our money, how we should bring up our children, how we should eat, exercise or dress. We usually manage to tune a lot of it out. But when unsolicited advice or criticism is aimed directly at us, we can feel under attack and react accordingly. 'What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life?' is a common response. We sometimes need to hear someone's credentials before we are willing to give them a fair hearing.

The Temple scene in today's gospel sparks a debate about Jesus' authority. When the Jews question him, asking for a sign to justify what he has done, it is as if they are saying 'Who do you think you are, coming in here, criticising our activities and telling us how to run things?' In calling the Temple 'my Father's house,' Jesus has already identified the source of his authority, but his interrogators do not seem to understand, nor indeed do his disciples. This scene offers much more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation by Jesus that he is the authoritative Son of God, and a foreshadowing of his death and resurrection.

**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

# 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**