



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (4th July, 2021)
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Thought for the Week: "If today we are remembering these brothers and sisters of ours who lived before us and are now in heaven, they are there because they were washed in the Blood of Christ, that is our hope and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, He will never disappoint us." *Pope Francis*

Saturday 3rd July	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 1.00pm Confession 6.00pm Vigil Mass and Blessing of Graves Peter Fox (7 th Anniversary)
	Our Lady of the Wayside	8.00pm Mass and Blessing of Graves
Sunday 4th July 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass and Blessing of Graves 1.00pm Mass and Blessing of Graves 3.00pm Mass and Blessing of Graves
Tuesday 6th July	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 7th July	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration
Thursday 8th July St. Killian (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 9th July	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 10th July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 11th July 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass

Please note: For Blessing of Graves Masses please refer to notice opposite

Baptism: We offer our prayers and best wishes to the family and friends of **Fionn Michael Fox** who was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism Saturday 26th June in St. Patrick's.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Peter Fox (7th)**, **Celia Strausa (7th)**, **Packie John McCrory (21st)** and **Jane McDermott (19th)** whose anniversaries are at this time and all our deceased relatives and friends, especially those buried in our parish cemeteries who are prayed for this weekend.

COLLECTIONS **Weekly:** £875 **Peter's Pence:** £230 *Thank you for your generosity*

Diocese of Derry – Annual 'Come and See' Day: Saturday, 10th July from 10.00am to 4.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Creggan, Derry City followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Celebration of the Eucharist. For those interested in exploring the life and spirituality of a diocesan priest. Open to those who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Will involve talks and discussions led by local priests and students studying for the diocese who will share from their own experiences and vocational journey.
 To reserve a place or find out more call Fr. Chris Ferguson on 00 44 (0)7973 421 352 or email chris.j_ferguson@hotmail.com by Tuesday 6th July
 Full details are available on derryvocations.org

Giving Thanks for Summer
 Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. *Amen*

Next Week's Readings: Amos 7:12-15 • Psalm 84:9-14, R/ v 8 • Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:7-13 • Lectionary 1:774 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Townland Mass Rota

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July	*See Blessing of the Graves notice below		
Saturday 10th July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil
Sunday 11th July	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Saturday 17th July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
Sunday 18th July	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Teebane East, Aughminacropy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
Saturday 24th July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Sunday 25th July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil
Saturday 31st July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Teebane East, Aughminacropy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
Sunday 1st August	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy

Blessing of the Graves: This year we will be having a scaled down Blessing of the Graves ceremony. It will consist of mass offered for the now 5 areas of the parish broken into townlands. At the end of the mass families will be invited to make their way to their graves where they can pray at the grave and sprinkle it with Holy Water. A prayer will be provided for you as you come in or leave the church. You can of course do this any time if the mass time for your area doesn't suit you. The prayer will be available in card form and in the parish bulletin. For those intending to go to mass please stick to your Townland. Weather permitting, you may choose to remain in the graveyard during mass. A church gate collection for the upkeep of our Parish Cemeteries will take place as you leave. Schedule is as follows:

Saturday 3rd July	St. Patrick's, 6.00pm	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
	Our Lady of Wayside, 8.00pm	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
Sunday 4th July	St. Patrick's, 11.00am	Teebane East, Aughminacropy, Alworries, Aughascribba, Muninamale
	St. Patrick's, 1.00pm	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
	St. Patrick's, 3.00pm	Formil, (including Aughascribba Road, part of Formil)

Foster Carers Needed in North-West – Virtual Fostering Information Session: Friday 9th July from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. If interested in hearing information about fostering you are invited to attend.
Tel: 0800 0720 137 • **Email:** info@fostering.hscni.net

SUSE+ New Courses: Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can offer help and support to get into further education, training and employment. We complete job searches, CV building, interview preparation. Mentors work 1-to-1 with participants to help secure opportunities in the local area. New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success and Wellbeing, Digital Skills, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management and Business Administration.
For more information email tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk or call 074 3653 3475

FAMILY GRAVEYARD PRAYER

Can also be found on the Parish website and Facebook group and in card form in the porch of the churches
 Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father...

Leader: Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice, that we may serve you in union with the whole Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love.

And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

R. Amen

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*

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

Universal – Social Friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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

Catholic Engaged Encountered – Online Marriage Preparation Course via Zoom:

Planned for Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

For more information and to book call (028) 2763 8512 or visit marriageencounter.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@kindercare.co.uk • Website: kindercareni.co.uk

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

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

Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies

Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn, 2021.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics

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

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000

6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people

3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people

The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics

7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?

In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.

The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s

The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

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

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

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

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

Certificate in Christian Thought: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St. Mary's University

College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level.

During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more.

Full details are available at derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 8th July – St. Killian (bishop and martyr) Was probably born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With 11 companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and Eastern Franconia. With two others he was put to death c. 688. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurtzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.

Sunday 11th July – St. Benedict (abbot) Father of Western monasticism and brother of Scholastica, is considered the patron of speliolegists (cave explorers). He was born in Nursia, Italy and educated in Rome. He was repelled by the vices of the city and in about the year 500, fled to Enfide, 30 miles away. He decided to live the life of a hermit and settled at the mountainous Subiaco, where he lived in a cave for three years, fed by a monk named Romanus. Despite Benedict's desire for solitude, his holiness and austerities became known and he was asked to be their abbot by a community of monks at Vicovaro. He accepted, but when the monks resisted his strict rule and tried to poison him, he returned to Subiaco and became a centre of spirituality and learning. He left suddenly, reportedly because of the efforts of a neighbouring priest, Florentius, to undermine his work, and in about 525, settled at Monte Cassino.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:

John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. Personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to what the other person has to say. Who do they think they are? Perhaps you have experienced this. What difference has it made to you when you were able to focus on the content of what was being said and leave to one side your own prejudices about the speaker?
2. It has been said that there is nothing as useless as the right advice at the wrong time. We may want to reach out to another but may be unable to because at that moment the other person is not ready to be helped. Like Jesus we can 'do no deed of power'. As Jesus had to be patient and wait for another opportunity, so do we. What have you learned about the importance of patience in working with others?
3. Religion easily brings up prejudices. Some dismiss religion as superstition, old hat, or based on an outdated world view. Even among believers, prejudice can make it hard for individuals to listen to an alternative way of looking at things, to consider a different way of celebrating liturgy, or to live at peace with difference. Yet a closed mind can lead to a stagnant faith. When have you found that a willingness to consider a different perspective led to a deepening and strengthening of your faith?

The Deep End – This is the carpenter, surely?

Triona Doherty (trionad@gmail.com)

'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.' We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus in today's Gospel: no matter what a person achieves in life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling. There is always someone to ensure we don't get ideas 'above our station'!

Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but his former neighbours turn on him. Who does he think he is, this carpenter, the son of Mary? This could have been a moment of grace, if they were open to hearing what he had to say. Perhaps the implications of the Good News were just too challenging coming from one of their own.

Sometimes God's Word comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experience and wisdom? Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shoot them down before they speak? When our hearts are open, we come to recognise the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you...
Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.

Tony Singleton

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

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Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)

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