



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (4th August, 2013)
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we make the most of it. We offer a warm welcome to our visitors who are with us at this time. **Try to begin each day with daily Mass**

Liturgy Schedule for the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (5th August, 2013 – 11th August, 2013)

Saturday Evening (3rd August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Susanna Bradley (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday 4th August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass at the Mass Rock in Crouck to mark 'The Year of Faith'
Monday 5th August Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 7th August St. Sixtus II (pope) and Companions (martyrs) and St. Cajetan (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 8th August St. Dominic (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 9th August St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (virgin, martyr and Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Saturday Morning (10th August) St. Lawrence (deacon and martyr)	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS
Saturday Evening (10th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 11th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to register by filling out a parish census form
 Please forward it to *The Parochial House, at the address above*

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£985**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Susanna Bradley**, whose anniversary occurs at this time. We also pray for **Fr. John McCullagh, Nellie Tracey, Paddy Lennon** and **May McDermott**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our weekend Masses. Readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any families to perform this important role for us.
Thank you for everything our parish workers do for our faith community

Next Sundays Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48;
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Lotto Results: H – I – O – T – Z (1 person with 3 letters winning £50) **Next Jackpot:** £4,250

We, the Faith Community of Greencastle parish will travel on pilgrimage this Sunday morning to the Mass Rock site in the townland of Crock, where our ancestors gathered to pray and celebrate their faith in difficult times during the Penal Days. Like them we gather to pray in thanksgiving for the blessings we have received through our faith in God our creator, Jesus Christ his son and The Holy Spirit living within each one of us.

We acknowledge our continuing pilgrimage of faith as we answer Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's invitation to celebrate a Year of Faith which began 11th October, 2012 coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and will end 24th November, 2013.

We welcome your visitors and friends who will visit us this weekend. You may wish to engage in the spirit of pilgrimage by walking from your homes to the site. Remember to include a prayer for the weather among your personal and family prayers. There may be people living in the parish who have not been practicing their faith and praying with us each Sunday – this will be a good opportunity to invite them to rejoin our faith-community, participate in Church-life again and renew the commitments made at baptism. Our special guest who will deliver the homily is Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie S.J. (President of St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia).

Car drivers are asked to follow a one-way system:- coming from Greencastle—take the Greencastle Road to the Carnanrancy Road—turn right on the Gorticashel Road followed by a left on the Crouck Road and left again on the Morris Road. At the end of Mass continue along Morris Road to the Broughderg Road.

Please honour the highway code and respect your fellow pilgrims and the environment especially where we gather to pray. We are grateful to Mr. Barney Gillen for making the site of the Mass Rock available to us. Your support in any way for the efficient running of this event in our parish will be much appreciated.

What is the Year of Faith? Pope Benedict XVI wrote in 'Porta Fidei' (Door of Faith) a letter to mark the beginning of this year: We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples. He was conscious of two anniversaries – 11th October, 2012 was the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and he was sensitive to the need the Church, the faith community and every individual has for continual renewal and refreshment. Our parish pilgrimage today to this sacred site in Crouck links us to our ancestors in the ways of faith and asks us to reflect on how we can move forward in this twenty-first century. The Pope asked us to deepen our knowledge of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – it is important that every home has a bible and a catechism and that we read both regularly – this year is a good time to get these books if we don't already have them. The young people's version YOUCAT will be part of the presentation at the beginning of Mass today. The goal of the Year Of Faith is to foster an encounter with Christ (the foundation of our faith) and to grow into a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith.

So, how can we celebrate the Year of Faith? There'll be some things we can do as individuals, some things we do in families and groups, some things in parishes and schools, and some things as a Diocese and national Church.
Here are some ideas that you can make your own: *From the website of the diocese of Leeds*

AS AN INDIVIDUAL	AS A FAMILY
Read and study the Catechism of the Catholic Church (the Compendium of the Catechism and YouCat) • Read and study the documents of the Second Vatican Council • Read Pope Benedict's Apostolic Letter 'The Door of Faith' (Porta Fidei) Make a pilgrimage • Take a retreat, go on a day of recollection Consider how you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation Spend more time in prayer and Eucharistic Adoration Explore ways of deepening your understanding of the Mass Grow in devotion to Our Lady, especially through the Rosary Consider ways of putting your faith into action by serving others Build a small shrine or prayer focus in your home for the Year of Faith • Join a prayer group or study group Take up regular spiritual reading • Offer your talents to your parish or a charity	Pray together as a family - grace before meals, prayers before bedtime, family rosary • Display religious imagery in the home • Make a 'shrine' for the YEAR OF FAITH - a statue, cross, candle, Bible etc. • Have a family prayer board where prayer intentions can be posted • Celebrate the Church's liturgical year in the home - for example, an Advent wreath, religious advent calendars, a crib, Lenten prayers, Easter candle • Keep the feasts of saints after which family members are named • Make a family pilgrimage - for example, to the Cathedral Church in Derry Read Bible stories with children • Trace the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads before journeys, at bedtime, before school, at the end of family prayers Prepare prayerfully for Sunday Mass together



Year of Faith Logo

The boat represents the Church. The main mast of the boat is a cross and its sails are formed from the monogram IHS, the first three letters of the Greek name of Jesus. The background to the sails is the sun which, associated with the IHS, refers also to the Eucharist.

Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: The Year of Faith will end on 24th November, it invites us to reflect on our journey of life. A pilgrimage to Lough Derg is one way for you to answer the call to renewal in faith, personally or as part of a group. The Three-Day Pilgrimage season ends on 15th August.

For information on bookings or public transport call 0719 861 518 (686 32391 from NI) // info@loughderg.org // loughderg.org

Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)			
General – Parents and Teachers: That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life			
Missionary – Africa: That the local churches in Africa, faithful to the Gospel proclamation, may promote the building of peace and justice.			
BADA Events:	Sunday 11th August	Dancing to <i>Sprig of Heather</i>	Sunday 25th August Music by <i>Tory Sound</i>
IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal – Summer Serenity: Wednesday 14 th August / 21 st August 2013. Join us for an afternoon of food, faith and fun in the beautiful Celtic Garden and IOSAS Centre. Hot lunch at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the Celtic Garden and a short healing service and blessing. Music and story-telling until 4pm. Cost €10 / £8 per person. Individuals and groups welcome. Call the IOSAS Centre to book (00353) 74 93 84866.			
IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Rd, Muff, Co Donegal – The Soul Spa: A spirituality retreat for young women (16+). Chill the mind & body. Fill the spirit and soul. Tuesday 6 th and Wednesday 7 th August. There is no charge for this event but places are limited and must be booked in advance. <i>For further info call Columba House on (028) 7126 2407 or email columbacommunity@hotmail.com</i>			
Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 3 and 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. <i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) // email@familycaresociety.org // familycaresociety.net</i>			
Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying? <i>For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau</i>			
ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013-2014 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie 11 th and 12 th October 15 th and 16 th November 6 th and 7 th December 10 th and 11 th January 7 th and 8 th February 7 th and 8 th March 4 th and 5 th April 9 th and 10 th May 6 th and 7 th June			
Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts. Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 Fax: 00-353-94-9388295 Email: info@knock-sh.rine.ie Website: knockshrine.ie			
Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Monsignor Danny Monaghan (Wednesday 4th – Wednesday 11th Sept.): Price including half board, all taxes and insurance: £499. <i>For further details contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357</i>			
Community Support Services for Drugs and Alcohol are hosting the following workshop: IMPACT Campaign Training "Regularly drinking more than the recommended guidelines increases your risk of developing illnesses such as mouth and liver cancer, high blood pressure, stroke and heart cancer" This training will help: To explore attitudes towards alcohol and drinking. To identify ways Gyms/Fitness Classes/Community Groups can increase members' awareness on the negative aspects of alcohol whilst promoting the positives of physical exercise and the use of drink diaries. To increase knowledge of support /referral agencies. To ensure that all facilitators are imparted with the knowledge and confidence to lead an IMPACT campaign. Thursday 5 th September 2013 – CKS Community Centre, Omagh, 10am to 1pm (The workshop will be limited to 25 people and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. Members who complete the 8 weeks will receive an IMPACT Tee-Shirt, high visibility vest, water bottle and gym bag (Available while stocks last). If you wish to register a place on the workshop, please fill in the appropriate registration form and return to Aaron (aaron.mcshane@westerntrust.hscni.net) by email or post (Maple Villa, Gransha Park, Derry, BT47 6WJ). <i>Closing date is Friday 23rd August</i>			
Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 15 th to Sunday 18 th August. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. This Festival has been nicknamed the "Holy Oxygen" with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland (including Derry, Donegal & Tyrone). For more information and to book online visit youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690 or from NI 07598 876399/ 07598 876399, or join us on facebook (youthtwothousandireland).			

Parish Liturgy for August, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling Donaghy	Catriona McCullagh	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Emma Clarke	Patrick Clarke	<i>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</i>
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Sean Clarke Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs, Mary McCullagh and Joanne Beggs		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead			
Altar Servers: Please notice the important role of altar servers in the prayer life of our faithful community, we currently need new volunteers to strengthen the teams already serving so if you will commit, please do so soon.			
Derry Diocesan One-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: As part of its Year of Faith initiatives, the Derry Diocese will lead a One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Tuesday 20 th August, 9.15am - 4.30pm. It is hoped that as many people as possible will participate in the pilgrimage. Price: €40 (£36) includes boat fare, refreshments, services & lunch. <i>Contact Lough Derg on: 00353 71986 1518 or email info@loughderg.org Places are limited to 150, so book in advance</i>			
This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:			
Tuesday 6th August – The Transfiguration of the Lord The cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die.			
Wednesday 7th August – St. Sixtus II (pope) and Companions (martyrs) He and his four deacon companions were put to death in 258. St. Cajetan (priest) [1480-1547] Founded the Theatines to renew sacramental life in the Church.			
Thursday 8th August – St. Dominic (priest) [1170-1221] Spanish priest who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy through instruction and prayer.			
Friday 9th August – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (virgin and martyr, patron of Europe) Born in Breslaw (now Wroclaw, Poland), the youngest of seven children in a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at 25. She became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in a gas chamber on 9 th August, 1942.			
Saturday 10th August – St. Lawrence (deacon and martyr) Died in 258, is seen as the cheerful giver since he was one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church in charge of the material needs of the faithful. Gifted with a sense of humour, he met his death cheerfully on a gridiron. From earliest times he was seen not only as a patron saint of the poor, but also of cooks.			
Sunday 11th August – St. Clare (virgin) [1193-1253] Followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder of the Poor Clares. Patron saint of television. [Not celebrated this year]			
National Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage: Sunday 8 th September at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock with guest speaker Sr. Briege McKenna.			
Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome: 26 th and 27 th October. <i>For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877</i>			
Lough Derg Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage: The last date for entering the island is Friday 13 th August. This pilgrimage attracts people of all ages and walks of life, from different cultures and social backgrounds. Stepping outside their ordinary lives and routine, they leave behind many of the trappings of the modern world. Pilgrims will have begun their commitment by fasting from the previous midnight: they follow a set routine of prayers and actions, hallowed by centuries of practice, all the while fasting and walking barefooted. Pilgrims make nine 'Stations' during their time on the island. The Station is a mantra-type prayer; allowing pilgrims to get in touch with their real inner selves in a most authentic way. The challenging nature of the fasting vigil and Stations is complemented by excellent communal celebrations in the Basilica.			

Songs of Praise: The BBC's Songs of Praise will be recording two programmes later this summer for transmission on the 15th September and St Patrick's Day next year. The venue is The Guildhall in Derry and the date of recording is Saturday 31st August. We would like to invite the members of your choir to join us as part of a larger Congregational Choir for the recordings. This would require those taking part to attend a rehearsal a few days before the recording. This will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed. On Saturday 31st August we will record 10 hymns in two sessions between 10.30am and 1.30 pm and then at 3.00pm until 6.00pm music will be provided on the day for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass parts. We would be delighted if you could let us know if your choir would be interested in joining us in August and also indicate the numbers wishing to attend please. Please note that we would require this information by Monday 22nd July at the absolute latest. Members of the public also wishing to take part in the recordings will be able to apply for tickets through the BBC Ticket Unit later in July.

*Tickets are now available from bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/shows/songs_of_praise_31aug13
All choirs who have booked must confirm numbers this week, specifying the number of male and female singers*

Foyle Hospice – Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning: Thursday 19th September. As a registered charity, care to patients and their families is free of charge and we depend on the generosity of our local community to raise the £2.3 million that is currently required annually to maintain our essential services.

We are looking for supporters to hold coffee mornings in schools, colleges, homes, churches, halls, workplaces just about anywhere to help us raise much needed funds for the Hospice.

We will supply the coffee (sponsored by Bewleys) and also all of the publicity / promotional material to help you run your event – Your coffee morning does NOT need to be on 19th September, you can have it any date in September. It also does not need to be held in the morning – SO, the date and time is up to you.

*If you would like any more information please call (028) 7135 9888 / 07808 807 998
Thanks so much for your attention to this request and I hope to hear from you soon*

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 12:13-21:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions', said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.' Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up in saying 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans.' Life takes many twists and turns we do not anticipate. When have you found that you have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

The Deep End – My Freezer is Too Full:

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

Do an Internet search for 'middle class problems' or 'first world problems', and you'll find lists of complaints about just how challenging modern life can be. There are gems such as 'I can't believe I bought a toaster with no bagel setting'; 'Had to turn down the brightness on the iPad because it hurt my eyes'; or 'My freezer is too full and stuff falls out every time I open it'.

They are tongue in cheek, of course, but they do highlight our tendency to worry about material things, and to forget what is important. Most of us do tend to accumulate possessions over time. Many of us like to have the latest phone or laptop, furniture, clothes or car. The character in today's Gospel had such a good harvest of crops that he ran out of space. He built bigger barns and then sat back to 'eat , drink, have a good time' – a phrase which is often translated into the popular expression 'eat, drink and be merry!' Yet things did not go according to plan.

Today's readings offer us an opportunity to examine our relationship with possessions. The Vikings believed you could take riches with you when you died, and filled boats with treasures to take into the afterlife. We know that we come into this world with nothing and leave with nothing. Rather than collecting riches for ourselves, our thoughts should be on 'heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth'. What treasures are important to us?

Pope Francis – “Build Up a Sweat” Like True Athletes of Christ: *Vatican City (Sunday 28th July, 2013) [VIS]*

Yesterday evening the Pope celebrated a prayer vigil with almost two million young people at Copacabana. The Liturgy of the Word began with various testimonies and questions posed to the Holy Father.

At the end the Pope addressed the young, recalling how the Lord asked St. Francis of Assisi to do “his part for the life of the Church. ... being at the service of the Church, loving her and working to make the countenance of Christ shine ever more brightly in her. Today too, as always, the Lord needs you, young people, for his Church. Dear young people, the Lord needs this. Today too, he is calling each of you to follow him in his Church and to be missionaries”.

Due to bad weather, this vigil, which should have celebrated at the “Campus Fidei” in Guaratiba, was transferred to Copacabana. Francis encouraged the participants to consider this situation. “Perhaps the Lord wishes to tell us that the true field of faith, the true Campus Fidei, is not a geographical location, but rather, it is us?”, he said. The Holy Father introduced three images of the field, to “help us understand better what it means to be a disciple and a missionary”.

“First, a field is a place for sowing seeds”. Here the Pope mentioned the parable of the “sower who went out to sow seeds in the field; some seed fell on the path, some on rocky ground, some among thorns, and could not grow; other seed fell on good soil and brought forth much fruit. Jesus himself explains the meaning of the parable: the seed is the word of God sown in our hearts. Today, every day”, said the Pope, “but especially today, Jesus sows. When we welcome the Word of God, then we become the Campus Fidei, the field of faith. Please, let Christ and His Word enter into your life, let the seed of the Word of God be sown, let it germinate, let it grow. God will do everything but you must let Him in, you must let Him work and grow”.

“I think that we have to ask ourselves honestly: what kind of ground are we? Maybe sometimes we are like the path: we hear the Lord's word but it changes nothing in our lives because we let ourselves be numbed by all the superficial voices competing for our attention; or we are like the rocky ground: we receive Jesus with enthusiasm, but we falter and, faced with difficulties, we don't have the courage to swim against the tide; or we are like the thorny ground: negativity, negative feelings choke the Lord's word in us. Do I have two attitudes in my heart: with one I am happy with God, and with the other I am happy with the devil? One which receives the seed of Jesus and at the same time waters the weeds? What is born in my heart?”

“But today I am sure that the seed is falling on good soil, that you want to be good soil, not part-time Christians, not “starchy” and superficial, but real. Seek out a patch of good land and let the seeds fall there; you will see that they will bear good fruit. I know that you want to become good ground, good Christians, not part-time Christians, those who seem to be Christians but in reality are not. Be authentic Christians. I am sure that you don't want to be duped by a false freedom, always at the beck and call of momentary fashions and fads. I know that you are aiming high, at long-lasting decisions which will make your lives meaningful. In silence, we must welcome the seed of Jesus. Everyone knows the name of the seed that enters: let it grow, and God will take care of it”.

“Jesus asks us to follow him for life, he asks us to be his disciples, to 'play on his team'. I think that most of you love sports! ... Now, what do players do when they are asked to join a team? They have to train, and to train a lot! The same is true of our lives as the Lord's disciples. ... Jesus offers us something bigger than the World Cup! He offers us the possibility of a fulfilled and fruitful life; He also offers us a future with Him, an endless future, eternal life. But He asks us to buy a ticket to this future, and the ticket is training, 'getting in shape', bearing witness to our faith. By talking with Him in prayer”.

Francis asked the young people various questions, to which he asked them to respond in silence, in their hearts. “Do I pray?”, he said. “Do I let the Holy Spirit speak to my heart? Do I ask Jesus what he wants me to do? This is training. Putting questions to Jesus, talking with Jesus. And if you make mistakes in life, if you do something wrong, do not be afraid. ... Always talk to Jesus, in good times and bad. That is prayer. This is how we enter into dialogue with Jesus and as a missionary disciple. And by the sacraments, which make His life grow within us and conform us to Christ. By loving one another, learning to listen, to understand, to forgive, to be accepting and to help others, everybody, without exclusion or ostracism. This is the training we have to do to follow Jesus: prayer, sacraments and helping others, serving others”.

Finally, the Holy Father spoke about the field as a construction site. "When our heart is good soil which receives the word of God, when we 'build up a sweat' in trying to live as Christians, we experience something tremendous: we are never alone, we are part of a family of brothers and sisters, all journeying on the same path: we are part of the Church; indeed, we are building up the Church and we are making history. Please, don't become footnotes to history. Be agents of history, go out and build a better world".

Pope Francis remarked that "in the Church of Jesus, we ourselves are the living stones. Jesus is asking us to build up His Church; each one of us is a living stone, a little building block. Each living stone contributes to the unity and the security of the Church. But he does not want us to build a little chapel which holds only a small group of persons. He asks us to make his living Church so large that it can hold all of humanity, that it can be a home for everyone".

"Please", he continued, "do not leave it to others to be the agents of change. You hold the future ... continue to work against apathy and offer a Christian response to the social and political problems that arise all over the world. I ask you to be builders of the future, to set to work for a better world. Dear young people, please, do not live your lives as observers, watching the world go by. Go into the fray, as Jesus did – He did not sit back and watch. But where do we start? Once, Mother Teresa was asked what should be the first thing to change in the Church, and she replied: 'You and I'. Today I too repeat the words of Mother Teresa and I say to you: you and I must be the first to change."

"Dear friends, never forget that you are the field of faith! You are Christ's athletes! You are called to build a more beautiful Church and a better world. Let us lift our gaze to Our Lady. Mary helps us to follow Jesus, she gives us the example by her own 'yes' to God: 'I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me as you say'. All together, let us join Mary in saying to God: let it be done to me as you say".

Following Pope Francis' address, the deacons brought the Holy Sacrament in procession. After the Eucharistic adoration and prayers of the young people in several languages, the recitation of the "Salve Regina" concluded the celebration.

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

Questions people ask:

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

Q. Should I continue to go to confession as I always find I have no sins to confess?

A. You probably are a good-living person who doesn't break the commandments. But nobody is perfect. Do you love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind? How much time do you give to prayer each day? Are you reading to develop your faith? Do you forgive others, help those in need, control negative thoughts, treat people with sensitivity and courtesy? What are the areas of character that you need God's grace to improve?

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013 Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 25 th August Our Lady of the Wayside		
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish		
Friday 30 th August and Saturday 19 th October St. Patrick's		
Sunday 7 th April Our Lady of the Wayside		
Saturday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough, Co. Donegal – Retreats in 2013:

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Ards Friary is open throughout the year for individuals and groups whether lay, religious, clerical, ecumenical or anyone who wishes to have some quiet time, rest and prayer in beautiful relaxed surroundings. The following retreats are available for 2013:

Saturday 20th – Wednesday 7th August	Christendom College, USA
Friday 9th – Sunday 11th August	John Pridmore <i>Healing the Wounds of your past</i>
Sunday 11th – Sunday 18th August	Association of Iconographers – Learning to Write an Icon
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd August	Course for priests in the Latin Mass
Monday 26th August – Thursday 1st September	The Foyer of Charity – Five Day Silent Retreat (directed by Fr. Kilian Byrne) <i>If you but knew the gift of God</i>
Thursday 3rd – Sunday 8th October	CURSILLO (men)
Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th October	CURSILLO (women)
Saturday 30th November – Sunday 1st December	Advent Retreat (directed by Fr. Kieran Shorten, OFM Capuchin)

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy (Monday 26th August – Monday 2nd September):

With Father Francis Bradley. Staying four nights at the Irish College, Rome taking in the sights of the Eternal City and an Audience with the Holy Father, and three nights at the Shrine of Padre Pio, taking in the shrine of Manoppello and the Abbey of Montecassino. Price £850, including all coach transfers to/from Dublin and whilst in Italy, flights with Aer Lingus, accommodation on a half board basis in Rome and full board in San Giovanni, and the assistance of a Travel Representative throughout (single supplement at £20 per night).

For more info call Fr. Bradley on (028) 7136 2475 [W] / (028) 7135 1718 [H] or email fbradley@derrydiocese.org

Find some ideas here for celebrating the Year of Faith and make up your own:

These come from the website of the diocese of Leeds, England

AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Read and study the Scriptures

Read and study the Catechism of the Catholic Church (the Compendium of the Catechism and YouCat)

Read and study the documents of the Second Vatican Council

Read Pope Benedict's Apostolic Letter 'The Door of Faith' (Porta Fidei)

Make a pilgrimage

Take a retreat, go on a day of recollection

Consider how you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Spend more time in prayer and Eucharistic Adoration

Explore ways of deepening your understanding of the Mass

Grow in devotion to Our Lady, especially through the Rosary

Consider ways of putting your faith into action by serving others

Build a small shrine or prayer focus in your home for the Year of Faith

Join a prayer group or study group

Learn about Lectio Divina

Take up regular spiritual reading

Offer your talents to your parish or a charity

Start a new weekly scripture and prayer custom

AS A FAMILY

Pray together as a family - grace before meals, prayers before bedtime, family rosary

Display religious imagery in the home

Make a 'shrine' for the YEAR OF FAITH - a statue, cross, candle, Bible etc.

Have a family prayer board where prayer intentions can be posted

Celebrate the Church's liturgical year in the home - for example, an Advent wreath, religious advent calendars, a crib, Lenten prayers, Easter candle

Keep the feasts of saints after which family members are named

Make a family pilgrimage - for example, to the Cathedral Church in Derry

Read Bible stories with children

Use craft materials to create images of faith, make rosaries

Trace the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads before journeys, at bedtime, before school, at the end of family prayers

Prepare prayerfully for Sunday Mass together