

GREENCASTLE (G)

SAT 3 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Packie Vincent and Rose Morris
SUN 4 DEC	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Mass: Gerald McGurk
TUE 6 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	12.30pm	Mass followed by Adoration to 4.00pm
WED 7 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	7.30pm	Mass: Feast of Immaculate Conception
SAT 10 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Patrick O'Hagan
SUN 11 DEC	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Mass: Laura McGuigan

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Thursday 8th December) – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

We celebrate the conception of Mary of Nazareth. From the first moment of Her existence in the womb of Her mother, St Anne, Mary was, by a singular grace, privilege and gift from God, preserved from stain of original sin.

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK	SUN 4 DEC	Second Sunday of Advent – Mt. 3:1-12 – A Voice cries 'Prepare'
	TUE 6 DEC	St. Nicholas – 4 th century bishop renowned for his help to the poor
	WED 7 DEC	St. Ambrose – 4 th century doctor of the church
	THUR 8 DEC	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
	FRI 9 DEC	St. Juan Diego (1474-1548) – Visionary of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	SAT 10 DEC	Our Lady of Loreto

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD (GREENCASTLE): Pray for *Tommy Quinn (Broughderg) and Gerald McGurk, Patrick O'Hagan, Laura McGuigan, Kellie McKenna and Gérard, Mary and Gerry McCrory.*

To the families of Tommy Quinn (Broughderg) and Sarah Brogan (Gortin) who died during the week. *We offer our deepest sympathy and prayerful support, may they rest in peace and rise in eternal glory*

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE – ADVENT APPEAL BOXES: Now available at the back of the chapel.

As we all know, drinking dirty water costs lives – particularly children's lives – up to 70,000 per year in Ethiopia alone. Children in Crossfire's appeal this year aims to build 6 wells in rural communities in Ethiopia providing clean safe water for thousands. *Thank you for your support*

ARCHITECT'S REPORT – ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GORTIN (*Critical Areas Requiring Attention*)
Presented by Michael Hegarty (FM Corr & Associates) in the church on Tuesday 29th November, 2022

1. ROOF: Re-slating where major deterioration of slate nailing is occurring, and work to hips, ridges, leaded valleys and pitched valleys
2. STEPS: New arrangement at main entrance, with safe handrails
3. GUTTERS: Resetting and jointing of cast iron gutters to all roofs
4. MASONRY: Selected areas of stone repair and repointing
5. ROOF TIMBERS: Woodworm treatments
6. INTERNAL FURNISHING: Woodworm treatments
7. WINDOWS: Repairs / renewals to storm glazing including selected repairs to damaged glass

ITEMS 1 AND 2: High priority and essential to the continuing safe use of the church.

ITEM 1: The roof slating represents a safety risk particularly in the event of storm, with the potential for slate loss on the steep slope, and risk to persons below. If left unattended, this condition will only get worse with passing of time.

ITEM 2: The condition of the flight of steps to the main entrance is such as to be a risk to the safety of those accessing the front door.

ITEMS 3-7: Necessary and should form part of a works package to maintain the condition of the building and overall to provide for the safety of all users.

THE NET – NOVEMBER EDITION: Only available online by visiting derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-november-2022

In this edition you can read all about the farewell evening held for Fr. Eddie on Friday 21st October

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS 'THE CHRISTMAS STORY'

Monday 19th December at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church. *Everyone is welcome to attend*

BADONEY LOWER (BL)

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Greencastle: £1,030 Badoney Lower: £1,416 *Thank you*

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD (BADONEY LOWER): Pray for *Sarah Brogan* who died during the week.

ADVENT is a sacred season, offering us the God-given gifts of waiting, watching, and reflecting. Advent looks at the THREE COMINGS of Christ, the first Coming in Bethlehem, the Second Coming at the end of time and the daily coming into our hearts. Advent points us towards repentance, renewal, and joy-filled hope. It's an opportunity to find time for prayer and Confession, to read Scripture, to focus on spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. *We pray for God's grace to open our hearts on the Advent journey*

GAA - GORTIN ST. PATRICK'S – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Sunday 4th December, 6pm in clubrooms.

A crucial event in our club calendar and we strongly encourage all members to attend.

It's vital that we have new volunteers and administrators join committees and help take our club forward, through its next 50 years. Everyone has something to offer. *Feicfidh mé go luath thú | see you there!*

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: Saturday 20th to Saturday 27th May

£975 with special offer of £100 off if paid in full by Monday 5th December

Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or via WhatsApp on 07768 395 038 for more info

DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE – ADVENT REFLECTION: Tuesday 13th December (4.00pm) to

Wednesday 14th December (5.00pm). Hosted by SMA Community.

Includes Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Anointing of Sick. Cost: £120 / €145

To book call (028) 3082 1224 or email admin@dromantineconference.com

SPONSORED WALK FOR GLENOCK 7 – THANK YOU: Sincere gratitude to all who organised, took part, and donated. The total raised was £4,300. *Generosity indeed!*

ROUSKEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION – UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets on sale from committee members on Sunday 4th and 11th December, 10.30am to 11.30am. *All money raised will go to running costs of Rouskey Community Centre*

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP: Using willow with Karley

Monday 12th December at 11.00am. £5 To book your place call 0759 104 755

CHRISTMAS BAKING AND FLORAL DEMONSTRATION: With Teresa and Meave

Monday 12th December at 7.00pm. £10 An Opportunity to buy your tickets for draw

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES – SWITCHING ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm. *An Opportunity to buy your tickets for draw*

SELLING OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND COFFEE MORNING: Christmas Wreaths for sale

Saturday 10th December from 10.00am to 12.30am. *An Opportunity to buy your tickets for draw*

Rouskey CDA will be purchasing their wreaths from SDVP and New Horizon Programme in Strabane; adults with disabilities. *Information Meeting about Rouskey CDA Befriending Service*

JOB – CLEANER – ST. PATRICK'S PS, GORTIN: 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

For a full job description and application form visit tinyurl.com/4neahvjr

ST. PATRICKS PS, GORTIN – CAROL AND NATIVITY SERVICE: Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas in St. Patrick's Church, Gortin on Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm.

All pupils will take part and all in the community are invited to come