

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
 Second Sunday after Christmas [Year A] (5<sup>th</sup> January, 2014)  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week after Christmas [Year A] (6<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 – 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2014)**

<b>Saturday Evening (4<sup>th</sup> January)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Maureen Morris (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> Second Sunday of Christmas [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> Epiphany of the Lord	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>8.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Feast Day
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> Holy Day of Obligation	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Mass <i>Sick and Housebound will be visited</i>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> St. Raymond of Penyafort (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass: John Tuohy (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday Morning (11<sup>th</sup> January)</b> After Epiphany	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (11<sup>th</sup> January)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> Baptism of the Lord [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Rose Quinn (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) and deceased members of the Quinn family

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,170**.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **John Tuohy** and **Maureen Morris**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Baptism of the Lord:** Next weekend We will read in the gospel how The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus and God proclaimed him as his beloved Son. This feast will help us, the adults in our faith community, to reflect on the value and meaning of our own baptism. All who were baptised in 2013, their parents and sponsors are invited to come along to the Vigil Mass at 6.00pm next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle to renew that day of grace when the Holy Spirit came upon you and you were called a child of God for the very first time. *No special seats will be reserved so you can sit wherever you usually sit*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Has Christ been Divided (cf. 1. Corinthians 1:13)?** 18 to 25<sup>th</sup> January. Begun in 1908, these days have been set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). *Note the dates and plan to participate in the following special observances*

**Excerpt from Complicity in Clericalism** Rev. Dwight Longenecker [patheos.com]

**In response to Lead Us Not Into Clericalism** Daniel P. Horan, OFM

Instead of blaming the clergy completely, let's lay some of the blame for clericalism at the feet of the laity. Why is there no criticism of the often infantile relationship between the laity and their priests? Too often the laity fall into two extremes in their relationship with the clergy—both of them immature. On the one hand is the fawning, "Ohhh, Fawther!" type of grovelling before the priest. The lay person puts the priest on a false pedestal and honours him too much—never criticising and never questioning... The other reaction among the laity is...they don't have the guts to speak to him adult-to-adult and express their views and criticisms. Instead... [they] snipe and grumble and complain.

This second response also contributes to clericalism because the laity perpetuate the idea that the priest is the great Father figure—the authority figure who is there mostly to rebel against in the most petty and immature way.

**Pioneer Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2014) – £20, £30 and £50 Gift Vouchers:** Now available from Rosemary at The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Tel: (028) 71362475

**Broughderg Community Centre – Upcoming Event:** **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January** Card playing, 8.00pm. *Refreshments served*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17; Lectionary 1 (page 141) **Sunday: Year A • Weekday: Year 1**

**Lotto Results:** B • E • M • S • Y (1 drawn winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £1,400

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014**

<b>Sacramental Celebrations</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Temperance Sunday	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm</b> Sacrament of Confirmation
	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confession
	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion

<b>Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside

<b>Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February • Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>		St. Patrick's
	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September • Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>		Our Lady of the Wayside

<b>Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	Directly after <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	Directly after <b>11.00am</b> Mass
	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Third Sunday of Lent	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Third Week of Lent	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confessions (Reconciliation)
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Palm Sunday	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
<u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January</u> The family of <b>Ryan McGlinchey</b>	Second Sunday of Christmas	<u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January</u> The family of <b>Aine Lucas</b>

<u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January</u> The family of <b>Ronan Coyle</b>	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	<u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</u> The family of <b>Micael McCann</b>
<u>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January</u> The family of <b>Orla Morris</b>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</u> The family of <b>Daniel McCrory</b>
<u>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January*</u> The family of <b>Caelum Tracey</b>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</u> The family of <b>Leah McGuigan</b>

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.  
**What can you volunteer to do in your parish?** Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community.  
**\*Do This In Memory Week 4** *We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July):** £20, £30 and £50 Gift Vouchers now available from Rosemary at The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. (028) 7136 2475

**Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3<sup>rd</sup> August):** For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith.

*Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it*

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1<sup>st</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> August):** Check out the Lough Derg website for details.

**Children in Crossfire – Advent Appeal:** This is a reminder to please return your Advent Box. Your support is very important and is helping us continue to change the lives of vulnerable children suffering from severe acute malnutrition. If you are a UK Taxpayer, the governments Gift Aid scheme allows Children in Crossfire to claim at least an extra 25p for every pound donated. (028) 7126 9898 • [childrenincrossfire.org](http://childrenincrossfire.org)

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014** (028)8224 2439 [accordmagh@btpopenworld.com](mailto:accordmagh@btpopenworld.com)  
 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January • 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February • 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March • 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April • 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June  
 Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD  
 Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

<p><b>Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b>  <b>Universal – Economic Development:</b> That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.  <b>For Evangelisation – Christian Unity:</b> That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.</p>
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**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***

**Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time** *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*  
God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, in good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.  
**Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.**

**Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.  
Please contact Eileen at [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) or call (028) 7126 9898 / 07840 182 004

**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?  
For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at [knockmarriagebureau.com](http://knockmarriagebureau.com) and read about the workings of the Bureau

**Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society:** Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.  
**Adoption:** Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?  
**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** [email@familycaresociety.org](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) • **Web:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://familycaresociety.co.uk)

Parish Liturgy for January, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Aisling Donaghy	Monica Coyle	Sean Clarke
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Connelly
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Aileen Tuohey	TBC	Grace Conneely
<b>Collectors</b>	Gary McDermott Noel McElhatton	Patrick Tuohey Michael Bradley	Pat McGuigan Perry McCrory
<b>Altar Society</b>	Eileen McKenna, Anne McAleer and Maria Bradley		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcomed – contact Sinead			

**The Deep End – The Word:** *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*  
Jesus is the Word, the Logos, the One coming from the Father to pitch his tent amongst us. The Gospel of John opens with this meditation on the incarnation rather than an account of the birth of Jesus. The Word is that divine energy, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things. In Eastern traditions, the word OM is used to denote the same concept and is recited over and over to awaken in people the closeness of God. OM denotes the whole range and possibility of all the sounds that can be made; its meaning is infinite. Today perhaps stay with that Word, inviting Jesus more deeply into your life:  
He who comes, comes to us now in the silence, in the darkness, in the confusion, in the loneliness as Word and as Light as Truth and as Love. Emmanuel God-with-us now. *H. Wiggett*

**Musings** *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*  
There is a lovely custom practised in Central Europe on the eve of 6 January. This involves writing in chalk above the front doors of houses the letters C, M and B enclosed by the numerals of the New Year. For 2014, then, the inscriptions would look like 20+C+M+B+14. The letters themselves have a double meaning. They stand for the traditional names of the magi, or three wise men, who visited the Christ Child – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – but they also function as the initials of a blessing for the home: 'Christus Mansionem Benedicat' ('May Christ Bless this House').

**Omagh Volunteering Centre:** Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and make a real difference within your local community. There are a wide range of volunteering opportunities currently available across the Omagh District area. Volunteer Befrienders, Coaches and Mentors are required by organisations including Mencap, Guide Dogs NI and Action on Hearing Loss, to enable them to deliver vital services for people with a learning or sensory disability. Organisations such as RNIB and NI Hospice need local volunteers to help set up local Support Groups, raise vital funds and awareness of their work in the Omagh area. Training and support is provided for all of the Volunteer roles.  
**Tel (Michelle):** (078) 5444 6821 or (028) 8224 0772 **Email:** [omatghvc2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:omatghvc2@yahoo.co.uk) **Office:** First Floor of Community House

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 1:1-18:** *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'
2. We hear the gospel message frequently. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life-giving for you and for others
3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world – speaking the truth for the world to hear, like as a witness to testify to the light. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.
4. 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God.

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

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

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January – St. Charles of St. Andrew (Dublin) (priest) [1821-1893]** Born in Holland. Took vows as a Passionist in 1846 and came to Mount Argus in 1857, it was there he spent most of his priestly life. His ministry in the confessional was renowned and the poor of Dublin found in him a strong support. Died on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1893. St. Charles was canonised on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2007. [Not celebrated this year]
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord** Celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. Western Christians commemorate principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Baby Jesus, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. Eastern Christians commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – St. Raymond Penyafort (priest) [1175-1275]** A very brilliant lawyer when at the age of 47 he became a Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominicans and Archbishop of Tarragona.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** Commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.