



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderrg

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection [Year B] (5th April, 2015)

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Easter Blessings and Thank you: The prayer support of every parishioner is our greatest strength. No matter what season, we always rely on the prayers of our sick and housebound sisters and brothers but during Lent that special season of renewal and re-commitment to our faith so many people make an extra special effort in prayer, fasting and good works.

During Lent 2015 many parishioners of Greencastle responded to the invitation to pray Mass each day – no mean feat especially when you realise that on each Monday of Lent that meant gathering for 7.00am. The Stations of the Cross were prayed publicly every Friday before Mass and led this year by the children of the parish (13th March) and the women of the parish (6th March). Thank you for your participation in all the Liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday / Easter Morning) and especially to our co-ordinator Maria Bradley. Thank you for your support for the Lenten Trócaire campaign and your solidarity in prayer and in charity to the people of Ethiopia whose stories we were told about in the Trócaire literature and in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (3rd April). As soon as the money has been counted we will publish the full amount.

As we continue our journey through Easter-tide and the rest of the year, may we enjoy the blessings accrued during Lent. We are grateful for the ministries exercised among us, including Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and those involved in our Music, the altar-servers, people who clean the chapels and our sacristans. Your commitment and service means everything. We know that faith extends to every other aspect of daily living and we are grateful for your fidelity to living out your Catholic Christian faith in this parish of Greencastle.

Liturgy Schedule for the Easter Octave [Year B] (6 th April, 2015 – 12 th April, 2015)		
Saturday Evening (4st April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 5th April Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 6th April Easter Monday	St. Patrick's <i>Sick and housebound visits</i>	10.00am Mass <i>DDS Members and benefactors</i>
Tuesday 7th April St. John Baptist de la Salle (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 8th April Easter Wednesday	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Joe McGarvey (7 th Anniversary)
Thursday 9th April Easter Thursday	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 10th April Easter Friday	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Philomena Feeney (Month's Mind)
Saturday Morning (11th April) St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Frank Conway (11 th Anniversary)
Saturday Evening (11th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter [Year B] Divine Mercy Sunday	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of £863.50 and £16.50 in loose change.
Annual Collection for Clerical Education and Formation: A further £140 was donated.
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Joe McGarvey, James Clarke Snr. and James Clarke Jnr. , whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 • Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24, r/v 1 • John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31 • (Lectionary I, page 441) Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]
Lotto Results: E • U • W • X • Z (4 drawn with 3 letters winning £15 each) Next Jackpot: £4,600

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 4 th April The family of Darragh Morris	Offertory Gifts Rota Easter Sunday Feast of the Lord's Resurrection	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 5 th April The family of Niamh Tracey
Saturday 11 th April The family of Shanice Morris	Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday 12 th April The family of Joseph Warnock
Saturday 18 th April* The family of Patrick Morris	Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday 19 th April The family of Caitlin Clarke
Saturday 25 th April The family of Ryan McGlinchey	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 26 th April The family of Aoife Conway
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. <i>*Do This In Memory Week 8 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life</i>		
Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer) Universal – Creation: That people may begin to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. Evangelisation – Persecuted Christians: That Persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.		
An Creagán – Annual Big Family Picnic: Easter Monday from 12noon to 4.00pm with lots to see and do for all. <i>This is a free event for all the family • For further information please call (028) 8076 1112</i>		
Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Upcoming Courses: Free Two Day Irish Course: Friday 11 th and Saturday 12 th April from 10.00am to 4.00pm with lunch from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. The levels and teachers available are Beginners (Maria Boden), Improvers (Seosaimhin Nic Eochaidh) and Advanced (Michilín Ní Fhorreidh). Exams Preparation Course for GCSE and A Level Students: Saturday 11 th April from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Teachers for this course are Máirtín Ó Gormlaithe (GCSE) and Malachy Mc Namee (A' Level). <i>For more information and to register interest in attending courses email kevin.goodwin@omagh.gov.uk or call (028) 8225 6220</i>		
Mass Followed by Memorial Stone Unveiling: Friday 10 th April Monsignor Brendan Devlin is coming to St. Mary's Church, Rouskey to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm and unveil a memorial stone in memory of our Irish-speaking forefathers. <i>Angela O'Brien invites you to come and support this celebration</i>		
Gamblers Anonymous – Open Meeting: Thursday 23 rd April at 7.30pm in Omagh Community House, Drumragh Avenue. Are you worried about you or a friends gambling? At this open meeting you can talk to members of the Gamblers Anonymous group, hear experienced speakers talk of their experience of gambling and get some advice and help. <i>For more information visit the Gamblers Anonymous website at gamblersanonymous.org.uk</i>		
ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com 10 th and 11 th April • 8 th and 9 th May • 12 th and 13 th June Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date		
Society of St. Vincent De Paul: Appreciation is extended for our continued support for their work in the Omagh district and for being so generous to the clothing bin. Their customers really appreciate your gifts especially the good quality clothing you donate. It is realised that there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations and for this reason especially they thank you for your on-going support in the seven SVP conferences. <i>Tel: (028) 8224 9839</i>		
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/or 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. <i>See poster at entrances</i>		
An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Card Playing: Every Friday night at 8.30pm.		
GAA Cultural Night: Monday 6 th April (Easter Monday). <i>For further information contact Michael Coyle</i>		
Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today. You may not have a tomorrow. <i>St. John Bosco</i>		

Parish Liturgy for April, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of the Faithful	Megan McKenna	Rosemary McCullagh	Brianna Gillen
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Colum Devlin	Patrick Tuohey Frank Keenan (Kate)	Tony Donnelly Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead			

Our Parish Cemeteries: These are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please co-operate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Mileage rate is 45p per mile.
(028) 8225 1116

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 20:1-9: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

In some ways this Gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

- The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?
- Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?
- Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.
 - Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time, and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? ... times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence ?
 - Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?
 - Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?

Where have you found life in such experiences?

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*

Perhaps the most powerful image of Christ's Resurrection is to be found in the anastasis ('Resurrection') icon of eastern Christianity. This represents Christ breaking down the doors of Hades/Hell, crushing its power and shattering the chains of its captives. The first to be lifted out of hell are, in fact, Adam and Eve, whose wrists Christ grasps. These representative figures point to Christ's victory as a saving event for the whole world. Below Christ, with his hands and legs bound, and surrounded by shattered locks and chains, lies the figure of death, overwhelmed and defeated by Christ's love. What chains in my life do I need to have broken?

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 7th April – St. John the Baptist de la Salle (priest) [1651-1719] Devoted his life to the care and education of poor children and to the training of teachers. Formed his companions into the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Patron Saint of teachers.

Saturday 11th April – St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów (bishop and martyr) Became bishop of Krakow, Poland in 1072. His outspoken condemnation of corruption resulted in his murder in 1097.

TinyLife – Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies: Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.

Our Volunteers: All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.

How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer? Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.

Next Training Dates: Saturday 9th, Saturday 16th and Saturday 30th May, 2015

Registration of the Religious of the Diocese: Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card.
Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015			
Sacramental Celebrations	Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	St. Patrick's	2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	Sunday 17th May Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 3rd May	St. Patrick's
		Sunday 30th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Monday 6th April • Friday 29th May • Sunday 19th July		
	Tuesday 8th September • Thursday 29th October		
		Sunday 19th July	Our Lady of the Wayside
<i>Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates</i>			
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4th and 5th July)	Saturday Evening (4th July)	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday Morning (5th July)	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Monday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
Saturday 18th April	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 17th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion	
Saturday 6th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass	

The Deep End – *Open the door:*

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

Not knowing -- when the dawn will come -- I open every door *Emily Dickenson*

The open tomb is a big part of the Easter story. When Mary of Magdala visits the tomb on the third day after Jesus is crucified, she finds that the stone has been moved away. Along with Peter and the other disciples, the realisation gradually dawns that something wonderful has happened. Jesus is risen from the dead!

Easter is a time for openness. The hearts of Mary and the disciples were opened that first Easter morning, and they suddenly understood what Jesus had been trying to teach them all along. In rising from the dead, Jesus had broken down their barriers. Are our hearts open? Are we ready to hear the good news?

Look where the garden door is open wide!

Come to the garden, there's no need to hide.

God has broken down the fences

From 'An Easter Carol'

And he stands with arms wide open, come along inside!

by Damien Lundy