

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] (5th July, 2015)
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We extend a very warm welcome from our parish faith community to Fr. Mark Monaghan SMA who ministers in Nigeria but is well known to us. He will lead us at Mass and in our Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed in our parish cemeteries this weekend – we welcome all visitors

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (6th July, 2015 – 12th July, 2015)

Saturday Evening (4th July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Celia Strauza (1 st Anniversary) followed by Public Prayers for Faithful Departed 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass followed by Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed
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THERE WILL BE NO MASS BETWEEN MONDAY 6TH JULY AND THURSDAY 9TH JULY		
Friday 10th July Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Peter Fox (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday Morning (11th July) St. Benedict (abbot and Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (11th July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of 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 **£949.50** with **£15.50** in loose change.

Baptisms: As a parish community we welcome **Conall Patrick Conway and Cara Rose Keenan** who were baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised and their parents and sponsors, prayerful support and good example in our devotion to Christian living.

Sick and housebound Visitations: These will be attended on **Monday 13th July**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for **John Coyle** who died on Thursday, we offer our sympathy and prayerful support to his family and all who mourn his passing. Also pray for **Celia Strauza, Peter Fox & Packie McCrory** whose anniversaries occur now.

Golden Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood: Belated congratulations to Fr. Pat O'Hagan, a native of this parish and member of the Sacred Heart Order and presently ministering in California who marked this on Sunday 14th June. We wish him good health, happiness and God's blessings *'ad multos annos'* and across the miles.

St. Patrick's Cemetery: Thank you for your support over the past number of years for the on-going work undertaken to improve the environment in this cemetery.
 To pay for this work we secured an initial bank loan of £17,000 which we have been paying off from our regular weekly income. We have now applied for a further loan of £25,000 to continue with our present work. In order to assist with the repayment of these loans, our parish finance committee and I have decided to take up a special collection after the annual public prayers for the faithful departed on the evening of Saturday 4th July.
 Your financial support will be much appreciated. If you wish to send a donation directly to me for this purpose then I will be happy to receive. *Fr. Hasson*

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. *See poster at entrances*

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

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 4 th July The family of Sorcha Hughes	Offertory Gifts Rota Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 5 th July The family of Stephan Meenan
Saturday 11th July The family of Lennon Mayton	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 12 th July The family of David Morris
As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and we thank them for what they are doing for us		

Prayer for Visiting Graves in a Cemetery Adapted *From Prayers for the Domestic Church by Ed Hays*
 God of Abraham and of Moses,
 Lord of the Living, who visited Jesus within His grave and filled Him with the fullness of eternal life,
 hear our prayer this day as we come to the Cemetery at Greencastle, Co. Tyrone.
 With reverence, we visit these sacred shrines where the bodies of those whom we have loved are placed,
 within the womb of the earth to await the final day of glory.
 We pause in silence to be united with them...pause for silent prayer
 Lord, we have come on this pilgrimage of prayer today to keep the flame of love alive within our hearts.
 As we read the names of our beloved on these tomb-stones,
 we rejoice because their names have been written for all ages in the palm of Your divine hand.
 May the breath of creation that surrounds this grave—
 in trees, grass and earth, birds and sun—
 join us in prayer.
 May this pilgrimage today remind us of what we already know:
 that nothing dies; rather, life is only transformed into new life.
 Holy are these graves,
 holy this earth that has held in gentle embrace the bodies of all who are buried in this cemetery.
 Lord, with reverence, we leave a wreath of worship at these graves today, woven with love, adorned with memories
 and with our faith in the reality of that earthen Easter morning when all the holy dead shall rise in the splendour of Your glory.
 Till that day, eternal rest to all buried in this cemetery and to all the holy dead. *Amen*

<p style="text-align: center;">A Prayer for Our Earth</p> <p>All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Pope Francis – from his encyclical 'Laudato Si' – 'Praised be' (Published 18th June) tinyurl.com/obsowft</i></p>	<p>Diocesan Prayer for Year of Consecrated Life</p> <p>God our Creator and Guide, You call us out of darkness into Your wonderful Light, making us a Royal Priesthood, a Holy People, set apart to sing Your praises.</p> <p>May our families and parishes continue to nourish the seeds of vocation to the Consecrated Life and the Priesthood.</p> <p>And may all who have already responded to this call, like Mary, live with openness of heart, to treasure Your presence, to ponder Your actions, so that all may joyfully proclaim Your goodness now and always. <i>Amen</i></p>
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Please honour the special needs parking spaces in the Church car park

Pope Francis' Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Politics: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.
Evangelisation – The Poor in Latin America: That amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

Looking After 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 or into our neighbour's property. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away.

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!*

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden – Music Trait: Friday 24th July, 28th August and 25th September at 6.30pm. The Celtic Garden will be transformed to celebrate our rich cultural heritage through storytelling, song and music. **Cost:** €7 / £6 • Refreshments served afterwards • **Booking:** (00353) 74938 4866 / goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

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

World Youth Day: This will be held in Kraków, Poland from Sunday 24th to Sunday 31st July, 2016. If you are aged between 18 and 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at wyd@derrydiocese.org or alternatively, call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087. World Youth Day, founded by St. John Paul II is the largest gathering of its kind in the world. It is celebrated every 3 years, each year moving to a different country, with the Pope presiding over the event. WYD is an excellent opportunity for young people from across our diocese to come together, in fellowship, with other young Catholics from around the world, to share and engage in their faith.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 30th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Sunday 19th July	St. Patrick's
	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>		
Monday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)

Parish Liturgy for July, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Nuala Glass	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of the Faithful	---	---	Briana Gillen
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Noel McElhatton	Patrick Tuohey Michael Clarke	Brendan Daly Sean Clarke
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
<i>New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead Donnelly</i>			

Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage Season: From Friday 29th May to Thursday 13th August. Daily boats to the Island between 10.30am and 3.00pm. Regular pilgrimages throughout the season countrywide. *No need to book.*
Contact Maureen or Lorraine in Lough Derg direct on 00353 71986 1518 / info@loughderg.org

Alcohol: The Challenge of Moderation *A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference*
We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life.
We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community.
We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups.
What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol. If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.
Full text can be read at catholiccommunications.ie

Ordination to Priesthood: Rev. Sean O'Donnell will be ordained a priest of our diocese at 3.00pm on Sunday 14th June in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Please keep him and all considering responding to God's call to priesthood in your personal and family prayers this week. The following priests in our diocese have / will be celebrating special jubilees this year. Pray for them:

60 years (1955)	Dr. Brendan Devlin [5 th March, retired] Fr. Bernard Bryson [19 th June, retired] Msgr. Ignatius McQuillan [19 th June, retired]	Fr. Michael Mullan [19 th June, retired] Fr. Art O'Reilly [5 th March, CC Banagher]
55 years (1960)	Fr. Michael Collins [12 th March, retired] Fr. John Doherty [19 th June, CC Melmount]	Bishop Francis Lagan [19 th June, retired] Fr. Seamus O'Connell [19 th June, retired]
50 years (1965)	Fr. Oliver Crilly [20 th June, PP Greenlough]	Bishop Kieran O'Doherty [20 th June, PP Granaghan]
45 years (1970)	Fr. Eugene Boland [11 th April, Bishop's Office Derry]	
40 years (1975)	Fr. Charles Keaney [1 st June, PP Coleraine] Fr. Michael Doherty [15 th June, PP Melmount]	Fr. Patrick Doherty [15 th June, PP Glendermott & Strathfoyle]
35 years (1980)	Fr. Edward McGuinness [8 th June, Bishop's Office, Derry] Fr. Eugene Hasson [14 th June, PP Greencastle]	Fr. Fintan Diggin [22 nd June, PP Clomany]
30 years (1985)	Fr. David O'Kane [15 th June, PP Claudy]	
25 years (1990)	Fr. Paul McClafferty [24 th June, Bishop's Office, Derry]	
10 years (2005)	Fr. Peter O'Kane [24 th June, Post-grad studies, Rome]	

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
Our Second Reading today contains a remarkable statement from St Paul, in which he is prepared to boast of his weaknesses in order that Christ's grace and power working in him might be all the more magnified. There's something reassuring about a passage such as this – simply because its point of departure is an acknowledgment of what is a reality for all of us: our human condition. It is often said that the true definition of a saint is 'a sinner who realises their absolute need of God'; in him or her there is no pretence or mere show of piety. Their relationship with God is far too real, much too important for that.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Wednesday 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.
- Thursday 9th July – St. Augustine Zhao Rong (priest) and companions (martyrs)** St. Augustine Tchoo, born in 1746, converted to Christianity, was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial also celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Rebellion.
- Saturday 11th July – St. Benedict (abbot and Patron of Europe)** Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome and early in life was drawn to the monastic life. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb.
- He soon realised that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose him as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still, the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one “Grand Monastery” to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples.
- The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor and living together in community under a common father (abbot). Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict.
- Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation and the Cistercians.

The Deep End – *What Is This Wisdom?*

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Can you think of a time when someone returned home after a life-changing experience, full of enthusiasm, and the response of the locals was mixed: ‘Who do they think they are?’ Perhaps it was you who had changed in some way, experienced a conversion or a new outlook on life and suddenly you were surrounded by the people who know you deeply and who are struggling to accept your new found wisdom. Often when these experiences happen, our family and friends do us a favour. They keep our feet on the ground and bring us on a journey back to everyday life. Like Jesus, we too can be amazed that this ‘wisdom’ is not shared by those around us. We should never crush the dreams or visions of others, but sometimes it is useful to keep one foot in reality while trying to achieve our dreams in small steps.

Today, it is also worth asking how we treat our modern day prophets? Prophets are controversial, they swim against the tide; they tell people things that they don’t want to hear; they try to encourage change and transformation. They can be extremely unpopular. Can you think of one modern-day prophet who may be calling you to something different, to something greater, even if it is uncomfortable? We will always learn something, even if our viewpoint doesn’t change. We should challenge ourselves to listen, to grow. How often has Jesus come to us in the form of someone we know very well, but we did not recognise him?

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *Mark 6:1-6*

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1. The story reminds us of how personal prejudices and agendas can block us from listening to the content of what another person has to say, no matter how relevant or wise it is. 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 make a useful contribution 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 other people?
3. The topic of religion can easily bring up prejudices, leading some to 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?