



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (5th August, 2018)
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Thought for the Week: "Each generation is converted by the saint who contradicts it most." *GK Chesterton*

Liturgy Schedule for the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (5th August – 12th August)

Saturday 4th August St. John Mary Vianney (priest)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Gerard Coyle (7 th Anniversary)
Sunday 5th August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass
Monday 6th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
There will be NO MASS between Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th August Adoration followed by the Rosary will take place Wednesday 8th August from 12noon and 7.00pm		
Friday 10th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 11th August St. Clare (virgin)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 12th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

Death and Anniversary announcements should be given to the priest celebrant before mass on Sunday 12th August

Remembering Our Dead: We remember and pray for the soul of **Gerard Coyle (7th)** whose anniversary occurs now and for all our deceased relatives, neighbours, fellow parishioners and friends.

Greencastle Parish Bus to World Meeting of Families Mass: The Closing Mass, celebrated by Pope Francis will take place at the Papal Cross in the heart of the Phoenix Park in Dublin on the afternoon of Sunday 26th August. The Mass will begin at 3.00pm. It is proposed that transport will be available from outside St. Patrick's Church that morning, the cost of which will be £10 per person. The parish has also obtained 54 tickets for the mass along with a bus. Please note that buses will be sent to a parking facility and passengers will have to walk a distance to the Phoenix Park and back again and all tickets are standing only. *If interested contact Fr. Gallagher at (028) 8164 8474, at the sacristy before or after mass or by emailing greencastlepp@yahoo.com*

Holy Cross Group: This weekend we welcome to the parish a missionary group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help and support the poor Christians families. *Any help you could give them will be greatly appreciated*

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Tuesday 28th August to Tuesday 4th September, staying in Leone Hotel. *Only a few places remain • For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038*

Annual Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan: £6 entry • Refreshments served Friday 24th August in Greencastle Community Centre • Music by Cascades from 9.30pm

Lough Derg Three-Day Pilgrimage: You may begin any day until Monday 13th August. Advance booking not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. **Tel:** Lorraine on 07198 61 518 (from NI +353) • **Email:** info@loughderg.org

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service *To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com*

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992

Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock. *For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com*

Next Week's Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8 • Psalm 33:2-9, R/ v 9 • Ephesians 4:30-5:2
 John 6:41-51 • Lectionary 1:785 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 5th August – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Commemorates the miracle of the snowfall that occurred during the night of 4th and 5th August in the year 358 on the site where the basilica now stands. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared in a dream to two faithful Roman Christians, the patrician John and his wife, as well as to Pope Liberius (352-366), asking that a church be built in her honour on the site where snow would fall on the night of 4th and 5th August. Pope Liberius traced the outlines of the church in the snow and the first basilica was built on that site. It was completed about a century later by Pope Sixtus III (432-440), after the Council of Ephesus in 431 during which Mary was declared to be the Mother of God.

Saturday 11th August – St. Clare (virgin) [1193-1253] Followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder of the Poor Claires. Patron saint of television.

Sunday 12th August – St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious) [1572-1641] At the age of twenty she married Baron de Chantal but after nine years she was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St. Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Cherish the Ladies Concert: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel. *Tickets (£15) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870*

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019? Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows: 7th and 8th September • 28th and 29th September • 5th and 6th October • 2nd and 3rd November • 7th and 8th December

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:
Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org
We are Spiritual Beings on a Human Journey: Summer Retreat to help look reflectively at life's experiences – 10th to 15th August. **'Immersed in Heaney':** Includes 'Essence of Heaney' workshop and visit to Homeplace, Bellaghy – 31st August / 1st September. **Holy Land Retreat:** 11th to 20th October.

Rouskey Community Development Association – Trip to Moynality Steam Fair, Co. Meath:
 Sunday 12th August. Leaving Gortin at 8.45am, Rouskey at 9.00am and Greencastle at 9.15am. See a wide range of vintage and modern vehicles and country music acts. *Call Lucy on 07827 016 520 to book place*

Owenkillew Credit Union – Closure: Monday morning in Greencastle office for the month of August. Normal hours for a Monday evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Gortin Office Saturday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination. *If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

Drink Wise, Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use? *For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240*

Amoris Laetitia: In preparation for the World Meeting of Families later this month we include a quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) "I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street'."

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Universal – The Treasure of Families: That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:
Tel: (028) 90941690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour: Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.
Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
 All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness
For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

ACCORD – Relationship Counseling: A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-judgmental setting.
An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall
 For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent
Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm: If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Contact us using the details below.
Address: IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal
Tel: (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • **Website:** celticprayergarden.com • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by
 Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt
 Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action
Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk
 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas): Find out if you're missing out on benefits, services or grants by booking your FREE home visit. Referrals can be made for benefits checks, home safety visits, occupational therapy assessments as well as others. You'll also receive a FREE bag containing £25 worth of items to help keep you warm this winter.
Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book

Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service?
Applications are invited from individuals wishing to join for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship) Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth.
For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday
Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

Parish Liturgy for August, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Orla Scullion	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Erin Hood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Francis McLaughlin	Michael Clarke Patrick Tuohy	Brian Donnelly Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary and Paula Meenan, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna	Ann McDermott, Carmel McCrory, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris	

Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.
Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011

Family Care Adoption Services *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*
 For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
 us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
 To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.
Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.
St. Patrick's: Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass
 First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.
If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes:
 Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018?
For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2018-2021 – God is Love: Bishop McKeown has announced the publication of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018-2021 in the diocese, 'God is Love'. The Plan is the result of a two-year programme of work by the Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of 14 men and women - laity from across the diocese, Religious and clergy. It is a first step in developing a co-responsible Church at parish and diocesan level, identifying paths that might lead to solutions to the many challenges we face, including the practical need to plan for the times when priests will not be present in the way that they have been up to now. A number of printed copies of the Plan have been received for the parish and a PDF version of it is also available to view and download on the diocesan website – derrydiocese.org – you are invited to read it. The main work of implementing the Plan will begin after the summer break. Bishop McKeown asks for your prayers and support, in the knowledge that everything done in faith and love will bear fruit in God's own good time.

Towards Peace: A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.

Website: towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@jecon.ie

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 6:24-35: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?
2. Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?
3. The work of God is that we 'believe in the one whom God has sent'. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts?
4. As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

Musings: 'I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me: But how can we? ... But in the family how is this done? After all, prayer seems to be something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace ... Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realising that we need God ... all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents ... praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.'

Pope Francis, homily at Mass in St Peter's Square, 27th October, 2013

The Deep End – Old Wives' Tale:

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

Growing up, did the adults in your life tell you any stories about food?

- Eating carrots helps you see in the dark.
 - Crusts will make your hair curly.
 - Spinach makes you strong.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

These wise old sayings, passed down through the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Some even had an element of truth. Nowadays we can establish the accuracy of such claims at the touch of a button, but many parents still find themselves trotting out these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up as strong, healthy and happy as possible.

There is a huge focus these days on healthy eating and having a physically healthy lifestyle. Mental health is also being spoken about more and more. Nourishing one's mind and keeping it healthy is just as important as fuelling the body. Both of these are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime.

When it comes to the life beyond this one, Jesus talks about a different type of food – food that endures to eternal

life. It is this bread, Jesus himself, that gives meaning to our work and our struggles here on earth. As Jesus tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' Let us not forget to nourish our spirit.

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

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 / 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 entrance*

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick's Church		