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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (5th September, 2021)

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Thought for the Week: -"When Christ calls himself the "Light of the World" (John 8:12), he is not telling us to look just at him, but to look out at life with his all-merciful eyes. We see him so we can see like him, and with the same infinite compassion." Fr. Richard Rohr OFM

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Rita Fox (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
Sunday 5th September	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass	
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year	ar B]		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	
Wednesday 8th September	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration	
Thursday 9th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Roseann McGarvey	
St. Ciaran (abbot)		(11th Anniversary)	
Friday 10th September	St. Patrick's	12.00pm Wedding Mass	
		7.30pm Mass: Mickey Bradley (3rd Anniversary)	

## Note that there will be NO MASS on Saturday 11th September due to the All Ireland Final at 5.00pm

Sunday 12th September	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: Brian Hollywood (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Twenty-Fourth Sunday	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass
in Ordinary Time (Vear RI		

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Patsy Mullan (retired PP of Faughanvale, Co. Derry - formerly CC of Greencastle [1971 to 1974]) and Rita Fox (6th), Eileen McEvoy (1st), Mickey Bradley (3rd) and Roseann McGarvey (11th) whose anniversaries are at this time and all who have died due to Covid-19.

Weekly Collection: £1,020 Thank you for your continued generosity

Mid Ulster Agewell: Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org

## Walk with Zest in Remembrance of Imelda Saturday 18th September.

Leaving Greencastle Hall at 3.00pm and walking over Mullydoo Road, onto Crockanboy and up via Chapel. Donations welcome as we carry our buckets • Everyone welcome

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

SUSE+ New Courses Starting in September: Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can offer help and support to get into further education, training and employment. We complete job searches, CV building, interview preparation.

Mentors work 1-to-1 with participants to help secure opportunities in the local area.

New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success and Wellbeing, Digital Skills, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management and Business Administration.

For more information email tracv.sharkev@swc.ac.uk or call 074 3653 3475

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9 • Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9, R/ v 9 • James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35 • Lectionary 1:799

Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]

#### **Townland Mass Rota**

Some changes to the townland groupings have been made, please check below to see if your townland (or part of it) has been changed. Mass for Broughderg is not broadcast so you may need to follow either the mass on YouTube from either the Vigil Mass from Greencastle or Gortin. Please note that the 11.00am mass time may be changed later in the month to 11.30am.

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Sat. 4th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South		
Sun. 5th September	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan		
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Patrick's	Patrick's <b>6.00pm</b> Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacrory, Alworries			
Sun. 12th September	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen		
Sat. 18th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South		
Sun. 19th September	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan		
Sat. 25th September	Our Lady of Wayside	6.00pm	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen		
Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacrory, Alworries		

Greencastle / Badoney Lower Parish Proposals: Following our meetings with the Pastoral Councils of both parishes we can now move forward with some of our proposals. These are provisional arrangements which will be Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated trialed until next January when they will be reviewed.

For the next few weeks the Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same. If and when the new schedule is required its commencement will hopefully be announced a week or two in advance. However some of the proposals need to be started from next week. For most weekdays the schedule for the two parishes will be as follows except when any announcements are made to the contrary. Fr Eddie Gallagher PP

Week Beginning Monday 6th September (please check bulletin weekly)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays		
St. Patrick's, Gortin at 10.00am	St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 10.00am	St. Mary's, Rouskey at 7.30pm		
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**Thursdays** 

St. Patrick's, Gortin at 10.00am • St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 7.30pm St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 10.00am

## Months Mind / First Anniversary Masses

Wednesdays St. Mary's, Rouskey, 7.30pm • Thursdays St. Patrick's, Gortin / Our Lady of the Wayside, 7.30pm Friday St Patrick's Greencastle 7.30pm • Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses are also available, but as it is the Parish Sunday Mass, readings and Prayers of the Faithful for the particular Sunday will be used, if there is a Parish Choir due to sing at the mass they will come before any singers brought in by the family.

# Baptisms Beginning the First Weekend of October

First Saturday of Month First Sunday of Month **Second Sunday of Month** Greencastle, 3.00pm Broughderg, 12.30pm Greencastle, 12.30pm Third Saturday of Month Third Sunday of Month **Fourth Sunday of Month** Gortin, 3.00pm Rouskey, 12.30pm Gortin, 12,30pm

A fuller version of these proposals are available on the Parish website and Facebook rage. Please see there or in next week's bulletin further information

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path: Sunday 11th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October with Mass outdoors (weather permitting). The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential.

> Email: info@loughderg.org Telephone: 0(0353) 71 986 1518 Website: loughderg.org Address: Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

## Catholic Engaged Encountered – *Online Marriage Preparation Course via Zoom*:

Planned for Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. For more information and to book call (028) 2763 8512 or visit marriageencounter.ie

Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)

Universal – Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Accord Counselling Services: Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none.

To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

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

#### Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):

Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)

**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

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration
12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage
2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound
• 3.00pm – 4.00pm Strengthening of Faith in our young people
4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity
• 5.00pm – 6.00pm Protecting life and the Earth
6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

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@iecon.ie

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.

Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk

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

A Prayer for Now: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. Amen

**Epilepsy Action NI:** Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?

Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham Masters in Catholic School Leadership: This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Applications for the Autumn intake close Monday 30th September. For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

**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

#### 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

Prayer for the End of the Virus: Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.

Amen

Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster? Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.

To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit barnardos.org.uk/foster

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

What Is Spiritual Communion? It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

### **Deanery of Tyrone Statistics**

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000 6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people 3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics

7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable? In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.

The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s

The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director. You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)

Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)

'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)

Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

#### The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". Pope St. John Paul II

**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

Certificate in Christian Thought: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St. Mary's University

College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021.

The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The

Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level.

During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more.

Full details are available at derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought

#### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:

John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- 1. The healing of the deaf mute provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of communication in our lives. The healing touch of Jesus brought the man from isolation into community. Who have been the people who touched you when you felt isolated and alone (perhaps during the recent lockdown)and helped you to come out of painful aloneness? For whom have you done this?
- Deafness is symbolic of being unable to hear what is being said to us. What a difference when our ears are opened! Perhaps you can recall a time when your ears were opened and you heard in a new way that you were loved - by God or by another person.
- 3. Words are not the only form of communication. Actions can speak louder than words. Recall times when this was brought home to you.
- 4. Being able to say what is in you is the other side of communication. Perhaps there have been occasions when you have struggled to find words to express what is deepest in you your faith, your values, your love. Then something changed and you found the words. What was it like to be able to express your deepest self?

#### The Deep End – Ephphatha:

Jane Mellett (melletti@gmail.com)

This Sunday is the First Sunday of the Season of Creation, a global ecumenical season which runs from 1 September until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October. All Christians are invited to embrace this season in prayer, especially in our liturgies, in deep reflection, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world and the call to 'eco-conversion'. The theme for this year's Season is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. It offers all of us a unique opportunity to renew our vocation to care more deeply God's creation.

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment. Jesus says to him, 'Ephphatha,' which means Be Opened. Immediately this man was healed. There are many issues in our world to which we might be deaf or are 'closed' to, sometimes because they overwhelm us. The environmental crises are an example. Pope Francis invites us in Laudato Si', his letter on the environment, to really hear and listen to the earth, which is crying out to us, to the scientific community who are sounding the alarm bells, to young people who are deeply concerned. Ephphatha! May we be open to hearing these cries, to praying for our world and to take action where we can. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. Ephphatha!

2019 PARISH STATISTICS 2020

(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	Baptisms	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	First Communion	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	Weddings	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	Deaths and Burials	8

**Priory Institute** – *Online Theology Courses* (to degree level): Is this for you? Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Autumn, 2021.

For more info visit prioryinstitute.com

# This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September – St. Ciaran (abbot)** Born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.