



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

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

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time [Year A] (5<sup>th</sup> October, 2014)**

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**Catholic Church's Day for Life in Ireland:** Today is dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life and this year will focus on the theme of *mental health*. *For more information visit [dayforlife.org](http://dayforlife.org)*

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014 – 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014)		
<b>Saturday Evening (4<sup>th</sup> October)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>8.35am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary <b>11.00am</b> Mass: John Gerald Conway (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Bruno (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>9.05am</b> Public Recitation of Rosary <b>9.30am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> Our Lady of the Rosary	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>  Home of Eugene and Rose McCullagh (Muninamale)	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>7.30pm</b> Station Mass (confessions available before)
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Denis and Companions	St. Patrick's	<b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>9.05am</b> Public Recitation of Rosary <b>9.30am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Morning (11<sup>th</sup> October)</b> St. Canice	St. Patrick's	<b>9.05am</b> Public Recitation of Rosary <b>9.30am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (11<sup>th</sup> October)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>8.35am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Freddie McCullagh (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.		
After the catechesis at last Wednesday's general audience in St. Peter's Square, the Pope addressed the German and Polish pilgrims, reminding them that October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and invited them to meditate on the path and work of Christ through the eyes of Mary, and to pray the rosary to accompany the work of the Synod of Bishops on the family.		

<b>Weekly Offerings:</b> Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to <b>£1,052</b> and <b>£28</b> loose change.	
<b>Remembering Our Dead:</b> We pray today for <b>Jeannie Keenan</b> whose Requiem took place on Tuesday, we offer our sympathy and prayerful support to her family Francis, Sean, Ann and Colm and to all who mourn for her. We also pray for <b>John Gerald Conway</b> and <b>John McDermott</b> , whose anniversaries occur at this time.	
<b>Sick and housebound Visitations:</b> These will not take place until <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October*</b> . Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson. <span style="float: right;"><i>*Date may change</i></span>	
<b>Child Safeguarding:</b> 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	
<b>Foyle Hospice – World Hospice and Palliative Care Week Events:</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Everyone welcome – Together We Care</i></span>	
<b>Celebration of Hospice Care</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Guildhall. A short interdenominational service led by the four hospice chaplains.
<b>Coffee Morning on World Hospice Day</b>	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Foyle Hospice Day Care Unit
Thank you for your support as we try to raise awareness of Foyle Hospice and Hospice Care services in the North-West.	
<b>Next Sunday's Readings:</b> Isaiah 25: 6-10; Psalm 22: r/lv 6; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14; (Lectionary I, page 711) <span style="float: right;"><b>Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]</b></span>	
<b>GAA Lotto Results:</b> C • S • U • X • Y (1 with 4 letters winning £100) <b>Next Jackpot:</b> £3,350	

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October</u> The family of <b>Shea Conway</b>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</u> The family of <b>Tyler Gumley</b>
<u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October</u> The family of <b>Tara Haughey</b>	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</u> The family of <b>Joseph Hagan</b>
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. <b>What can you volunteer to do in your parish?</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>We need new volunteers in every aspect of life</i></span>		
<b>Stations Masses in October:</b> Hosting a Station Mass is a long tradition in the life of our Catholic parish communities. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It will be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a Station.		
DATE	TOWNLAND	IN THE HOME OF
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Muninamale	Eugene and Rose McCullagh
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Benefreaghan	Paddy and Nuala McDermott
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Coneyglen	Sean and Kerrie McCrory
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm	Formil	Martin McGurk
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	Sheskinshule	Michael and Caroline Coyle
<b>Mission Month – Theme: <i>That you may have life:</i></b> World Missions Ireland, the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies brings prayers, solidarity and financial help of the Church in Ireland to Christian communities in other parts of the world, especially those in greatest need. <span style="float: right;"><i>Please support Mission Month</i></span> We have a job to do this October as we celebrate Mission Month. There are approximately 1,500 Irish born missionaries working in more than 80 countries. They continue to spread the Gospel through their work, their deep commitment to the people they serve and their Faith. In essence, they lead by example and have helped to change, for the better, millions of lives all over the globe. It is fitting then that the theme for this years' Mission Month of October is 'That they may have life'...life in all its richness and dignity. The richness of knowing the Gospel and Jesus Christ and the dignity of having food to eat, a roof to sleep under and work to go to. Through their work, our missionaries strive to make all this a reality for the people they serve. 'The Society for the Propagation of the Faith' organises the Mission Sunday collection in all Churches nationwide, which this year takes place on Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October. We are invited to reflect on our call to bring Christ to others, while remembering to pray and assist the young churches that they may have the spiritual and financial resources to grow and in turn announce the Good News. <span style="float: right;"><i>For more information on the world of the Propagation of the Faith or to make a donation visit <a href="http://wmi.ie">wmi.ie</a>.</i></span>		
<b>ACCORD – Relationship Counselling:</b> ACCORD offers a professional counselling 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-judgemental setting. <span style="float: right;"><i>A counselling appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439</i></span>		
<b>Day of Prayer with Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group:</b> When was the last time you set aside a day for yourself to allow the Lord to minister to you? We invite you to come to a day of worship, praise, music, Mass, talks and healing. Day of Renewal, Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh 'Pray that the Word of God spreads rapidly' (2 Thess. 3v1). Fr. Columba Jordan, Friars of Renewal. Registration 9.00am Holy Mass 3.30pm £20 (includes lunch and tea / coffee). <span style="float: right;"><i>Book (028) 8224 2092 (office hrs) / (028) 8224 3973 (048 ROI) Mob 07876 411 435 or 07596 609 041</i></span>		
<b>Youthlife – Growing through Change Programme:</b> Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October in The Sanctuary, Muff, Co. Donegal. For those between 11 and 25 years of age who have experienced bereavement and loss as a result of death, divorce or separation. There is no charge for this programme. <span style="float: right;"><i>For an application form call Deirdre on (028) 7137 7227 or visit <a href="http://uouthlife.org">uouthlife.org</a> or call into the office at 23 Bishop Street, Derry</i></span>		
<b>Jack and the Beanstalk:</b> Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December at 3.00pm. A relaxed performance designed to create an enjoyable atmosphere for young people with learning and sensory difficulties and their families to experience theatre. <span style="float: right;"><i>Early bird offer £10 before 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.</i></span>		
<b>Book Signing – They That Wait on the Lord: An Uncharted Journey by Fr. Neal Carlin:</b> Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm in Veritas, 20 Shipquay Street, Derry. If you are unable to attend this event but would like to purchase the book, it is available from Veritas Bookshop, Derry. Call (028) 7126 6888 or email <a href="mailto:derryshop@veritas.ie">derryshop@veritas.ie</a> . <span style="float: right;"><i>Everyone is welcome to attend</i></span>		
<b>Greencastle Youth Club – Registration for Oíge Mhuintir Luinigh:</b> Greencastle's Irish Language Youth Club will take place on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in Greencastle Community Centre. Oíge Mhuintir Luinigh is due to start on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October and will run for 8 weeks. The cost per child is £10.00 with no weekly charge.		
<b>Greencastle Youth Club Rota</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30pm to 8.00pm (P4 – P6) 8.00pm to 9.30pm (P7 – Year 10) Michelle Meenan / Mickey Morris Noel McElhatton / Martina Cullen
Registration will take place on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in Greencastle Community Centre (£10 per child, £10 per family)		
Row then! Row, be strong, even with the headwind! We row in the service of the Church. We row together! But while we row – we all row, even the Pope rows in the boat of Peter - we must pray a lot, 'Lord, save us! Lord save your people'. <span style="float: right;"><i>Pope's Homily at Vespers With Jesuits</i></span>		
<i>Parish postcards are now available in church bookstalls (3 x £1)</i>		



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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – St. Bruno (priest) [1033-1660]** Born in Cologne where he became professor of theology in Rheims university and later its head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship were the basics. At La Grande Chartreuse he founded the Carthusians and later died there.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary** Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

*Divine Office*

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October – St. Denis and Companions** Beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258, later buried at Montmartre. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, one of the Patron Saints of France.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October – St. Canice [527-603]** Born in Co. Derry. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mabhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Columba with whom he worked for a time in Scotland where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory but this was replaced centuries later by his Church in Kilkenny.

### **Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 21: 33-43:**

*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders who are portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?
2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?
3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caringly for those around you.
4. The landowner in the story is angered at the behaviour of the tenants. In his anger he takes steps to pass the care of his vineyard on to others. When have you allowed your anger at injustice, or at the abuse of people to move you to take steps to redress the injustice? When have you used the energy of your anger to motivate you to take a positive step?

### **The Deep End – Family Matters:**

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

Pope Francis has called a synod of the Bishops this October to discuss some of the challenges facing the family. That synod starts today, with the theme 'The pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation'. Were you one of the thousands of Catholics from around the world who took part in the Vatican's survey on matters such as marriage, contraception, same-sex marriage, and divorce? The Pope has asked us to pray for the Bishops as they enter this important time for the Church: 'May we all, then, pray together so that through these events the church will undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel'. Let us keep the Synod in our thoughts and prayers over the next fortnight.

Many of us know challenges in our families. We face all sorts of everyday worries about health and money, as well as bigger fears about the future. Saint Paul has some comforting words for today: 'There is no need to worry; but if there is something you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.'