# 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] (5th October, 2014) The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU Website: greencastleparish.com Tel: (028) 8164 8474 Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com

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

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (6th October, 2014 – 12th October, 2014)			
Saturday Evening (4th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary	
		6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 5th October	St. Patrick's	8.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary	
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Ordinary Time [Year A]	•	10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary	
		11.00am Mass: John Gerald Conway (4th Anniversary)	
Monday 6th October	St. Patrick's	9.05am Public Recitation of Rosary	
St. Bruno (priest)		9.30am Mass	
Tuesday 7th October	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary	
Our Lady of the Rosary		10.00am Mass	
Wednesday 8th October	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary	
-		10.00am Mass	
Home of Eugene and Ros	e McCullagh (Muninamale)	7.30pm Station Mass (confessions available before)	
Thursday 9th October	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary	
St. Denis and Companions		10.00am Mass	
Friday 10th October	St. Patrick's	9.05am Public Recitation of Rosary	
Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time		<b>9.30am</b> Mass	
Saturday Morning (11th October)	St. Patrick's	9.05am Public Recitation of Rosary	
St. Canice		9.30am Mass	
Saturday Evening (11th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary	
		6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sunday 12th October	St. Patrick's	8.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary	
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Ordinary Time [Year A]		10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary	
		11.00am Mass: Freddie McCullagh (3rd 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.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to £1,052 and £28 loose change.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray today for Jeannie Keenan 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 John Gerald Conway and John McDermott, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and housebound Visitations: These will not take place until Monday 27th October\*. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson. \*Date may change

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

Foyle Hospice – World Hospice and Pallia	tive Care Week Events:	Everyone welcome – Together We Care
Celebration of Hospice Care	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm to 7.30pm interdenominational service led by the	
Coffee Morning on World Hospice Day	Saturday 11th October, 10.00am to 2.0	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.		

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-10: Psalm 22: r/lv 6: Philippians 4: 12-14. 19-20: Matthew 22: 1-14:

Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2] (Lectionary I, page 711)

GAA Lotto Results: C · S · U · X · Y (1 with 4 letters winning £100) Next Jackpot: £3,350

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 4th October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday	Sunday 5th October
The family of Shea Conway	in Ordinary Time	The family of Tyler Gumley
Saturday 11th October	Twenty-Eighth Sunday	Sunday 12th October
The family of Tara Haughey	in Ordinary Time	The family of Joseph Hagan

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? We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Stations Masses in October: 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 8th October at 7.30pm	Muninamale	Eugene and Rose McCullagh
Monday 13th October at 7.30pm	Benefreaghan	Paddy and Nuala McDermott
Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm	Coneyglen	Sean and Kerrie McCrory
Wednesday 22nd October at 7.30pm	Formil	Martin McGurk
Monday 27th October at 7.30pm	Sheskinshule	Michael and Caroline Coyle

Mission Month - Theme: That you may have life: 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. Please support Mission Month

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 19th 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. For more information on the world of the Propagation of the Faith or to make a donation visit wmi.ie.

ACCORD - Relationship Counselling: 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. A counselling appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439

Day of Prayer with Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group: 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 12th 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). Book (028) 8224 2092 (office hrs) / (028) 8224 3973 (048 ROI) Mob 07876 411 435 or 07596 609 041

Youthlife - Growing through Change Programme: Friday 17th October to Sunday 19th 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.

For an application form call Deidre on (028) 7137 7227 or visit uouthlife.org or call into the office at 23 Bishop Street, Derry

Jack and the Beanstalk: 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. Early bird offer £10 before 31st Oct.

Book Signing - They That Wait on the Lord: An Uncharted Journey by Fr. Neal Carlin: Friday 10th 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 derryshop@yeritas.ie. Everyone is welcome to attend

Greencastle Youth Club - Registration for Óige Mhuintir Luinigh: Greencastle's Irish Language Youth Club will take place on Monday 6th October at 6.30pm in Greencastle Community Centre. Oige Mhuintir Luinigh is due to start on Thursday 9th October and will run for 8 weeks. The cost per child is £10.00 with no weekly charge.

Greencastle	Monday 20th October	6.30pm to 8.00pm (P4 – P6)	Michelle Meenan / Mickey Morris	
Youth Club Rota		8.00pm to 9.30pm (P7 – Year 10)	Noel McElhatton / Martina Cullen	
Registration will take place on Monday 13th 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'.

Pope's Homily at Vespers With Jesuits

Parish postcards are now available in church bookstalls (3 x £1)

#### Pope Francis' Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)

**Universal:** That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered

by war and violence.

For Evangelisation: That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for

carrying the Gospel into all the world.

# Milestone Centre, Carrickmore - Upcoming Events:

Everyone is welcome

**Camowen Farmers Meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm. Speaker: Seamus McCaffery, Accountant, Omagh. Topic: Young Farmers scheme, wills and inheritance planning, very important rural issue in the new CAP Reform. **Male Keep-Fit:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. Only 10 for three sessions, give your heart a boost!

Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

### Prayer for the Diocese of Derry:

Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badonev Lower, 2012)

God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura.

Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.

Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.

Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults: A new resource from the Irish Episcopal Conference, designed to complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It has been adapted for an Irish audience and is written in accessible, easy to understand language. Whilst it can be used as an Individual private resource for reflection, it is also particularly useful for Parish Study Groups, Liturgy Groups, Parish Pastoral Councils and any individuals/groups working in parishes to promote catechesis / deepening of adult faith formation. A Study Guide to complement the Catechism has also been published. The Catechism is available from Veritas bookshops, at a cost of £19.99 / €24.99 and the Study Guide costs £11.00 / €12.99. Good discounts are available for multiple purchases. Tel: 02871 266888 or E-mail: derryshop@veritas.ie

#### ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October • 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November • 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December • 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March • 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April • 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May • 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – *Pilgrimage Season*: Sunday 4<sup>rd</sup> May to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year

#### **Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation**

In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast

The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone.

This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.

**Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

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Parish Liturgy for October, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright Nuala Glass		Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley Louise Coyl		Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of the Faithful	Seoirse Conway		Claire Coyle
Collectors	Margaret Morris	Cathal Keenan	Brian Gillen
	Michael McNamee	Patrick Tuohey	Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Caitriona McCullagh, Siobhan McKenna		Anne McDermott
	and Ciara McKenna		Martina McBride
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New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead

Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839

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

#### A Farmer's Praver

Jesus, you are the Bread of Life, Food for our journey.

You are the Vine and we are the branches.

Drawing our life from you.

As we seek to make out living from the land.

Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch

the beauty of your creation, Renew your love in our hearts.

And as we see your plan at work in each season,

Bring your peace to our home and to those we love. *Amen* 

# Musings

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

The Second Reading today speaks of the significance of what we allow to enter our minds. It encourages us to feed our minds with whatever is true; whatever is lovely; whatever is admirable; whatever is excellent. And it offers the promise that the peace of God will 'guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.' And yet we also know that many people have little control over what enters their minds on account of conditions such as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and other mental health issues. Let us remember today all for whom the daily thoughts of the mind are a constant struggle.

Derry Diocesan Society  Masses in our Parish	Wednesday 29th October St. Patrick's		
Saturday 1st Nove	. •		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

#### 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.

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:

Tríona 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.'