



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (5th November, 2017)
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Thought for the Week: "Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases." *St. Rose of Lima*

Liturgy Schedule for Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 5th November – Sunday 12th November)

Saturday 4th November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Michael Conway (9 th Anniversary)
Sunday 5th November Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) Mass
Monday 6th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 7th November Blessed Dominic Collins (martyr)	St. Patrick's	NO MASS	
Wednesday 8th November	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass
Thursday 9th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Friday 10th November St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Saturday 11th November St. Martin of Tours (bishop)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: John McCullagh (Month's Mind)
Sunday 12th November Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) Mass

Weekly Collection: £980 • **Mission Sunday:** £1,110 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

Baptism: We welcome into God's family **Ava Grace Conway** who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 28th October in St. Patrick's Church. We congratulate her parents, godparents and family circles.

Remembering Our Dead: During this month of November we pray in a concentrated way for all our faithful departed. We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased and enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society **May Coyle** and **Nellie O'Brien**. We also pray for **Michael Conway (9th)** and **Rose and John Heagney** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Station Masses Thanks: As the month of October has now passed a special word of thanks is due to those families in the townlands of Leaghan, Muninamale, Formil, Aughascribba, Crockanboy and Teebane East who hosted a Station Mass in their home for their families, neighbours and friends.

Perhaps now is the time to reflect whether your family would be willing to host such a mass next year

Bishop to Celebrate Broughderg Mass: Bishop Donal McKeown will make a short visit to the parish on Sunday 12th November to celebrate the 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg.

We look forward to his visit and solidarity with us at this time

All Ireland Consecration to Jesus through Mary: Sunday 5th November to Friday 8th December.

Adoration Renewal: On the weekend of 18th and 19th November members of the Diocesan Adoration Committee will speak at all masses in the parish as we endeavour to start weekly Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish church of St. Patrick's for several hours on a weekly basis.

We look forward to their visit and more details in next week's bulletin

Padre Pio Devotions: Wednesday 8th November immediately after 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church.

A First Class Relic will be available for veneration on the night

Anam Cara Parental and Sibling Bereavement Support – Parents Evening: Thursday 9th November from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. (please note change of venue).

Open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death or how recent it was

Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16 • Psalm 62:2-8, R/ v 2 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25:1-13 • Lectionary 1:722 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 4 th November The family of Ruairi McDonald	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 5 th November The family of Michael McGlinchey
Saturday 11 th November The family of Michael McElduff	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 12 th November The family of Amy McGurk

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association – Draw to Promote Temperance in Ireland and the Developing World
 Starts mid-November • £6.50 per month to subscribe for six months (or £38 if paid in advance)

Prizes 1st €1,000 • 2nd €400 • 3rd €200 • 4th €100

To enter call Robert Glackin on (028) 7134 1647, Andrew Doherty on (028) 7135 2285,

Danny Gorman on (028) 7135 2725 or Kathleen Chambers on (028) 7134 7833 no later than Monday 6th November

The Net – November Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:

St. Columba's Clady celebration • Kilrea 'Jealous of the Angels' Charity Concert
 St. Mary's Limavady and St. Patrick's Maghera prizegiving ceremonies • Faughanvale Mission
 Remembering Susan at Ballerin Coffee Morning • Lavey 'Darkness into Dawn' Walk
 Carnhill Fatima Statue Crowned • Inishowen War Memorial Unveiled in Iskaheen
 Long Tower 'Mary and Mercy' feature • Galliagh farewell to Bro Patrick • Moville Ecumenical Walk
 St. Eugene's Choral Evening • Bishops' pilgrim walks from Claudy to Strabane and Limavady to Glenullin
 'The Joy of Love' Ardmore talk • Fahan heritage feature • Termonbacca Triduum honours St. Therese
 Annual Pioneer Diocesan Gathering • Safeguarding Thanksgiving Mass • Parishes gather for WMOF2018 talk
 New Trócaire award has family focus • Children's Catechism Club • In the Garden • Quiz Time
 Diocesan Diary • Parish Post-its • Apostolate Activities • Community Calendar.

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities email editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Annual General Meeting: Monday 6th November at 8.30pm.

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events:

Music Classes: Resumes Monday 6th November at usual times in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge

Singing Classes with Ciara Fox: Starts Sunday 12th November at 2.30pm in Plumbridge

There will also be classes on Sunday 26th November and Sunday 10th December

Call Tom Blee on (028) 8164 8719 / 07704 526 870 or Roisin Hood (028) 8077 1495 / 07789 697 238 for info

Greencastle Youth Club have been selected for ASDA Cookstown's Green Coin giving scheme

so anytime that you are shopping in ASDA Cookstown please vote for them by asking for Green Coins

at the till and putting them in our box at the door. *This runs until December so please keep voting until then*

Owenkillew Credit Union – Annual General Meeting: Friday 3rd November at 8.00pm sharp in Greencastle Office.

Fr. Shields Camogie Club – Unwanted Clothes Collection as Part of Fundraising Scheme

All reasonable men, women, children's clothing accepted including paired shoes, handbags and belts. No bedding or curtains please.

Black bags with information as above will be distributed at all masses

this weekend and have been distributed to children in the primary school to take home.

Please could the bags be returned to Greencastle Community centre on the following collection times

Wednesday form 7.30pm to 8.30pm and after mass on Saturday evening at 6.45pm to 7.30pm in the month of November

The camogie club really appreciate your support and hope you are able to contribute to this collection of unwanted clothes

If you have any queries please contact Siobhan Mc Kenna, Fiona McKenna or Tracey Gumley

Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events: Email: kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com • Tel: (028) 8775 7800

Walking Group: Meet every Monday in Pomeroy Forest Car Park, 11.00am-12.00pm

Training for Informal Caregivers of people with Dementia (with trained facilitator): Wednesday 8th and 15th November, 10.30am-1.00pm

Need at least 15 people • Your support is appreciated

Month's Mind Masses: Now taking bookings for light refreshments afterwards

Prayer to Blessed Michael Archangel: Blessed Michael the Archangel, defend us in our hour of conflict.

Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust Satan down to hell and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

Pope Francis' Intention for November (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Christians in Asia: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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

Family Care Adoption Services: We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children
 For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.
Tel: 01 443 4510 • **Email:** reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Marriage Encounter Residential Weekend – The Joy of Love in Marriage:
 Friday 17th to Sunday 19th November in The Lake Hotel, Killarney.
 Offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rediscover the joy of their love.
 For information and to book visit marriageencounter.ie or call (087) 784 0408 or (01) 832 4429

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Liturgy for November, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Hood	Monica Coyle	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Maeve McCullagh	Michaela Gillen	Caoileann Maguire
Collectors	Noel McElhatton Raymond Bradley	Frank Keenan Leo Donnelly	Pat McGuigan Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Siobhan McKenna, Ciara McKenna and Alannah Coyle		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

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*

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.
 If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office
Email: t.mcmenamain@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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

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

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 21:28-32: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. It makes such a difference when your heart is in what you are doing – so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?
2. The desire of Jesus for us is that we grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way?
3. The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.

Musings: Pope Francis (Dear Pope Francis: The Pope Answers Letters from Children Around the World)

Why does Jesus choose this person or that one? Look, Jesus doesn't choose a crowd. He chooses each person, one by one. So he chose the first twelve as his apostles. But we – you and I – are also chosen, with a first name and a family name. I have been chosen as Jorge Mario and you as Juan Pablo. We have been chosen to be Jesus' friends and to do something in this life.

The Deep End – Practice What You Preach: Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

We have all heard the expression 'Do as I say, not as I do'. According to one online dictionary, it is 'an expression used to call out hypocrites, including "environmentalists" with private jets, politicians who send their children to private school while opposing measures to give other kids the same chance, or those who accuse others of racism while not hiring minorities'. We could all come up with examples of people who do not practise what they preach.

The accusation appears to have been made for the Scribes and the Pharisees that Jesus talks about in today's gospel. He criticises them for placing heavy burdens on people, while not lifting a finger to help them, and for making themselves look important in order to attract attention. If we are honest with ourselves, there are areas of our own lives where we value style over substance, where we wish to give a certain impression to others that does not reflect the truth of the matter. We like to look good, and for people to think highly of us.

There are also times when we do not live up to the expectations we set for others. We expect people to be honest and fair with us, yet we are not always honest in our dealings with others. We expect others to help us, but we might not always repay the favour. Today's gospel is a wake-up call. It tells us what Jesus expects of us. We must be humble and genuine, thinking of others rather than worrying about what people will think of us.

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

Children in Crossfire Recruitment – Office Based Volunteer and Parish-Based Volunteers for Advent:

Please call (028) 7126 9898 or email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org as soon as possible
By volunteering together we can make a difference! Thank you.

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

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

Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub

This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.

We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.

An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.

To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.

The questionnaire will also be available online

Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.

We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

SUSE+ Community Programme: Are you aged between 16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week? If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid
If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below

Address: SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

Email: conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk • **Tel:** 07834 129 213 *Courses will be run, subject to minimum number interested*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 7th November – St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary) [658-739] Northumbrian missionary saint, known as the "Apostle to the Frisians" in the modern Netherlands. He became the first Bishop of Utrecht and died at Echternach, Luxembourg.

Friday 10th November – St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church) Taught the two natures of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter. Died in 461.

Saturday 11th November – St. Martin of Tours (bishop) [335-397] Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul and founder of monasteries. Patron Saint of France, soldiers, beggars and inn-keepers.

Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.

Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592

Email: email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

2016 Parish Statistics

Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16)	Funerals (10)	Station Masses in October
7 within parish 9 outside parish	8 within parish 2 outside parish	8
Events	The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 th October	