



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr
Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year C] (6th March, 2016)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
 Website: greencastleparish.com • Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com • Tel: (028) 8164 8474



Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Paragraph 15 of Misericordiae Vultus
"In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today!"

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Lent [Year C] (6th March, 2016 – 13th March, 2016)

Saturday Evening (5th March) St. Kieran (bishop)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Philomena Feeney (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 6th March Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 7th March Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 8th March Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 9th March Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Thursday 10th March Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 11th March St. Aengus (Oengus) (bishop and abbot)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass: Brigid 'Tysha' Ward (2 nd Anniversary) <i>Note Mass on Friday will be at 7.30pm during Season of Lent</i>
Saturday 12th March	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 13th March Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£1,070** and **£35** in the loose plate
Lourdes Hospitalite Collection: This will be taken up this weekend (there is no envelope in your box of envelopes). The main source of funding for the care of sick pilgrims from all over the diocese who go to Lourdes each year with the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Remembering Our Dead: Remembering our dead We pray for the souls of **Maggie Bradley (Muninamale)** and **Alice Bradley (nee McKeown) formerly of Cashel** who died recently. We pray also for **Philomena Feeney (1st), Brigid 'Tysha' Ward (2nd)** and **Mary McCaffrey (6th)** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local rep / branch of Pioneer Association). Take this opportunity to help someone you know / love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being.

Vocations Information Day – Is God calling you to be a priest? Saturday 19th March at 11.00am in Ardstraw House, 21a Buncrana Road, Derry, BT48 8LA. For more information and to confirm attendance email Fr. Paul Farren, Diocesan Vocations Director at ddcc@derrydiocese.org or call (028) 7126 4087.

Irish Pilgrimage Trust: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travel to Lourdes every Easter with children and young people from all over Ireland with physical needs / illness, intellectual disabilities and social needs. One of the groups from the Derry area is urgently looking for a nurse to travel with the group on the 27th March for 6 nights. If interested please call Jimmie on 07802 545 282 or Mary on 00353 87796 2047 as soon as possible for more details.

Celebrating Loreto Education and 160 years of Loreto Omagh: Loreto Choirs from Cavan, Coleraine, Milford, Mullingar and Omagh featuring Gerarda McCann will perform in Sacred Heart Church Monday 7th March at 1.30pm with Una Kelly as compère.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21 • Psalm 125, R/ v3 • Philippians 3: 8-14
 John 8: 1-11 • Lectionary I, page 313 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 5 th March The family of Shane Morris	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 6 th March The family of Shea McAleer
Saturday 12 th March The family of Micheál Meenan	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 13 th March The family of Shea McAleer

Irish Singing Workshop: Tuesday 8th March, 7.00pm to 8.00pm in Greencastle Hall. There will be a workshop to learn Irish language songs, mainly hymns which we will then be able to sing at the St Patrick's Day masses.
 No Irish needed to take part • All ages and abilities welcome - Fáilte roimh chách.

Foyle Down Syndrome Trust – Recipe for Success Project: Please visit thepeoplesprojects.org.uk and vote for the Recipe for Success Project so they can provide a kitchen and qualified support staff to enable young people with Down Syndrome to learn essential culinary skills. Alternatively, you can vote by postcard to FREEPOST The People's Projects, including the project name, your name, address and telephone number. *Thank you*

Notice from Bishop Donal McKeown to Parishioners: An important key to maintaining and handing on the faith is knowledge of the faith. In seeking to help us deepen our knowledge, I have arranged for every person in the parish to have trial access to online resources from the Augustine Institute (USA). Every parishioner will have free 24/7 access on any device including computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access, until Thursday 17th March. You will find high quality videos, courses and other material that explain the Catholic faith, explore Scripture and reflect on the deepest meaning of Marriage and Baptism, as well as many other inspiring audio talks and books on a variety of topics relevant to our faith.

After the period of free trial access, the Augustine Institute hopes to be able to offer a service to parishes who then wish to subscribe on a permanent basis. You are encouraged to look at this online material and your feedback is welcomed by your Parish Priest

Camowen Farmers Ltd. – Annual General Meeting: Monday 7th March at 8.00pm in the Milestone Centre Carrickmore. Everyone is welcome to come along and receive the latest information on the benefits of being a member of Camowen Farmers Ltd. and the services we provide at reasonable rates. Various speakers • Tea served

South West College, Dungannon Campus – Engineering Careers Fair: Saturday 5th March, 10.00am to 3.00pm. If you are thinking about a future in engineering or actively job-hunting, this is the fair for you.
 Tel: (028) 8772 0628 • Email: get.engineering@swc.ac.uk • Web: swc.ac.uk

Loreto Grammar School, Omagh – Post 16 Information Evening (invitation to all GCSE students): Tuesday 8th March with the opening address at 7.30pm. *All Year 12 student and their Parents/Guardian are welcome*

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – Relief Caretaker / Cleaner Required: For the school for Holiday Relief. *Anyone interested is asked to call the school on (028) 8164 8732*

Talk on "Celebrating the Life of Joseph Mary Plunkett "by his grandniece Honor O'Brolchain: Tuesday 15th March at 8.00pm. We are now taking bookings for light refreshments after wedding mass and prior to travelling on to hotel for wedding celebrations. Admission is £5. Light refreshments included
 Email: kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com • Tel: (028) 8775 7800

The Net – March Edition Now Available: For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call / text 07809 292 852. This month's coverage includes the follow.

Focus on Cappagh • Greenlough • Dungiven • Ballerin • Camdonagh and Park schools celebrating their faith
 Bellaghy raises mental health awareness • Strabane Contemplative Prayer Group • Clonmany Pioneers
 Newtownstewart children's adoration • Creggan Eucharistic Ministers reflect • Omagh marriage and family Mass
 St. Brigid's Cross-making in Aghyaran and Ballerin • Swatragh feature on Fr. Colm and Sr. Teresa
 Catholic Schools Week launch • Pope John Paul II Awards • End of an era at Foyle Hospice
 Churches of 'The Parish', Co Donegal • Time of prayer for Cursillo
 End of Year of Consecrated Life • Diocesan Diary

Bulletin Notices: Notices for the bulletin should be left with or sent to Fr. Gallagher no later than 10.00am on a Thursday morning for inclusion in that week. Precedence is given to parish, diocesan and other religious notices. Any notices which do not make the print version of the bulletin can be found on the online version on the parish website. *Thank you*

<p>Pope Francis' Intentions for March (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>Universal – <i>Families in Difficulty</i>: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.</p> <p>Evangelisation – <i>Persecuted Christians</i>: That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.</p>
<p>ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses: All couples intending to be married in the parish are expected to have completed a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course. Please book well in advance of your wedding date. 1st and 2nd April • 6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June To book (opening time can be found on the website): Website: accord.ie • Tel: (028) 8224 2439 • Email: omagh@accordni.com</p>
<p>Lourdes Pilgrimage (Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July): The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office is now open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm. <i>Forms available from Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: (028) 7126 0293 / 07517 965 751 (Mon. to Fri. 9.00am to 6.00pm)</i></p>
<p>I AM Alive – <i>Christian ROCKS Concert</i>: Easter Sunday 27th March from 8.00pm to 10.00pm in St Columb's Hall, Derry. Take part in a musical celebration of our love for Jesus and his love for us. A 14-piece band will deliver music in a fresh new way aimed at lifting your soul and inspiring your faith. Tickets (available at Veritas): Adult (£10) • Students (£7)</p>
<p>Thornhill Ministries 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd September. There are still a few places are still available. For more details call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org</p>
<p>Children in Crossfire – <i>Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage</i>: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 2nd April. <i>If you would like more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898</i></p>
<p>Drink Wise Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use? <i>For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240</i></p>
<p>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. <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
<p>Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – <i>Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership</i>: A post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles or with an interest in the Catholic School system. <i>For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org</i></p>
<p>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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass</p>
<p>St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese, and their contact details, are as follows. Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmail_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com <i>prayerforpriests.com</i></p>

Parish Liturgy for March, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Geraldine Scullion
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Louise Coyle	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Mary Bradley	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

<p>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – <i>Use of Photography and Video</i>:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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. <p>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. <i>From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>	<p>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. <i>See poster at entrances</i></p>
--	---

<p>YOUTH 2000 Group: Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm in The Oratory, Main Street, Newtownstewart. Prayer, music, friendship and Newtownstewart coffee! This will also be our Pope John Paul Award Project for 2015-2016.</p>	<p>Towards Peace: A new 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</p>
---	---

2015 Parish Statistics			
Baptisms 6 Boys 8 Girls	Confirmations 8 Boys 8 Girls	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation 10 Boys 9 Girls	Marriages 10 within parish 5 outside parish
Station Masses in October 7	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
Funerals 13	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS <i>Please note that events for the Year of Mercy will be added at later date</i>		
Thursday 17th March St. Patrick's Day	Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday	
Thursday 24th March (Mass of the Lord's Supper) at 10.00am in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry Holy Thursday Mass of Chrism (Blessing of Holy Oils and Priestly Renewal of Vows)		
Friday 25th March Good Friday	Saturday 26th March Holy Saturday	Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday
Sunday 24th April at 2.00pm Confirmation	Saturday 14th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion	
Sunday 26th June at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Melmount, Strabane Ordination of Rev. Christopher McDermott to the Priesthood for Derry Diocese		
Saturday 2nd July Intercession for the Dead in Greencastle Cemetery	Sunday 3rd July Intercession for the Dead in Broughderg Cemeteries	
Wednesday 2nd November Mass for the Dead	Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 25th December Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)

Yoga with Margaret Franklin: Every Tuesday at 7.15pm in An Creagán.

The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees: The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*
Website: tuesdayschild.ie • **Email:** info@tuesdayschild.ie • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362
Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g.TUES75 £5)

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
 In reflecting upon the parable of the Prodigal Son, the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen once wrote: 'Perhaps the most radical statement Jesus ever made is "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate". God's compassion is described by Jesus not simply to show me how willing God is to feel for me, or to forgive my sins and offer me new life and happiness, but to invite me to become like God and to show the same compassion to others ... I am destined to step into my Father's place and offer to others the same compassion that he has offered me. The return to the Father is ultimately the challenge to become the Father'.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Friday 11th March – St. Aengus (Oengus) (bishop and abbot) Was a monk in Clonenagh, Co. Laois, who came to the monastery at Tallaght at the end of the eighth century during the abbacy of Maelruain to spend a period under his direction. He was renowned for his devotion to both foreign and native saints and composed two martyrologies. He returned to Clonenagh where he became abbot and bishop. Died around 830.

The Deep End – A New Creation. *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*
 The parable of the prodigal son is so familiar to us, and when stories are familiar they can lose their meaning. But let us look a little closer at the context of the story. Jesus told this parable in response to some comments and complaints by the Pharisees and the scribes: 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.' What would these detractors have made of the story, flying as it did in the face of their traditional morality?
 What about the so-called sinners? The 'tax collectors and sinners' were already at ease in the company of Jesus; they were seeking him out to hear what he had to say, and he in turn was welcoming them. How this parable must have spoken to them! It wouldn't have been much of a stretch for them to compare the generous welcome and forgiveness of the father in the story to the treatment they were already receiving from Jesus.
 One sentence strikes me from today's second reading: 'For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation'. The 'sinners' with whom Jesus associated were made new by his presence, just as the son in the parable was surely a changed man after his reunion with his merciful father. He was 'dead and has come to life'.
 This familiar parable is not just about how forgiving and merciful God is. It is about how his mercy brings us to new life. If we, sinners, return to him and let him welcome us back, we are new creations.

The Deep End – Bear Fruit. *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*
 The people in the Gospel today are wondering if the Galileans who were killed by Pilate had died because they deserved to. We can empathise with them as we know too well of accidents and tragedies of all kinds where we might ask the same question. Jesus insists that they have not done anything wrong. Their sudden death challenges those still alive to live to the full and to bear much fruit because life can end suddenly, life is fragile, no one is indestructible.
 Climate Change affects us all. Climate injustice occurs when people who have done little or nothing to cause climate change are suffering the most from its effects. It is the greatest injustice of our time as it is the world's poorest countries who suffer the most from the changes in our weather systems. In Ireland we recall the devastating storms of 2013 which caused so much destruction along our West Coast. We have the resources to cope, for now. In countries like Kenya and Malawi, these resources are simply not there and the effects of storms and droughts are catastrophic. Let us pray today that we hear the call of the Gospel to bear fruit, not to be inactive, not to be complacent when it comes to reducing our carbon footprint. The Galileans died because of Pilate, but the greater 'sin' here becomes inactivity.
 Common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace.
Pope Francis (Laudato Si', 207)

Alzheimer's Society Carer Information and Support Programme (CrISP)
 CrISP is a series of workshops for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. It provides an opportunity for you to talk in a friendly and confidential environment about your experiences and the impact they are having on you.
Week 1 – Induction and Welcome Welcoming everyone to the programme
Week 2 – Understanding Dementia Explores the physical, psychological and emotional impact of dementia
Week 3 – Legal and Money Matters Explores legal and financial issues to help you understand the importance of planning for the future
Week 4 – Providing Support and Care Explores concerns/challenges that may arise when supporting a person with dementia
Week 5 – Coping Day to Day Looking at the physical, psychological and Emotional impact that dementia may have on you as a carer
 The free workshops are run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers for a group of up to 12 people who care for a family member or friend with dementia
 If interested Paula Canney on (028) 8225 0103 / 07718 322 726 or email paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32. *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*
 1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be unfair: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. When have you experienced this truth in the love you have received from others? When has the experience of human love prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?
 2. After some time the younger son 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?
 3. The older son resented the welcome given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life. This contrasts with the welcome the father gave the younger son. Perhaps you have experienced these differing attitudes in yourself. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you or for others?