



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year A] (6<sup>th</sup> April, 2014)**  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Lent [Year A] (7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2014)**

<b>Saturday Evening (5<sup>th</sup> April)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Joe McGarvey (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
	St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry	<b>3.00pm</b> Bishop Donal McKeown, our new bishop's installation
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> St. John Baptist de la Salle (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>7.00am</b> Mass: Felix McAnaney (Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass **Derry Diocesan Society Members and Benefactors
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass:
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Stations of the Cross <b>8.00pm</b> Mass: Tish Ward (Month's Mind)
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (12<sup>th</sup> April)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£920**.

**Clerical Education and On-Going Formation Collection:** A further **£30** has been added to this collection.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Felix McAnaney** and **Joe McGarvey**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign:** Please support our campaign as generously as you can this year.

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> April The family of <b>Cody McAleer</b>	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April The family of <b>Daniel McCrory</b>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> April (DTIM Week 7) The family of <b>Molly McCullagh</b>	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April The family of <b>Leah McGuigan</b>

**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. *See poster at church entrances*

**Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:** 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (**this will take in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am**). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. **Living:** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

Holy Spirit, even in the darkness a light from you shines like a lamp in a dark place. Reawaken the hope of those who are experiencing suffering and fear of the future, in so many places. Show us God's compassion. *Taizé Community, France*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24, r/v2; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66; Lectionary 1 (page 346) **Sunday Scripture Readings cycle [Year A] • Weekday Scripture Readings cycle [Year 2]**

**Lotto Results:** A • G • L • I • Q (2 drawn with 3 letters, winning £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,050

**Installation of Bishop Donal McKeown:** This afternoon, as the faith-family of the Diocese of Derry, we will welcome our new bishop when Dr. Donal McKeown is installed in St. Eugene's Cathedral at 3.00pm. Greencastle parish will be represented at the ceremony by Alice Keenan (sacristan at St. Patrick's Church), Ann McDermott (sacristan at Our Lady of the Wayside Church) and parish priest Fr. Eugene Hasson.

Bishop McKeown's biography is published on the internet at Wikipedia as follows:

*He was born on 12 April 1950 in Belfast and baptised in St. Patrick's Church in Donegall Street, though his childhood was spent in Randalstown, County Antrim.*

*He was educated at Mount St Michael's Primary School and St MacNissi's College, Garron Tower where he was a boarder from 1961–1968. He completed his O-Levels and A-Levels with special distinction in Modern Languages. Two of his teachers were his future brother Bishops, Fr Anthony Farquhar (who taught Latin) and Fr Patrick Walsh (who taught Mathematics).*

*He entered the Diocesan Seminary, Saint Malachy's College, in 1968, and studied at Queen's University, Belfast, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree with Honours in German and Italian in 1973. From 1970 to 1971 he taught English at a school in Dieburg Germany. From 1971–73 he was Northern Ireland correspondent for the German Katholische Nachrichten Agentur (KNA). Then from 1973 to 1978 he studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, obtaining the degree of Licentiate in Sacred Theology. During the five years in Rome he did occasional work as a newscaster for the Vatican Radio and as correspondent for An Saol Mor, an Irish language programme on RTÉ, the Irish national radio station.*

*After ordination to the priesthood in 1977, he was briefly chaplain at Mater Infirmorum Hospital in Belfast. In 1978 he began a 23-year career as a teacher. He was appointed to teach Religious Education, and German at St. Patrick's College, Knock (1978–83) while assisting at the same time in the parish of Derriaghy. In 1983 he was appointed as a Teacher at his alma mater St MacNissi's College, Garron Tower. He continued his involvement with youth programmes and is credited as the founder of the Diocesan Lourdes Youth Team in 1985.*

*Bishop Cahal Daly then appointed him to teach full-time at St. Malachy's College, Belfast in 1987 and also to be in charge as Dean of the Seminary which was situated in St Malachy's. In 1995 he succeeded Canon Noel Conway as President of St. Malachy's College. He twice ran the full Belfast Marathon – 1982 with a team of 48 the parish of Derriaghy and as Bishop in 2001 in an attempt to raise money for a minibus for St Malachy's.*

*While in the post of President, Fr McKeown continued his own education, taking a Masters Degree in Business Administration specialising in educational management from the University of Leicester in 2000.*

*On 22 February 2001, Very Rev Donal McKeown was appointed Titular Bishop of Cell Ausaille and Auxiliary Bishop in The Diocese of Down and Connor. His Episcopal Motto is 'Veritas in Caritate', the truth in love.*

*The episcopal ordination of Dr McKeown took place in Saint Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. Patrick Walsh, Bishop of Down and Connor, was the Principal Consecrator. He was assisted by Dr Giuseppe Lazzarotto, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland and Dr Anthony Farquhar, Auxiliary Bishop in Down and Connor. Bishop Walsh said during the homily that the consecration of his new auxiliary was an historic occasion. He said, "In fact you make history as you are the first bishop to be ordained for an Irish diocese in this millennium".*

*The Ordination Mass was celebrated in the presence of Cahal Daly, Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Armagh, Desmond Connell, Cardinal Archbishop of Dublin and Seán Brady, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.*

*He is currently a member of the Irish Bishops' Conference. He is a member of its Committee on Education and Chairman of the Vocations and Youth Committee. He led the Diocese Youth to World Youth Day in 2002 (Toronto) and 2005 (Cologne). He was one of the bishops who travelled to Rome for their Quinquennial Visit Ad Limina visit in October 2006.*

*He is a regular contributor on the BBC Radio Ulster Thought for the Day programme.*

*In February 2014, Bishop McKeown was appointed by Pope Francis to lead the Roman Catholic Diocese of Derry. Bishop McKeown welcomed his appointment saying "I look forward to working with people of faith and people of doubt within this wonderful and historic diocese, so that together we can generate hope for our young people. I feel energized by this challenge. I look forward to working with you as we remember the past and confidently face the future with Christ as our constant friend and guide".*

*Bishop McKeown, who is due to be installed in St Eugene's Cathedral in Derry on April 6, added that he loved female company but of marriage he said "it was not my vocation". Bishop McKeown has wide experience of second-level education in Northern Ireland, having been a teacher from 1978 until he became president at St. Malachy's College in Belfast in 1995. He retained that post until he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the diocese in 2001. In the event Noel Treanor succeeded Dr Walsh.*

*In addition to English and Irish, Bishop McKeown can speak fluently German, Italian, as well as strong French and Polish.*

**Annual Pioneer and Friends Buffet and Dance:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in Shepherd's Rest.

*Ticket only is £12.50*

**Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**Universal:** That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.  
**For Evangelisation:** That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

Parish Liturgy for April, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Geraldine McNamee
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Eimear Bradley	Rosemary Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
<b>Collectors</b>	Colum Devlin John Bradley	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Brian Gillen Brendan Daly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Anne Tuohy, Alice Keenan and Anne Donnelly		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcomed – contact Sinead			

**Drumalis Retreat & Conference Centre Chapel, Larne – Making our Faith Flesh and Blood: Being Christ's Body Today:**  
 With Timothy Radcliffe OP on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The day begins with registration at 9.30am and ends at 4.30pm. The cost of the day is £35 per person and includes refreshments and lunch.  
 For further information or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am–5 pm)  
**Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 **Web:** drumalis.co.uk **Email:** drumalis@btconnect.com

**Fr. Shields Camogie Club – Easter Fund Day:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Greencastle GAA club. The fun packed evening will include an Easter hunt, Easter bonnet competition, egg and spoon race and loads of other activities.  
*£5 per child and £15 for a family of 3 or more children*

**The Triumph Documentary:** A powerful new documentary investigating one of the greatest mysteries of the Modern World unfolding right now, before our very eyes, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and a message of hope to the world. Showing at Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.  
*All proceeds go to Human Life International Ireland*

**Ringsend Cycle Challenge 2014 in Aid of Foyle Hospice:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Ringsend – Greencastle - Magilligan via Foyle Hospice. Food and Entertainment in Ringsend on return. Please contact Paddy on 07712 324 519 or Sean on 07817 675 316. Further information available from Foyle Hospice – (028) 7135 9888. The group are holding this fundraising cycle after a members sisters passed away in Foyle Hospice. They aim for a large turnout of cyclists from throughout the North West region that Foyle Hospice provides care and support to.

**Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage 2014:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We will embark on a 100km journey to Santiago de Compostela.  
*For more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898*

**Cappagh / Badoney CCE Seisium:** A thank you is given to everyone who supported our recent Seisium in Eddies, Greencastle in aid of Renal Services, Omagh. The **£1,122** raised will be presented to Renal Services at our next Seisium on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April in Parochial Hall, Plumbridge.

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.  
*Blessed John XXIII*

**National Vigil for Life:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Merrion Square, Dublin 2. *See poster on noticeboard*

**Derry Youth Community:** Are you a young person of faith aged between 18 and 25 who is interested in a 10 month 'time-out' period where you will come together with 5 other young people and live in community? You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be expected to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities. Closing date for applications is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July):** £599. The new Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown, is delighted to be able to lead the Pilgrimage this year.  
*As many pilgrims as possible is appreciated*

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje (7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September):** Half board and all taxes and insurance £499. Spiritual Director is Fr. Mark Monaghan.  
*For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357*

Following our recent parish finance committee meeting we publish today our annual summary financial statement

**Greencastle Parish Summary of Financial Statement for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013**

	INCOME	2013	2012	SPECIFIC EXPENSES	2013	2012
Routine income (envelopes etc.)		50,461	52,207	Light and Heat	6,066	7,342
Investment Income		105	3,101	Maintenance	10,632	12,174
Exceptional Items (Ins. Claim, Special Donations)		906	7,649	Normal Requisites	2,420	4,012
		51,472	62,957	Insurances	3,689	3,689
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			Rates	1,077	827
Property Expenses (Rates, Insurance, Maintenance etc.)		23,884	28,044		23,884	28,044
Administration Expenses (Salaries etc.)		25,434	23,196	Telephone etc.	1,791	1,299
		49,318	51,240	Accountancy	1,920	1,008
<b>NET PARISH INCOME</b>		<b>2,154</b>	<b>11,717</b>	Bank Charges	322	423
				Bank Interest	664	---
					4,679	2,730
				Pass Through	5	(30)
					4,702	2,760
				Diocesan Assessment	6,787	7,196
					11,489	9,897

Prepared by Patrick Friel (Accountant) - High Street, Omagh, Co. Tyrone

**Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference**  
**Marriage and Family at the Heart of the Parish:**  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin. The conference will explore how parishes can support families in their calling to live, pass on and share their faith, given the pastoral challenges that affect families today. The day will involve an opening address by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, input from Dr. Tony Fahey of UCD and from Ms. Colette Furlong (Sligo Parishes Cluster Catechist) and drama presentations followed by reflection and discussion.

**The three conference aims are:**  
 To explore the 'pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelisation' (Pope Francis)  
 To explore how the parish community supports families in their Christian calling to share their faith  
 To inform the work of the Council for Marriage and the Family

**Participants:**  
 This conference is offered to leaders in parishes and dioceses, and others exercising faith and pastoral leadership, including parents, grandparents, teachers, members of Parish Pastoral Councils as well as other groups and organisations serving the Church's mission.

*Further information is available from Ms. Trish Conway at Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co Kildare, Tel: 087 6220 349 and bookings can be made to cfmconference@iecon.ie.*

**Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time** *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney 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.**

**National Pilgrim Paths Day:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. Walk in the footsteps of the medieval pilgrim along the ancient Lough Derg Pilgrim Path. Distance: 12 km (approx.. 3 hours) Cost: €5 includes refreshments. Tel: 071 9861518 (from NI 028 686 32391) Email: info@loughderg.org Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal.

**Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3<sup>rd</sup> August):** For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith. *Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it*  
**Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1<sup>st</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> August):** Check out the Lough Derg website for details.

**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](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)

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

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – St. John the Baptist de la Salle (priest) [1651-1719]** Devoted his life to the care and education of poor children and to the training of teachers. Formed his companions into the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Patron Saint of teachers.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów (bishop and martyr)** Became bishop of Krakow, Poland in 1072. His outspoken condemnation of corruption resulted in his murder in 1097.
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – St. Martin I (pope and martyr)** Died in 655 from harsh treatment in exile and prison. [Not celebrated this year]

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 11:1-45:** *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. Martha and Mary were people of faith but Jesus led them to an even deeper faith. Who were the people who led you to a deeper faith in Jesus? Remember them and give thanks.
2. Martha and Mary were struggling to come to terms with their bereavement. What has helped you in similar situations?
3. The concern of Jesus is palpable and touching. Recall those who matter to you and to whom you matter. Such love mediates God's love, which surpasses human love with the gift of new life and Easter joy.
4. One can imagine Lazarus as a symbol of people and groups that are written off as dead (sometimes by themselves), and yet through faith come back to life again. Have you had the experience of being revived by faith? Has faith helped to free you from what held you in bondage, or was destructive of your life?

**The Deep End – Out of the Depths:** *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

Little miracles happen all the time. Those magical words 'It's a miracle' can be exclaimed at anything from a friend showing up on time to a loved one getting the all-clear from an illness; from an out-of-the-ordinary, happy event to something which cannot be explained by logic or science.

We often pray for miracles. Sometimes we pray for a specific thing – for a sick person to get better, for example. One prayer to St Anthony acknowledges: 'The answer to my prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.' Other times we try to surrender our needs and worries to the will of God – every time we pray the Our Father we say 'Thy will be done'.

We know what it is like to hope for a miracle. So we understand the worry of Mary and Martha in today's Gospel when they send for Jesus with the message that Lazarus is ill. We feel the pain in their accusation after Jesus arrives: 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died'. Today's Gospel recounts a big miracle, and it tells us that everything is possible to God. It calls us to a deeper faith, both in what God can do for us, and in his promise of eternal life. The name Lazarus comes from the Hebrew El'azar, meaning 'God has helped'. If we are in need, we can turn to God with the words of today's Psalm:

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

**Safeguarding Information for parents of Altar Servers:** A Parents' Safeguarding Information Pack, which has been developed by the Derry Diocesan Safeguarding Office, is available for parents of altar servers. In each pack there is an Information Leaflet and Information Booklet for parents and two Leaflets for the children. If you are a parent of an altar server/s, and require a copy, please leave your request for an Information Pack in the sacristy; alternatively, or you can obtain it from the Safeguarding office, Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry (office hours Monday -Wednesday, 1.30 to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.

**Diocesan Website (derrydiocese.org):** Regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful

**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 the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee*

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

Sometimes it's hard to let go of things. Ronald Rolheiser tells the story of a peasant from Crete who appeared at the heavenly gates, reluctant to leave his beloved land behind. He even brought some of its soil with him, tightly clenched in his hand. Saint Peter tells him that he can only enter if he leaves the handful of Cretan soil behind, something he is unwilling to do. Only when a young child approaches, holding out her hand to accompany him, does he inadvertently release his grip on the soil. And entering heaven, he is astonished to find waiting for him... all of Crete!

**Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society:** Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland.

A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.

**Adoption:** Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?  
**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** [email@familycaresociety.org](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) • **Web:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://familycaresociety.co.uk)

<b>Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing:</b>	Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan’s comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.
<b>NO NAME CALLING</b>	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
<b>NO THIRD PARTIES</b>	The argument is between the two of you
<b>NO PAST HISTORY</b>	If it’s already been settled, don’t bring it up again
<b>STICK TO THE SUBJECT</b>	Identify the real problem — don’t go to other issues
<b>NO CHEAP SHOTS</b>	Don’t use the other’s weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
<b>DON’T GO TO BED ANGRY</b>	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
<b>MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR</b>	Don’t take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
<b>HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING</b>	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

**Francis – It is Hard for the Corrupt to Turn Back:** *Vatican City (27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014) [VIS]*

The dialogue between God's lament and man's justifications was the theme selected by the Holy Father in the homily he pronounced at this morning's Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, attended by Italian ministers and members of parliament. Pope Francis spoke about the infidelity of the People of God, a generation that does not accept His messages, and in their place, seek justifications for their sins. "It was a very great task to drive idolatry from the hearts of his people, to make them docile to His Word. But they followed this route for a little while, before turning back".

"From being sinners, they went on to become corrupt", he continued. "It is very hard for a corrupt person to turn back. The sinner, yes, because the Lord is merciful and awaits us all. But the corrupt are fixed on their affairs, and these people were corrupt. They therefore sought to justify themselves, because Jesus, with his simplicity, but with his strength in God, made trouble for them. And, step by step, they ended up convincing themselves that they had to kill Jesus, and one of them said, 'It is better for a man to die for the people'".

"These people had taken the wrong path. They resisted the salvation of the Lord's love, and drifted from faith, from a theology of faith to a theology of duty: 'You must do this, this and this ...'. Describing them as hypocrites, Jesus said, "They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them'. They rejected the Lord's love and this rejection set them on a path that was not the dialectic of freedom offered by the Lord, but that of the logic of necessity, where there is no room for the Lord. ... They have become 'behavioural': men of good manners, but with bad habits. Jesus called them 'whitewashed sepulchres'. This is the Lord's pain, God's pain, God's lament".

Pope Francis mentioned that during Lent "we would do well to think about the invitation from the Lord to love, and to ask ourselves, all of us: am I on this path? Or do I risk justifying myself and taking another path? A road with many junctions that does not, however, lead to any promise. ... And we pray that the Lord gives us the grace to always follow the path of salvation, to open ourselves to the salvation that comes only from God, through faith, not that which is proposed to us by these 'professionals of duty' who had lost the faith and who led their people with this pastoral theology of duty".

**Online Lenten calendar:** Launched by Archbishop Eamon Martin and can be accessed on the homepage of catholicbishops.ie. New information will be revealed each day of Lent by clicking on a virtual numerical door, and this will include:

- Daily Mass readings and reflections
- Lenten tweets from Pope Francis and other Church sources
- Prayers and Pastoral Letters for Lent
- Suggestions on observing Friday Penance during Lent
- Events taking place across Ireland during Lent
- Details of Trócaire's Lenten Campaign for 2014
- Pope Francis' message for Lent and from Evangelii Gaudium
- Explanations of Lent and Lenten practices

"Lent is the most solemn season for the Catholic Church and it culminates in the high-point of our liturgical calendar: Easter Sunday. With the help of the word of God and the sacraments, Lent is a time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community. With this in mind our new Lenten calendar is a resource to assist the faithful in our preparation for Easter."

"For many years we have provided online resources to assist with our Lenten preparations, but this year we offer the faithful a new online calendar for this purpose. The calendar is designed for people of all ages as a user-friendly resource to help explain the significant season of Lent. The online calendar seeks to guide us as we prepare spiritually for the joy and hope which comes with the Easter season. During the season of Lent, I invite everyone to visit and avail of the information provided by our calendar."

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014**

<b>Sacramental Celebrations</b>	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	
	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside	
<b>Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish</b>	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July • Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September • Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
<b>Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	Directly after <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after <b>11.00am</b> Mass
	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)
<b>'Do This In Memory'</b> liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Palm Sunday		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Third Sunday of Easter		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord		<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass