



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

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (6th July, 2014)

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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (7th July, 2014 – 13th July, 2014)

Saturday Evening (5th July)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
			6:00pm Vigil Mass then Public Prayers for the Dead
Sunday 6th July		St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside		10.30am Confessions
			11.00am Mass then Public Prayers for the Dead
Monday 7th July		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time			<i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>
Tuesday 8th July		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Killian (bishop and martyr)			
Wednesday 9th July		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Augustine Zhao Rong (priest) and Companions (martyrs)			
Thursday 10th July		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time			
Friday 11th July		St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
St. Benedict (abbot and Patron of Europe)			
Saturday 12th July		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time			
Saturday Evening (12th July)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
			6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 13th July		St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside		10.30am Confessions
			11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£835**.

Peter's Pence – Pope's Collection: A total of **£100** was realised, thank you for your generosity.

Remembering Our Dead: We offer our prayerful support to Margaret Morris and her family circle on the death of her sister **Celia Strausa** in England this week. We pray for **Jane McDermott** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Sick and housebound: These will be attended **Monday 7th July**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed: These will take place on the evening of Saturday 5th July directly after the Vigil Mass in the cemetery at St. Patrick's and at Our Lady of the Wayside, and the former St. Mary's Church Broughderg after 11:00am Mass on Sunday 6th July. Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves when directed to do so.

Annual Pioneer and Venerable Matt Talbot Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 20th July. Principal Celebrant is Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown. Price which includes bus, breakfast and evening meal is £40. To book please contact Ray on (028) 8164 8119, Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or any Committee Member. *Names must be in before Sunday 6th July*

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 4th May to Sunday 12th October.
You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Sunday 1st June to Wednesday 13th August. Cost includes boat fare and accommodation.

Web: loughderg.org • **Email:** info@loughderg.org • **Tel:** (028) 6863 2391 • **Address:** Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal

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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 64: 10-14, r/v; Luke 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-22;
(Lectionary 1, page 675) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

GAA Lotto Results: A • K • R • T • Y (3 with 4 letters winning £35 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,700

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 5 th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 6 th July
The family of Aimee Gumley		The family of Leah McGuigan
Saturday 12 th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 13 th July
The family of Odhran Hughes		The family of Shane McKenna

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.

NOTE: During the summer organised rota will not be followed, instead families are invited to perform this role for us

What can you volunteer? Thanks to all who participate

Greencastle Parent and Toddler Group: Thanks to all people who participated in the walk and all those who sponsored and purchased raffle tickets. We raised **£820** pounds for Green Elves Playgroup.

Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3rd 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

St. Patrick's Church Cemetery: We have asked a local architect to draw up a plan for our cemetery with the information that you shared with us last year. Please look carefully at the plan which is now available online at the parish website and also in the church porch at St. Patrick's Church. Our intention is to create pathways through the cemetery as on the drawing and lay out the space available for future burials in an orderly way. *We intend to get this project finished as soon as we can afford to get it done*
Your comments are much appreciated (a period of five weeks will be set aside for this from Saturday 21st June).
If you wish to share your ideas or offer your support, please put your comments in writing to Fr. Hasson or any member of the Parish Maintenance Committee before Friday 24th July

Fr. Hasson would like to invite any young people, perhaps involved in doing their JPll awards to help draw up a list of all buried in this cemetery from the info already publicly available to compliment the above plan. *This may be completed within a month*

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th August. An opportunity for young people to experience faith and meet many new people. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. *For more information and to book online visit youth2000.ie or call 07598 876399*

Are Catholics and Protestants willing to reconcile? Take part in this research study and tell us your opinion
Take part in our 10-minute survey on attitudes towards reconciliation in Northern Ireland, contribute to this research project and get the chance to win a £50 or £20 Amazon voucher. To participate you must be *over 18 years old, brought up either in a Catholic or a Protestant family and currently living in NI*. Your responses are anonymous. The research project is carried out by 'Freie Universität Berlin' (Germany) and is approved by its ethics committee. It is completely independent from any other party.
Survey: unipark.de/uc/recresearch/ • **Facebook:** facebook.com/recresearch/ This came by email from **Raphael Cuadros**

Croagh Patrick National Pilgrimage 2014 – Reek Sunday: Sunday 27th July. Confessions begin on the summit at 7.30am and continue until 2.00pm. The first Mass on the summit will be at 8.00am and every half-hour thereafter until the last Mass which commences at 2.00pm.

Prayer for Visiting Graves in a Cemetery Adapted *From Prayers for the Domestic Church by Ed Hays*

God of Abraham and of Moses,

Lord of the Living, who visited Jesus within His grave and filled Him with the fullness of eternal life,
hear our prayer this day as we come to the Cemetery at Greencastle, Co. Tyrone.

With reverence, we visit these sacred shrines where the bodies of those whom we have loved are placed,
within the womb of the earth to await the final day of glory.

We pause in silence to be united with them...pause for silent prayer

Lord, we have come on this pilgrimage of prayer today to keep the flame of love alive within our hearts.

As we read the names of our beloved on these tomb-stones,
we rejoice because their names have been written for all ages in the palm of Your divine hand.

May the breath of creation that surrounds this grave—
in trees, grass and earth, birds and sun—
join us in prayer.

May this pilgrimage today remind us of what we already know:
that nothing dies; rather, life is only transformed into new life.

Holy are these graves,
holy this earth that has held in gentle embrace the bodies of all who are buried in this cemetery.

Lord, with reverence, we leave a wreath of worship at these graves today, woven with love, adorned with memories
and with our faith in the reality of that earthen Easter morning when all the holy dead shall rise in the splendour of Your glory.

Till that day, eternal rest to all buried in this cemetery and to all the holy dead. *Amen*

Pope Francis' Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer) Universal: That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth. For Evangelisation: That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.			
Parish Liturgy for July, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Catriona McCullagh	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Fox	TBC	Claire Coyle
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Mary Bradley	Patrick Tuohey Michael Clarke	Pat McGuigan Francis Keenan
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known Thanks for everything you do in our parish-faith community			
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: <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.• 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>			
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, 1.30pm to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.			
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			
Musings		Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)	
A humorous email was circulated widely some years ago containing prayers written to God by children. Their easy familiarity challenges us to ask whether we have made our own prayer too complicated: 'Dear God, instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you've got now?'/ 'Dear God, I am American, what are you?'/ 'If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes.'/ 'Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.'			

Now that school is out, it's fair to ask, <i>What's in?</i> That's a question parents should be considering. They have to be concerned with how their youngsters are occupying themselves during the summer vacation. The vacationing students have to be concerned as well. Parents and their offspring should work together on summer plans; otherwise valuable time will be lost and so will opportunities for personal growth. Sports, travel, summer jobs and summer camp, in some combination, are capable of making June, July and August speed by. Camp and travel will be out of reach for some, and jobs are often hard to find. However, no youngster has more hours or days in a summer week than any other, and all have an equal opportunity to engage in some form of volunteer or community service. Boredom is not an option for those who have a pulse and even a modest measure of ambition. Any productive, growth-producing summer should begin with a reading list — at least five good, age-appropriate, mind-stretching books to be read by summer's end. Librarians are always willing to assist parents in putting a good list together; the kids should have a say in making the selections. The trick is first to make the list, then post it in the kitchen, check off what has been read, and schedule a dinner-table report opportunity for the young reader for each book read. Family conversations will ensue and passive television viewing will decline. Reading can be a good alternative to TV for children in the summer. (Thinkstock) As a matter of fact, summer reading can ease the grip that television often has on the minds and time of the young. Summer writing is not out of the question. Let the kids try their hand at short stories. There could be neighborhood competitions, if parents are resourceful enough to organize them. Inexpensive daytrips can be planned for the out-of-school young by imaginative parents. There are museums, gardens, libraries, factories, city halls, fire houses, police stations, airports and lots of other interesting places to be visited. Summer offers time for performance in plays or concerts, if adults provide organizational support as they so often do in organizing summer leagues for young athletes. Large metropolitan areas offer the opportunity for foreign-language immersion experiences for the young, if only some interested adults are willing to get the kids — particularly Hispanic and Anglo — talking. It can be fun and it need not be at all expensive. It is really just a question of letting a community become what it was intended to be: a collection of people communicating with one another. Summer provides the time it takes to get the conversations going. You may have noticed that there is an opportunity in all of this for the church to get involved. Pastors cannot be expected to do it all, but resourceful pastors can ask their parishioners to step up to the challenge. Much of what I'm suggesting here could happen on church property and that might have the indirect benefit of bringing the kids closer to all of the other good things the parish has to offer year-round. <i>Jesuit Fr. Byron is university professor of business and society at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia (wbyron@sju.edu)</i>	<i>By Fr. William J. Byron SJ (Catholic News Service)</i>
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The Deep End – 'All You Who Are Weary': Jesus had little success with the 'professionals' of his day. Yet in today's Gospel he bursts into a prayer of thanksgiving for revealing wisdom to those who are considered 'infants'. In the context of these chapters of Matthew, it is stressed that the poor are the only ones who truly understand the wisdom of God and they do so under the weight of great oppression and demands placed on them by the religious authorities. For example, the 'wise' place their particular interpretation of the law on the 'ritually unclean' by excluding them from meals (9:10-13) or place restrictions on the Sabbath that ignore human need (12:1-14). Jesus wants people to leave aside these oppressors and learn from him; find rest in him. His focus is on mercy, compassion and love. This passage shows the tenderness with which Jesus welcomes and accepts. Jesus knows the reality of people's suffering. He is not saying that there are no burdens in life; but that he will help people to find wisdom. This wisdom gives consolation, tenderness, acceptance and the rest for which the soul yearns. 'Lowliness is humility, and that means down-to-earth realism. I accept myself as the raw material God has chosen to work through. For God can use me if I am ready to be me. God cannot do much with me as I wish I were, and even less with me trying to be someone else. In supple strength and cheerful self-acceptance lies the secret of a calm and restful spirit.' (William Yeomans)	<i>Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)</i>
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This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 8th July – St. Killian (bishop and martyr) Was probably born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With 11 companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and Eastern Franconia. With two others he was put to death c. 688. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurtzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.

Wednesday 9th July – St. Augustine Zhao Rong (priest) and companions (martyrs) St. Augustine Tcho, born in 1746, converted to Christianity, was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial also celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Rebellion.

Friday 11th July – St. Benedict (abbot and Patron of Europe) Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome and early in life was drawn to the monastic life. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb.

He soon realised that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose him as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still, the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one “Grand Monastery” to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples.

The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor and living together in community under a common father (abbot). Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict.

Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation and the Cistercians.

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.

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 • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 11:25-30:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. For Jesus the key to a personal knowledge of God and relationship with God is not primarily through academic study but through a mind and heart open to learn. Recall moments when you had a sense that your relationship with God took a significant step forward. What kind of dispositions prepared you for that growth?
2. Jesus was dealing with a society in which people were very conscious of status, dignity and external appearances. He wanted to break down the barriers this created so that all would be aware of their worth and dignity. Perhaps you can recall someone who was not highly thought of in human terms, but who was a light to you.
3. In verse 27 Jesus lets us into the secret of his relationship with his Father, one of total trust. This trust freed him from anxiety and worry about himself. As a result he was a person of gentle and humble heart and was able to bring rest to those who were overburdened. Recall people whose trust in God enabled them to be supportive to others who were stressed or burdened. Perhaps you have experienced this yourself?
4. Recall and give thanks for people who, like Jesus in the story, were able to combine challenge with sympathetic support and understanding for you. Perhaps you have been able to do this for others at times also.

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: 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.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 24 th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Saturday 19 th July • Monday 8 th September • Wednesday 29 th October		
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5 th and 6 th July)	Saturday 5 th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 6 th July	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Saturday 1 st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)