



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (6th September, 2015)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (7th September, 2015 – 13th September, 2015)

Saturday Evening (5th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 6th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 7th September Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 8th September Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Derry Diocesan Society Members and Benefactors*
Wednesday 9th September St. Ciaran (abbot)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Thursday 10th September Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 11th September Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>
Saturday Morning (12th September) Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS
Saturday Evening (12th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Rose-Ann McGarvey (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£1,351.50** and **£23.50** in loose change. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Rose-Ann McGarvey**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Baptisms: As a parish community we welcome **Toby Aiden Donnelly** who was baptised on Sunday 30th August. May our adult community offer our newly baptised and his parents and sponsors, prayerful support and good example in our devotion to Christian living.

Visitation of Sick and Housebound: Fr. Gallagher will visit the sick and housebound for the first time on Friday 11th September beginning at 11.00am and resuming again at 2.30pm.
Fr. Gallagher will phone each residence during the coming week with a more precise time for his first visit

Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as Parish Priest of Greencastle: The Ceremony of Induction of our new Parish Priest will take place during the celebration of Mass on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry will be the main celebrant at the mass which all parishioners are cordially invited to attend.
More details to follow in next week's parish bulletin

Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage: Sunday 13th September. Chief Celebrant will be Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy with guest soloist Fr. Liam Lawton. Blessing of the Sick will be at 2.30pm and the Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary will be at 3.00pm. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their grandparents and send it to CGA office, Castlebar St, Westport, Co Mayo. All prayers will be blessed during the Mass
For more info call 098 24877 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

***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 place in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 8th September*). 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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 50: 5-9 • Psalm 114: 1-6, 8-9, r/v 9 • James 2: 14-18 • Mark 8: 27-35
 Lectionary (page 799) **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 5 th September The family of Eoghan Conway	Offertory Gifts Rota Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 6 th September The family of Molly Clarke
Saturday 12 th September The family of Aoife Coyle	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 13 th September The family of Ryan Coyle
Saturday 19 th September* The family of Tiernan Coyle	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 20 th September The family of Cayla Donnelly

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.
What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish.
**Do This In Memory Week 1 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

Altar servers Needed: You may have noticed the important role of altar servers in the prayer life of our faithful community. We currently need new volunteers to strengthen the teams already serving so if you will commit, please do so as soon as possible.

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal – Summer Serenity: Wednesday 9th September, 12.30pm. Join us for an afternoon of food, faith and fun Hot lunch at 12.30pm, followed by a tour of the Celtic Garden and a short healing service and blessing. Music and story-telling will be until 4.00pm. Booking essential.
 Tel: (00353) 74938 4866 • Email: goldenagecentre@hotmail.com • Cost: €10 / £8 per person

Queens University Belfast – Catholic Chaplaincy Undergraduate Open Days: Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September. The Chaplaincy will also be opened on for the Queens University Undergraduate Family Open Day on Saturday 12th September. Address: 28 Elmwood Avenue • E-mail: qubcc@downandconnor.org • Website: qubcc.org

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership: Beginning this Autumn in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. This is 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. *For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org*

As you start a new school year, take some time and write out your goals for faith, academics and sport

Make copies and keep them in some key areas, next to your bed so it's the first thing you see in the morning and the last thing you read at night.
 This is a great template, I've used it for many years and it works. Find something that you can place in a jar each day for every positive step you take toward your goal.

We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to **Stephen O'Donnell (Cappagh) and Laura-Lee McCullagh (Greencastle)** Friday 4th September They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage
Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy fortitude and peace

Fundraising Event for McMillan Cancer Support – World's Biggest Coffee Morning: Friday 25th September. I (Bridie) am organising a coffee morning in memory of my mother Regina in Rouskey Community Centre from 10.00am to 12.30pm on that day. Homemade cupcakes will be our speciality. *Please support this worthwhile cause*

Liam Bradley Tours: Wicklow, Monday 19th October for 4 days. 3 dinners, B/B, 2 teas. Daily tours are £210 pps, Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Loughaire. Departs from Omagh at 9.00am.
For more info call 07707 166 717

World Youth Day: This will be held in Kraków, Poland from Sunday 24th to Sunday 31st July, 2016. If you are aged between 18 and 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at wyd@derrydiocese.org or alternatively, call (028) 7126 4087 before Sunday 1st November.

Mass for Bikers: Today (Sunday 6th September) at 1.00pm in St Aengus' Church, Burt, Co. Donegal for motorcyclists. A time to pray, a time to remember all those bikers who have lost their lives in recent times and a time to ask for God's blessing. After the Mass all the bikes and riders will be blessed. A collection will be taken up at this Mass for the RNLi and a short bike run to the Ned's Point RNLi station for refreshment will happen. Please let any friends who are bikers know.
Chapel Address: Main Derry to Letterkenny the N13, about 3 minutes from the border

The Net – September 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.

Patricia Wilson School of Irish Dancing: Classes resume on Monday 7th September from 4.15pm to 5.45pm in Greencastle Hall for Primary and Secondary School children.
New Members Welcome

Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Appeal. It would be appreciated if you could host a Coffee Morning for us. A big or small event raising much needed funds for Foyle Hospice.
For your Coffee Morning Pack and more information call (028) 7135 9888

Dalradian Gold Limited – Seeking Proposals from Licensed Contractors: For haulage of ore from its site at Curraghinalt.
For more info call Karl Martin on (028) 8164 7799 or email kmartin@dalradian.com

Please honour the special needs parking spaces in the Church car park

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Opportunities for the Young: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.
Evangelisation - Catechists: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

St. Vincent DePaul Society: Gratitude is offered for your support towards the clothes bank located in the car park at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Their clothes shop is located in Castle Street, Omagh.

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 This month's coverage includes the Cursillo 'Walk to Knock', Faughanvale's fabulous fundraiser, Inishowen support for Mary's Meals, Limavady and Templemore parishioners embrace HOPE camp, 25 years of SPReD, young pilgrims reflect on Lourdes experience, Greenlough's sacristan retires, Cappagh choirmaster's St. Thomas Mass, Michaela Camp fun in Maghera, Omagh and Derry, Coleraine's Loreto Legacy, Buncrana welcome for Bishop Patrick McKinney, Inishowen prayers for sea travellers, Malin man reflects on faith and fishing, Leckpatrick funeral booklet, Granaghan Mass Rock, Corgary School reunion, Waterside Vincentian retreat, Maghera's mission projects, Banagher remembers Fr Patrick McNally, Craigbane GAC celebration, and Memorial stone for late Fr. Francis Murray.

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

Diocesan Safeguarding Training Notification: As part of the Safeguarding training programme in the Diocese, a series of Adult Safeguarding training events has been arranged, to take place during the month of September for those involved in Eucharistic Ministry to hospitals, nursing homes and the housebound. If you currently undertake this parish role, please contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Representatives to book a place at your designated session. Alternatively, to book a place:
Address: Safeguarding Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry • **Tel:** (028) 7136 2475 • **Hours:** Mon. and Tues., 9.00am to 5.00pm

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 entrances*

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
 Our Second Reading today reminds us of our tendency to judge on appearances. To bring home this point, in 2013 a newly-appointed Methodist pastor from Tennessee spent four days living as a homeless man in the vicinity of his new church, neglecting to shave or to comb his hair, to see how many people would acknowledge his presence. He then presented himself to his congregation on the Sunday morning and preached a sermon as his daughter proceeded to shave his beard and comb his hair; finally, the pastor changed his shoes and removed his overcoat to reveal his Sunday clothes. His point was made.

Parish Liturgy for September, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Siobhan McKenna	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Caoileann Conway	Brianna Clarke	Brianna Gillen
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Noel McElhatton	Colm Keenan Patrick Tuohy	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Mark 7: 31-37: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. The healing of the deaf mute provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of communication in our lives. The healing touch of Jesus brought the man from isolation into community. Who have been the people who touched you when you felt isolated and alone and helped you to come out of painful aloneness? For whom have you done this?
2. Deafness is symbolic of being unable to hear what is being said to us. What a difference when our ears are opened! Perhaps you can recall a time when your ears were opened and you heard in a new way that you were loved - by God or by another person.
3. Words are not the only form of communication. Actions can speak louder than words. Recall times when this was brought home to you.
4. Being able to say what is in you is the other side of communication. Perhaps there have been occasions when you have struggled to find words to express what is deepest in you – your faith, your values, your love. Then something changed and you found the words. What was it like to be able to express your deepest self?

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 8th September – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary We celebrate the Birthday of Mary, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

Wednesday 9th September – St. Ciaran (abbot) Born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.

Sunday 13th September – St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church) [347-407]
 One of the four great Greek Doctors, and 'Golden-Mouthed preacher'. He was archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile.
 Patron saint of preachers. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

The Deep End – Ephphatha: *Jane Mellell (janemellell@yahoo.com)*
 Between 1st September and 4th October (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi) Christian churches celebrate the season of 'Creation Time'. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the gift of our world and to look at our relationship with the planet. There is no better time for us as individuals and as parish communities to consider our responsibilities to act on climate change, especially in light of Pope Francis' recent encyclical Laudato Si.

In the Gospel today, as Jesus opens the ears of a deaf man, he says 'Ephphatha – Be Opened'. May our ears be opened to the cries of the earth and to the poor who suffer the most because of climate injustice. What a wonderful and prophetic action it would be in celebration of 'Creation Time' if each parish community committed to beginning a JPIC (Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation) group? Or perhaps thinking ahead to the feast of St Francis, ask ourselves how can we as parish communities celebrate the gift of creation? Great things can happen when small groups of people come together and act locally. How will your parish celebrate 'Creation Time'?

For more info visit ecocongregationireland.com

I wish to address every person living on this planet... I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. *Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 1, 14*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015	
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Tuesday 8th September • Thursday 29th October St. Patrick's
	<i>Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed</i>
Monday 2nd November	St. Patrick's 6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)