



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr**
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Day for Life [Year C] (6th October, 2013)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (7 th October 2013 – 13 th October 2013)		
Saturday Evening (5th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 8.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass: John Gerald Conway (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday 6th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>
Monday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 8th October	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary after 8.00pm Mass
Wednesday 9th October	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Thursday 10th October In the home of Petie and Mary Tracey (Leaghan)	St. Patrick's	7.00pm Station Mass (confessions 30 minutes beforehand)
Friday 11th October Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 8.00pm Mass: Rose Devenney (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday Morning (12th October) Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS
Saturday Evening (12th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Lucy McCullagh (Month's Mind) 8.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass: Freddie McCullagh (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 13th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	
During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month		
Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £810 .		
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Rose Devenney, John Gerald Conway and Francis Tuohey whose anniversaries occur at this time.		
Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy fortitude and peace We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to John Conway (Greencastle) and Maria Jones (Dungannon) Friday 27 th September Hugh Tohill (Granaghan) and Ciara Conway (Greencastle) Friday 4 th October Michael Finnegan (Lower Killeavy) and Karen Teague (Greencastle) Saturday 5 th October They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.		
Mission Awareness Program: Every second year a visitor from the Irish Missionary Union visits the parishes in this deanery of the diocese to highlight the work of the missions. We will welcome Fr. Oliver McCrossan, a member of the Columban Missionaries in Dalgan Park to celebrate the Eucharist with us next weekend.		
Pro-Life Campaign – National Conference 2013: Saturday 12 th October, 1.30pm in Dublin. prolifecampaign.ie/conference2013		
Centering Prayer: This is a method of prayer, similar to meditation but grounded in the Christian contemplative tradition. There will be an introduction to Centering Prayer on Saturday 2 nd November in St. Augustine's church hall, Derry from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The Introduction is provided free of charge but participants are asked to bring own lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. <i>To book a place or for more information please contact Janice on 07734417824</i>		
Annual Derry Diocesan Pioneer Mass: St. Columb's Church, Waterside Derry – Sunday 6 th October at 3.00pm		
Pope Francis' Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer) General – People Who Feel Crushed by Life: That those who feel weary from the heaviness of life, and even long its end, may sense the closeness of God's love. Missionary – World Missions Day: That the celebration of World Missions Day may make all Christians aware that they are not only recipients but also proclaimers of the Word of God.		
Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19; Lectionary I, page 919 Sunday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year C] • Weekday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year 1]		
Lotto Results: G • I • Q • W • X (4 people with 3 letters winning £15 each) Next Jackpot: £4,700		

Day For Life (Sunday 6th October)

Care for life: it's worth it – professing our Faith in a Culture of Life

Some years ago when celebrating Mass in honour of Saint Raymond Nonnatus, the Patron Saint of expectant mothers and midwives, Pope Francis spoke simply and beautifully about what promoting a culture of life really means: 'Jesus teaches us to care for life because it is the image of God, who is absolute life. We cannot announce anything else but life, and from the beginning to the end. All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth... to give life is to open the heart, and to care for life is to expect one's self in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others.

Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing...so, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it.'

Day for Life Prayer

Holy Mary, Mother of Love, holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb, graciously look upon our earth and remove from it all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes to the preciousness of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Through the example of your tenderness teach us the ways of compassion and love that we may build up the civilization of love among us and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.

Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death, and to work with others of goodwill in promoting the culture of life.

Bring us ever closer to your Son, so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us and come to know that life more perfectly, with you and all the angels and saints, in the eternal life of Heaven. Amen.

Do This In Memory Program – Invitation to the Parents of the children who are preparing to receive Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time in 2014:

'Do This In Memory' is a parish preparation program for the children and families of those preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion/Reconciliation. It aims to help the families of the children who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2014 and our parish faith-community prepare together. A meeting outlining the programme will be held in the Parochial House on Wednesday 16th October at 9.00pm. To avoid congestion around the Parochial House please park at the Chapel. This programme compliments but does not replace the work that our year 4 teacher in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, does in the classroom or everything that parents and families do at home to pass the faith on to your children. The Liturgy Group will co-ordinate the programme in our parish.

We hope that your participation in this programme will benefit you, your child and our parish faith-community

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle for available dates. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It would be a blessing on our whole community if one family in each town-land were willing to host a 'Station'.

DATE	TOWNLAND	IN THE HOME OF
Thursday 10 th October at 7.00pm	Leaghan	Mary and Petie Tracey
Thursday 17 th October at 7.00pm	Sheskinshule	Ita, Margaret Rose and Michael John McDermott
Thursday 24 th October at 7.00pm	Formil	Bridie and P. Joe Clarke

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2014: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travels to Lourdes every Easter Sunday with young people and children from all over Ireland. The Derry, Tyrone and Donegal groups are currently accepting applications from young people of any religious denomination with:

- A physical disability or illness (aged 9-18)
- Very seriously ill children under 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative
- A learning disability (aged 11-21)
- Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness.

The young person travels without their family but accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. This week is a great experience for the young person as they have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence and often provides respite for parents/carers. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Alice on 086 856 6432 or James on 07989 303 896 for further details and an application form.

Please note closing date for applications is 31st October. If you are interested in volunteering with The Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer please contact either of the numbers above. All volunteers pay their own fare

Dún Uladh Cultural Centre, Omagh – Céili Dancing Class: 8.00pm to 10.00pm every Wednesday night with Tony Fox. £3. All ages and abilities welcome

Camowen Milestone Centre, Carrickmore – Farmers Beginner's Jive Class: Thursday 10th October at 8.00pm. Tutor Chris Bradley, a six week course costing £20 payable on first night. Partner not necessary. *Great keep fit and good craic!*

Rouskey Community Centre – Tin Whistle Class: Tuesday 8th October at 7.00pm from P1 upwards. *Contact Maresa Brogan*

Pope Francis said last Monday September 30: "there is no religious justification for violence", and, as emphasised by Benedict XVI two years ago, "it is necessary to eliminate every form of violence motivated by religion, and to keep vigil together to ensure that the world no longer falls prey to the violence inherent in every plan for civilisation that is based on a 'no' to God".

Pope Francis Invites us to Pray Again for Peace in Syria: *Vatican City (Sunday 29th September, 2013) [VIS]*
Following the celebration of Holy Mass for the Day of Catechists on the occasion of the Year of Faith on the solemnity of the archangels St. Michael, St. Raphael and St. Gabriel, Pope Francis prayed the Angelus with the faithful and pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square. Before the Marian prayer, the Pope greeted His Beatitude Archbishop Youhanna X, Greek Orthodox patriarch of Antioch and all the East. "Your presence", he said, "invites us once again to pray for peace in Syria and in the Middle East". Francis greeted the pilgrims from Assisi who had come to Rome on horseback, and mentioned that in Croatia on Saturday 28th September, the diocesan priest Miroslav Bulesic, martyred in 1947, was beatified.

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

Growing Through Change Residential Programme: Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October. This is designed to help young people who have experienced bereavement and loss work through the 5 stages of the grief process. It is open to young people from the age of 11 years upward who have experienced bereavement and loss. The loss may be due to the death of a parent, sibling, grandparent or other significant person in their lives. It may also be due to the separation or divorce of parents. Registration is at 7.00pm in the Youthlife office at our Bishop Street office. A coach will then transfer the group to the Residential Centre in Omagh Folk Park.
Applications can be downloaded online at youthlife.org

Prayer from the Community at Taizé: God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in Syria and elsewhere in the world. So we turn to you - you do not let us give in to discouragement. You bring us to understand that our prayer and our compassion count. Be close to those who are suffering and send your Holy Spirit, that all humans may be inspired to make signs of peace.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
11th & 12th October, 15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

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.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts.
Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 **Fax:** 00-353-94-9388295 **Email:** info@knock-sh.rine.ie **Website:** knockshrine.ie

Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome: 26th and 27th October.
For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877

Parish Liturgy for October, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Emmett Bradley	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Megan McKenna	Aidan Clarke	Helen McKenna
Collectors	Mary Bradley Lawrence McBride	Michael Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Sean McKenna Jimmy Donnelly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Martina McBride
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013

Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick's	Derry Diocesan Mass
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 17:5-10:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. Faith can move mountains... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self-doubt, scepticism about a project, or lacking trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?
2. Faith is like a mustard seed – small – and sometimes we may be tempted to wait until our faith grows. Part of the message in the Gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back this up?
3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It is not always forthcoming. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?
4. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?

Mission Month:

St. Thérèse, the little flower and Patroness of the Missions

October is Mission Month and will 'be regarded in all countries as the Month of Universal Mission. The penultimate Sunday, proclaimed as World Mission Day, is the high point of the month.' (Congregation of Rites 1926).

St. Thérèse was born in France in 1873. At the age of 15, she began the life of a Carmelite nun in Lisieux. Acquainted with the work of the missions, she made them the object of her prayers and sacrifices: 'I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth. I shall let fall from heaven a shower of roses.' She died in 1897.

The Deep End – Something Precious:

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Are there any precious items in your family that have been handed down from one generation to the next? Whether jewellery, ornaments, silverware, books, or old photos or letters, most families have certain items that are guarded carefully and kept in a safe place to be passed on to future generations. Likewise, we have stories that are passed on from parents and grandparents, which form part of our history and our sense of who we are.

Today we think about another type of precious gift which must be guarded carefully – our faith, and the teachings of Jesus. In today's Second Reading, Paul reminds us that we have been 'trusted to look after something precious'. How often do we think of our faith as something 'precious'? What does our faith mean to us? The disciples in today's Gospel ask Jesus to increase their faith, but his roundabout answer reveals that this is not such a simple request – faith comes with certain responsibilities and duties.

Like a treasured family heirloom, we are to look after the gift of faith we have been given, and to 'guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us'. Only then will we be able to pass this precious gift on.

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

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?
For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 9th October – St. Bruno (priest) [1033-1660] Born in Cologne where he became professor of theology in Rheims university and later its head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship were the basics. At La Grande Chartreuse he founded the Carthusians and later died there. [Not celebrated this year]

Monday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.
Divine Office

Wednesday 9th October – St. Denis and Companions Beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258, later buried at Montmartre. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, one of the Patron Saints of France.

Friday 11th October – St. Canice [527-603] Born in Co. Derry. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mabhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Columba with whom he worked for a time in Scotland where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory but this was replaced centuries later by his Church in Kilkenny.