

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

**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (6<sup>th</sup> October, 2019)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Thought for the Week:** "Dear Brothers and Sisters, for the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud of Pope Benedict XV (30<sup>th</sup> November, 1919). Its farsighted and prophetic vision of the apostolate has made me realise once again the importance of renewing the Church's missionary commitment and giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again." *Pope Francis 'Baptised and Sent' (Message for Extraordinary Month of Mission)*

<b>Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (6<sup>th</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> October)</b>			
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass: Jeannie Morris (Month's Mind)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass: John Gerald Conway (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
Our Lady of the Rosary			
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>12 noon to 7.15pm</b>	Adoration
St. Denis and Companions			
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
Leaghan			
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Station Mass
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
St. Canice			
	Binnefreaghan	<b>7.30pm</b>	Station Mass
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass: John McCullagh (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time			
	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b>	Mass: Francis McCullagh (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and Anthony Loughran (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Weekly Collection:** £1,045      *Thank you for your continuing generosity to the parish*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Jeannie Morris** whose Month's Mind we celebrate this weekend. We also pray for **John Gerald Conway (9<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Monthly Devotions in Honour of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October after 7.30pm mass in St. Patrick's Church. *A First Class Relic of the saint will be present*

**Station Masses:** This week they are being hosted Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October in the home of Mary Tracey, Baroney Road, Leaghan and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the home of Eamon and Jacqueline Duffin, Greencastle Road, Binnefreaghan. The ceremonies begin with the availability of Confession from 7.30pm followed by Mass including the Blessing of Holy Water and of the Family Home.

**Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Applications are invited from / for young people (11-30 years) with a medical condition, physical disability, illness, learning disability, social or emotional need. Applications also invited for very seriously ill children under the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or close relative. Those over 11 years travel without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers. Those participating have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence. The pilgrimage can also provide respite for parents / carers. The IPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Call Maureen Devine after 5.00pm on 0044 7717 7325 50 or Mary Dunnion on (087) 7962 047 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. More details can be found on [irishpilgrimagestrust.ie](http://irishpilgrimagestrust.ie). *Volunteers, particularly male, are also required; training will be offered*

**Accord Counselling Services:** Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

**Next Week's Readings:** 2 Kings 5:14-17 • Psalm 97:1-4, R/ cf. v 2 • 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
 Luke 17:11-19 • Lectionary 1:919      **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Daire Brogan</b>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Lee Coyle</b>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Emma Conway</b>	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Erin Donnelly</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Caoimhe Coyle</b>	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Danielle Gumley</b>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Emma Fox</b>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Katelyn Gumley</b>

**If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented**

**Applications invited for the St. Columbanus Award Sponsored by the Knight's of St. Columbanus, Omagh**  
 Open to individuals under 25 years of age, to groups from second level schools and Colleges and to groups from parishes within the area of Omagh Council.  
 Aimed at projects which:  
 (a) Encourage and inspire young people in the practice of their Catholic faith.  
 (b) Develop leadership skills to encourage others to become more involved in their local community.  
 (c) Reflects the ethos and Spirit of St. Columbanus.  
 Application forms are available from [knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](http://knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)  
 Closing date for completed applications is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Camowen Farmers Ltd. – Open Meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm in Milestone Centre, Carrickmore. The topic will be *Preparing for a nitrates inspection*. Speaker: Mary McCormack. *Everyone Welcome*  
 Areas in Mid -Tyrone have been selected for numerous nitrates inspections by NIEA this Autumn. The meeting will inform farmers on what is required, how to prepare records and yards. Camowen Farmers Ltd can visit farms and advise before the inspection and attend in person on the day, and speak on farmer's behalf.  
*Priority given to members and clients*

**Diocese of Derry – Cursillo – 2 Renewal Weekends:** 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> (women) and 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October (men) in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry.  
*For more info call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174*  
*There are still some places available on both weekends*

**Derry Diocesan Trust, Three Patrons Parish – Pastoral Youth Ministry Co-ordinator Required:**  
 10-month contract to cover maternity leave (possibility of extension). 30 hours per week.  
 For an application pack email: [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) or call 048 / (028) 7126 2302.  
 Closing date for applications: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm.  
 Send to Personnel, Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry (or [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org))  
*Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer*

**SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry – Days of Prayer / Workshops:** 9.30am to 5.00pm  
 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – The Green Platform led by Mr. Declan Coyle (£45 / €50)  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Finding God in the Mess led by Fr. B McManus SJ and Jim Deeds (£30 / €35)

**An Caisleán Glas – Gala:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November in Silver Birches, Omagh. Black tie event. £100 per person. Tables of 10 are on sale at a reduced rate of £900 until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Finance options available. Celebrate 50 continuous years of An Caisleán Glas. Tickets will be available to purchase at the club rooms immediately after Saturday evening mass.  
[greencastle50gala@outlook.com](mailto:greencastle50gala@outlook.com)

**Meditative Mornings – She Inspires Me:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am to 12noon in Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry. A series of meditative mornings that allow women from the Scriptures to inspire us as we are led into reflection on texts from the Bible (suggested offering £7.50).  
*For more info call (028) 7135 1233, email [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org) or visit [thornhillministries.co.uk](http://thornhillministries.co.uk)*

**Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland Weekend:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney.  
*For more information and / or booking visit [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or call 07702 812 321 or (087) 784 0408*

**Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Upcoming Events:** [sacsonlon15@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacsonlon15@hotmail.co.uk) • (028) 8775 7800

**Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge / Irish Language Conversation Circle:** Starting Soon

**Walking Group:** Continues every Monday (11:00am - 12:00 noon). Meet in Pomeroy forest car park.

**Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**A Missionary "Spring" in the Church:** That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church

**Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers:** To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.  
*If you are interested in volunteering visit [trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer](http://trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer) or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info*

**Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour:** Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.  
*Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email [tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com](mailto:tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com)*

**Owenkillew Credit Union – Death Benefit Insurance (DBI):**  
 DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.

**ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training**  
 To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.  
**Omagh Office:** (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme  
*The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy*

**Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday**  
**Sean-Nós and Set Dancing** 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm  
**Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels** 8.00pm to 9.30pm  
**Email:** [kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com](mailto:kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com) • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

**MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas):** Find out if you're missing out on benefits, services or grants by booking your FREE home visit. Referrals can be made for benefits checks, home safety visits, occupational therapy assessments as well as others. You'll also receive a FREE bag containing £25 worth of items to help keep you warm this winter.  
*Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book*

**Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):**  
 Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies  
*Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on [radiomaria.ie](http://radiomaria.ie) or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) • Join our faith family!*

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**Armchair Exercises:** Continues every Monday night in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. *Suitable for all ages*

**Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure:** If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.  
*If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting [derryyouthcommunity.com](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)*

**Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:**  
 All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness  
*For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email [michellemcginn@foylehospice.com](mailto:michellemcginn@foylehospice.com)*

**Drink Wise, Age Well:** Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?  
*For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240*

**ACCORD – Relationship Counseling:** A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-judgmental setting.  
*An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing [omagh@accordni.com](mailto:omagh@accordni.com)*

Parish Liturgy for October, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Slane	Patricia Reusch	Sean Clarke
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Sean Conneely	- - -	Cara Rose Brogan
<b>Collectors</b>	Michael McNamee Shea McElhatton	Frank Keenan Michael Clarke	Tony Donnelly Sean McKenna
<b>Altar Society</b>	Nuala Glass and Rosemary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

**Rural Support:** We could help you with financial stress by  
 Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt  
 Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action  
**Email:** [info@ruralsupport.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralsupport.org.uk) **Website:** [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)  
 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

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**Eucharistic Adoration** Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration  
**12noon – 1.00pm** Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life  
**1.00pm – 2.00pm** Married couples and those preparing for Marriage  
**2.00pm – 3.00pm** Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people  
**4.00pm – 5.00pm** Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth  
**6.00pm – 7.00pm** The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

**Towards Peace:** A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.  
**Website:** [towardspeace.ie](http://towardspeace.ie) • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** [towardspeace@jecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@jecon.ie)

**St. Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth – Diploma in Pastoral Theology at Drumalis**  
 Applications are now being accepted for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September  
**Website:** [drumalis.co.uk](http://drumalis.co.uk) • **Email:** [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) • **Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / 2827 6455

**The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility:** This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.  
*Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email [lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk](mailto:lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk)*

**In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II – 10 Night Pilgrimage to Poland:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020.  
 Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit the capital of Divine Mercy, venerate the messenger of Mercy, St. Faustina's relics, see the cell that imprisoned St. Maximilian Kolbe (martyr) as well as visit the largest Marian shrines and sanctuaries in Poland – daily Mass and spiritual activities.  
 Flights from Belfast, luxury coach travel and excellent accommodation.  
*For more info, a detailed itinerary and price email Fr. Micheál McGavigan at [michealmcgavigan@icloud.com](mailto:michealmcgavigan@icloud.com)*

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

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:

John Byrne OSA ([jbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbyrneosa@gmail.com))

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-. Sometimes we may be tempted to wait till 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 recognized 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?

### The Deep End – A Spark of Life:

Jane Mellett ([mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:melletjt@gmail.com))

If you start thinking that only your biggest and shiniest moments count, you're setting yourself up to feel like a failure most of the time. *Chris Hadfield*

A question: do you feel that your faith is strong enough? I'd hazard a guess that for many of us the answer is no. Faith can be a fragile thing. It changes throughout our lives. It is tested and it wanes and wobbles at times, particularly when we go through periods of pain or loss.

A lot of the time we feel like we could be doing better – we should be spending more time in prayer, meditating on the Scriptures, making more effort to put the Gospel into action in our families and in our communities. No matter what stage we're at in our faith journey, there is room for improvement; God always wants to draw us closer to him.

There is a great image of hope in today's Gospel. The mustard seed brings to mind something that is tiny, weak and insignificant. But Jesus says that if our faith is even the size of a mustard seed, we are capable of great things! God grows strength out of weakness. Once we have a small spark of faith in our hearts, it can grow into something strong. If we nourish it, turn to God more often, make more space for him in our daily routine, wonderful things will follow.

*Find that spark, and let it shine!*

**KinderCare Fostering NI:** Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:

**Tel:** (028) 90941690 • **Email:** [gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Website:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.co.uk)

### PARISH EVENTS IN 2018

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> Service of Light for P7	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> First Confession for P4
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Confirmation by Bishop McKeown	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries	
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> Mass for Parish Deceased
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> Advent Penance Service	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> 2 New Altar servers welcomed
<b>31<sup>st</sup> December</b> Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018	

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	12

**Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.

**St. Patrick's:** Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass  
First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding  
Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass

**Our Lady of the Wayside:** Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

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**St. Vincent de Paul Helpline:** For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992

**Thornhill Ministries – Spiritual Reading Book Club:** *Thornhill House 121 Culmore Road, Derry BT48 8JF*

For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, our Book Club will review books and help us stay in touch with current issues and theology. September - 'The Beatitudes of Pope Francis' by Aidan Donaldson & October - 'Heart Speaks to Heart' by Dermot Mansfield (The story of John Henry Newman). Copies of books available for purchase. Please let us know if you would like to join our club! Dates this term: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 19<sup>th</sup> November. Time: 10.30am to 11.45 am. Suggested Offering: £5.00. *All welcome*  
*For more info call (028) 7135 1233, email [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org) or visit [thornhillministries.co.uk](http://thornhillministries.co.uk)*

**String Instrument Music Lessons:** Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall

For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent

**Beginners:** 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

### Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019

*Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace*

'Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have." This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: "Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening. Blessed be the politician who is without fear." Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.'

### 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*

**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 / 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 entrance*

**Accord Counselling Services:** Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

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For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)  
us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

**Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm:** If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Contact us using the details below.  
**Address:** IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal  
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### Deanery of Tyrone Statistics

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000

6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people

3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people

The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics

7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?

In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.

The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s

The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

**Mid Ulster Agewell:** Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

*For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org*

**Eucharistic Adoration** Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

**12noon – 1.00pm** Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

**1.00pm – 2.00pm** Married couples and those preparing for Marriage

**2.00pm – 3.00pm** Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people

**4.00pm – 5.00pm** Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth

**6.00pm – 7.00pm** The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

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