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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (6th November, 2016)

Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU

Website: greencastleparish.com • Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com • Tel: (028) 8164 8474

Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis

Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 24)

"Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life. I think especially of the great apostle of mercy, Saint Faustina Kowalska. May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love."

Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (6th - 13th November, 2016)

Saturday 5th November St. Patrick's 5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Michael Conway (8th Anniversary)

Sunday 6th November
St. Patrick's
9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirty-Second Sunday in
Our Lady of Wayside
10.30am – 10.45am Confession

Ordinary Time [Year C] 11.00am Mass: Eileen Smyth (5th Anniversary)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MASS FROM MONDAY 7TH AND FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Saturday 12th November St. Patrick's 5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions

St. Josephat (bishop and martyr) 6.00pm Vigil Mass:

Mickey, Mary and Mick Hollywood (Anniversary)

Sunday 13th November St. Patrick's 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirty-Third Sunday in Our Lady of Wayside 10.30am – 10.45am Confession

Ordinary Time [Year C] 11.00am Mass

PARISH COLLECTIONS Sunday Weekly: £1,070 • Mission Sunday: £850

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of *Michael Conway* and *Eileen Smyth* whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all our deceased relatives and friends this November.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September, 2017 £619 for half-board (£499 if paid by Friday 9th December) • *Price increase due to falling rate of sterling*For more information call (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

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Annual Pioneer Retreat: Sunday 4th December in Termonbacca.

Contact any Committee Member to book

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest.

The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: prayerforpriests.com

Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • Ethna Hill 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com

Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • Eamon Cassidy 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

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

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

Next Week's Readings: Malachi 3:19-20 • Psalm 95:5-9, R/ v 9 • 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 • Luke 21:5-19

Lectionary 1:934 Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 5th November	Thirty-Second Sunday	Sunday 6th November
The family of Vanessa Chojak	In Ordinary Time	The family of Odhran Hughes
Saturday 12 th November	Thirty-Third Sunday	Sunday 13th November
The family of Francis McNamee	In Ordinary Time	The family of Cody McAleer
Saturday 19th November*	Solemnity of	Sunday 20th November
The family of Shane Molloy	Christ the King	The family of Mollie McCullagh

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented *Do This in Memory Programme (Week 3)

We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Saturday 7th November – St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary) [658-739] Northumbrian missionary saint, known as the "Apostle to the Frisians" in the modern Netherlands. He became the

first Bishop of Utrecht and died at Echternach, Luxembourg.

Thursday 10th November – St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church) Taught the two natures of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter.

Died in 461.

Friday 11th November – St. Martin of Tours (bishop) [335-397] Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural

Gaul and founder of monasteries. Patron Saint of France, soldiers, beggars

and inn-keepers.

Saturday 12th November – St. Josephat (bishop and martyr) [1580-1623] Bishop of Polatz, worked for

reunion of Ukrainian Catholics but his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions.

Thornhill Ministries - Upcoming Events:

Tel: (028) 7135 1233 • Email: thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • Website: thornhillministries.co.uk

"Living with Grief": Monday 14th and 21st November at 7.30 pm in Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road, Derry. A two-part seminar to explore the spiral of grief. We can be drawn back into the pain of loss in unexpected ways and are often ambushed by our emotions. This seminar allows us to touch into that reality.

Facilitator: Bairbre Cahill • Donation: £10 per evening

"Come and Sing": Saturday 12th November from 10.00am to 12.30 pm in Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road, Derry. A sing through both new and older material to help resource those involved in parish music. Pre-registration by Wednesday 9th November essential for the provision of music. **Suggested Donation:** £10

Broughderg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Denise Hagan Concert: Saturday 5th November from 8.00pm to 10.00pm in aid of Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. Tickets are £10 at Broughderg Post Office and other locations or call Kerry on 07585 514 417

Colum Sands Returns to Rouskey Community Centre: Sunday 13th November at 8.00pm. £10 including refreshments. Colum Sands is a universal storyteller who draws on a long Irish tradition of poetic musicality to weave songs for the world.

Bridie: 07591 047 556 / 07847 459 428 / (028) 8164 8706 • Clare Ann: 07798 941 452 Email: rouskeycommunity@yahoo.com

Prayer Request from Trócaire for Syria: The world stood by in 1994 as genocide was unleashed on Rwanda. One year later, we again stood aside as thousands were massacred in Srebrenica. When is 'never again' going to finally mean never again? The United Nations special envoy to Syria, Staffan De Mistura, has warned that Aleppo will be "totally destroyed" by Christmas. We can't let this happen. We can't let Aleppo become another Srebrenica.

Pope Francis has called us to urgently pray for peace. We ask you to pray in your homes communities and parishes for peace. Please find here this prayer that you can use

Lord our God, Father of all humanity; change the hearts of all peoples and their rulers, so that peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, love and righteousness. May the Spirit of Peace descend upon the people of Syria and upon our world until all conflicts cease and peace reigns on earth. AMEN

Pope Francis' Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayers)

Universal – Countries Receiving Refugees: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelisation – Collaboration of Priests and Laity: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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

The Net - October Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:

Omagh Ulster Project Thanksgiving

Dregish celebrates Fr. Macawille's 40th anniversary

Dungiven Mass Rock ceremony
Glenullin tribute to Fr. Haan

Ardmore Lough Derg Retreat

Oursillo weekend

Irish Wakes of Bygone Days feature

Children's Catechism Club

Unney and Castlefinn Parish Retreats

Maghera Lough Derg Retreat

Moville Mercy Walk and Shrove Oratory feature

Desertegney Mass in memory of Sr. Anne

Fatima Rosary Rally

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome

Divine Providence feature

Diocesan Diary

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

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 • Tel: 01 505 3028 • Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie

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 • Website: kindercareni.co.uk

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

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

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.

For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • Email: email@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.

Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • Julie or Brian (Derry Office): (028) 7136 8592 Email: email@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

Parish Liturgy for November, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Ryan Clarke	Rosemary McCullagh	Cayla Donnelly
Collectors	Margaret Morris	Eugene Tracey	Pat McGuigan
	Michael McNamee	Brendan Conway	Francis Keenan
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Ros	Anne McDermott Mary Bradley	

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/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

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.

If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • Tel: (028) 7126 2302 • Website: catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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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

Tel: (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • Website: celticprayergarden.com • Facebook: IOSASCentre • Twitter: IOSASCentre

2015 Parish Statistics					
Baptisms	Confirmations	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation	Marriages		
6 Boys	8 Boys	10 Boys	10 within parish		
8 Girls	8 Girls	9 Girls	5 outside parish		
Station Masses	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE				
in October	Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on				
7	Thursday 17th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle				
Funerals	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson				
13	Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey				
13	and Greenlough to	ook place on Friday 13th November in GREENC	ASTLE Community Centre		

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel - Luke 20: 27-38:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

- The question of the Sadducees suggests that how we will be in the afterlife is a continuation of how we
 are here. The reply of Jesus affirms that we are important not because of any 'status' we might have but
 because we are children of God. Recall moments when you saw your worth, or the worth of another, as
 something other than worldly status.
- 2. A common tactic in an argument is to make fun of the position of another. Then one does not have to take seriously the view being expressed. Have you ever found yourself doing this? Have you experienced others doing it with you? What were the effects of such an attitude? Is there life here? If not, where have you found a fuller life?
- 3. Jesus used the phrase 'Children of the resurrection' to describe his followers because we believe in something that cannot be proven. Life can sometimes present us with that kind of a challenge an invitation to believe in things we cannot prove: another person, a cause, the value of a course of action etc. What has been your experience of believing and acting on this kind of faith?
- 4. At the heart of our Christian faith is belief that death is not the end. We believe that the relationship we have with God, which starts in this life, survives death and continues after death. We call this resurrection. In this month of November, we recall those we have loved and who have died. How has belief in the resurrection helped you in thinking about those you have loved and who are no longer with you?

Musings - Children of the Resurrection:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus using a slightly exaggerated and absurd case study. They have no faith in the resurrection and therefore do not grasp that in a place of peace, justice and freedom, people cannot be 'owned' or 'given'. We should not be too preoccupied with questions like theirs: 'Whose wife will she be?' 'Will I look old?' 'Will I have a body?' Questions like these ignore the radical freshness of the Kingdom of God.

We are all 'children of this world' who are called to be 'children of the resurrection'. You might recall today someone who has passed away, but who is very much alive because of their influence on people, their generosity and kindness and the difference they made to those around them. They are 'children of the resurrection'. They make huge sacrifices for the liberation of people around them, for those who need healing or are oppressed in any way. They 'cannot die' even though they, like Jesus, can be condemned by society.

You were born a child of light's wonderful secret – you return to the beauty you have always been.

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The Deep End – Seven Weddings and Seven Funeral: Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

It sounds like a trick question; the Sadducees are setting Jesus up for a fall. One suspects that whatever answer Jesus gives to their very technical question about death will be used to catch him out. The Sadducees are introduced as opponents of belief in the resurrection. Quoting the Law of Moses, under which a man whose brother died without children was obliged to marry his brother's widow, their question presents a hypothetical, far-fetched case. The story involves seven marriages and eight deaths, when you include the woman at its centre.

But Jesus surprises them with his answer, making their question seem ridiculous in the process. He brushes aside the premise of their case with what one commentator calls a 'theological shrug'. He sidesteps their attempt to trap him by affirming the reality of the life to come, which he says will be very different from how we imagine it. While we tend to think that heaven will be an improved and happier version of our earthly life, Jesus says the reality is different. The relationships and structures of this life will be transformed in the next, far beyond our expectations. What we do know is that we will be with God. We might imagine it in the words from today's Psalm: 'I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.'