



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Baptism of the Lord [Year B] (7th January, 2018)
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Thought on Baptism: "The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps... we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation."
Pope Benedict XVI

Liturgy Schedule for First Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (Sunday 7th January – Sunday 14th January)

Saturday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Bernard Keenan (4 th Anniversary)
Sunday 7th January Baptism of the Lord [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass
Monday 8th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 9th January	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 10th January	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.20pm Adoration 7.00pm to 7.20pm Confessions • 7.30pm Mass
Thursday 11th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 12th January	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	10.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass: Laura McGuigan (Month's Mind)
Saturday 13th January St. Hilary (bishop and doctor of Church)	St. Patrick's DTiM (week 5)	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 14th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

Weekly Collection: £1,720 *Thank you for your generosity*

Baptism: We offer our congratulations and prayers to the family of **Gracie-Mae Fox** who entered in to the family of God and the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 30th December in St. Patrick's Church

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the soul of **Laura McGuigan** whose Month's Mind Mass takes place on Friday and for the souls of **Bernard Keenan (4th)**, **Maureen Morris (7th)** and **John Tuohy (13th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Padre Pio Devotions: Wed. 10th January after 7.30pm mass in St. Patrick's Church. *First Class Relic available*

Children in Crossfire – Advent Boxes: These can be returned to the chapel in the upcoming weekends. Your efforts and donations are greatly appreciated, helping provide lifesaving sustainable projects to children in Tanzania and Ethiopia.

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm Service of Light (Primary 7 Children and Families)	Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday	Saturday 17th March St. Patrick's Day
Thursday 8th March at 7.00pm First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)	Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday	Sunday 22nd April at 2.00pm Confirmation
Saturday 19th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion	Tuesday 21st to Sunday 26th August in Dublin World Meeting of Families	
Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead		
Sunday 1st July at 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead followed by Broughderg Old Cemetery		

Next Week's Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 • Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10, R/ vv 8, 9 • 1 Corinthians 6:13-15., 17-20
 John 1:35-42 • Lectionary 1:740 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTE Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick's Church		
6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 6 th January The family of Leah Fox	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sunday 7 th January The family of Seán Óg Teague
Saturday 13 th January* The family of Conor Haughey	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 14 th January The family of Daire Tracey
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 5) We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Hearing Loss Support Group (Action Hearing Loss) – Free Drop-In Support Session

Third session is Tuesday 9th January from 10.00am to 11.00am. Do you have problems with your hearing? For new batteries and ear mould tubing for NHS hearing aids; info on how to use and clean your hearing aids and info on hearing loss and all the services that can help you and have your hearing checked (not a hearing test).

For more information call Mary Cruickshank on (028) 7132 0167

Chest Heart and Stroke Support Group

Wednesday 10th January at 2.00pm. Pauline Millar from Chest Heart and Stroke Group will be there to talk about *Breathing Better*. New members are always welcome.

Exercise Classes (low to medium impact) with Emma Hood:

Begins Friday 19th January 10.15am. £12 for 4 weeks.

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Classes: *For more info call Tom on 07704 526 870 or Roisin on 07789 697 238*

Music Classes Monday 8th January at 6.30pm in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge.

Singing Classes with Ciara Fox Sunday 21st January at 2.30pm in Plumbridge (venue to be confirmed)

5th Jim Conway Weekend 28th and 29th September. Our branch will host "Cherish the Ladies" in concert.
Tickets will be available shortly

Emma Hood Health and Fitness – "Eliminate the Excess" Boot Camp *Call Emma on 07881 345 003 to book*
 Commences Wednesday 10th January at 8.15pm and Saturday 13th January at 10.15am
 £25 for 6 weeks (1 class per week) or £50 for 6 Weeks (2 classes per week)
 Full payment on registration • Limited to 8 places per class

Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore – Open Day / Night: For Primary 7 Pupils on Monday 15th January. Open Night for P6 and P7 pupils and their parents beginning with the Principal's address in assembly hall at 7.30pm.

Green Elves Playgroup – Bingo Club: Every Wednesday at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm).

The Net – January Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:

Lavey pupils' powerful performance • Faith Family Fun Friday in Foreglen • Memorable night of carols in Ballerin
 Iskaheen parishioners enjoy following the star • Cor Youth enjoying faith times together **and much more**
For coverage of your parish or school faith activities email editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

Pope Francis' Intention for January (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Evangelisation – Religious Minorities in Asia: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

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

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

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 • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

Family Care Adoption Services: We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children
 For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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

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

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

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 or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

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

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 **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk
 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

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

Parish Liturgy for January, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Kyra Donnelly	Erin Hood	Cara-Rose Brogan
Collectors	Mary Bradley Patrick McElhatton	Eoghan Clarke Seamus Keenan	Sean McKenna Tony Donnelly
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

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

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*

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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.
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

ASPIRE: Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.
For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook

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

Broughderg Old Cemetery: Sometime in the early part of the New Year an operation will begin to remove trees both on the periphery of and within the Broughderg Old Cemetery. Many of these trees have been causing some difficulty at various graves and keeping them neat and tidy has also been troublesome for families. Some of the trees have also become dangerously tall and could cause damage if they were to fall. This is going to be a costly operation and is the first stage of a 3-stage scheme. Stage 2 will include drainage and stage 3 some pathways.
Some additional fundraising will be required and we look forward to organising some such events in due course

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

Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.
Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 7th January – *Baptism of the Lord* Commemorates baptism of Jesus in Jordan River by John the Baptist.

Saturday 13th January – *St. Hilary (bishop and doctor of the Church) [c.315-c.367]* Elected bishop of Poitiers c.358 and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-359) by order of Emperor Constantine, he used the time to write. His major works include *De Trinitate*, a study of the Trinity.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *Mark 1:7-11:* *John Byrne OSA (jbymeosa@gmail.com)*

1. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He is able to acknowledge that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.
2. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?
3. 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind memories of experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Bring these experiences to mind with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.
4. It is easy to lament the growing secularisation in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ-event is active today. How can we be open to the new things the Spirit is saying to the Church today?

The Deep End – A Searching God:

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

He came in search of John
He came in search of baptism
He came in search of blessing
He came in search of the Spirit
He came in search of God's favour
He came in search of God's love

The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you
St. Augustine