



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) [Year C] (7th April, 2013)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week of Easter [Year C] (8 th April, 2013 – 14 th April, 2013)			
Easter Saturday Evening (6th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions	
Vigil Mass for Sunday		6:00pm Mass: Felix McAnaney (Anniversary)	
Sunday 7th April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Second Sunday of Easter [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions	
Divine Mercy Sunday		11.00am Mass: DDS (info on online news sheet)	
Monday 8th April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Feast of the Annunciation			
Tuesday 9th April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Second Week of Easter			
Wednesday 10th April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Second Week of Easter	Our Lady of the Wayside	6.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation	
Thursday 11th April	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów (bishop and martyr)			
Friday 12th April	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions	
Second Week of Easter		8.00pm Mass	
Saturday Morning (13th April)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Frank Conway (12 th Anniversary)	
St. Martin I (pope and martyr)			
Saturday Evening (13th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions	
Vigil Mass for Sunday		6:00pm Mass: Do This In Memory (week 8)	
Sunday 14th April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
Third Sunday of Easter [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions	
		11.00am Mass	
Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £1,220 and the £555 taken up on Palm Sunday.			
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Bridie Olstrom (sister of Gerard McGurk, Alworries) who died Monday 1 st April in New York. We also pray for Felix McAnaney , Jimmy McCullagh and Frank Conway , whose anniversaries occur at this time.			
Prayer Friends: Thank you to everyone praying for those who will be confirmed in our parish on Wednesday 10 th April.			
Monsignor Eamon Martin (Co-Adjudicator Archbishop Designate of Armagh and Administrator of Derry Diocese) will come to our parish to Confirm our young people on Wednesday 10 th April at 6.00pm. We will gather at Our Lady of the Wayside.			
Diocese of Derry – Making of Medieval Derry (by the late Fr. Ciaran Devlin): Launch's Monday 15 th April at 6.30pm in St. Columba's College, Derry. The book will be introduced by Most Rev. Joseph Duffy, Bishop Emeritus of Clogher and formally launched by Monsignor Eamon Martin coadjutor Archbishop elect of Armagh.			
<i>Copies will be available at the launch at a pre-publication price of £15/€20</i>			
A Song for Columba: The year 2013 has been designated as the "Year of Faith", as well as the city of Derry celebrating its year as the "City of Culture". This year also marks the 1,450 th Anniversary of the Departure of St. Columba from Derry to Iona. The Parish of Templemore is organizing a series of events to celebrate this anniversary. One of the central events is "A Song for Columba" – composers and musicians are invited to set to music a text attributed to or connect with Saint Columba. The winner will be awarded a prize of £500 and the performance of the winning entry at a special concert on Sunday 2 nd June in St. Cecilia's College, Derry. <i>Poster in church porch notice board / entry form in sacristy. Musicians and composers encouraged</i>			
Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Monday 1st – Saturday 6th July): The cost is £575. An application form is available from Rosemary at The Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ – (028) 7136 2475 (Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 1.30pm). Special forms for registered sick, youth and helpers are also available. Gift vouchers are also available for whatever amount you wish to give, contact Rosemary. The office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm.			
Year of the Gathering: When Irish people are being invited home. The Columba Community is inviting Christian missionaries to a special celebration at the IOSAS Centre, Lenamore Road, Muff 7 th to 9 th June. Please contact us if you have a family member who is a missionary. We would be delighted to invite them. <i>For further details contact Fr. Neal Carlin (00353)7493 84866</i>			
Pioneer Council Meeting: Tuesday 9 th April at 7.00pm			
BADA Events	Every Friday Night at 8.30pm	Card playing	Every Wednesday Night at 8.30pm Local History
Next Sundays Readings:	Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41; Psalm 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19; Lectionary I, page 468 (Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 1)		
Lotto Results: E – I – J – K – R (10 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) Next Jackpot: £3,200			

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 6 th April The family of Aidan Morris	Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday 7 th April The family of Matthew Conway
Saturday 13 th April* The family of Ciaran Morris	Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday 14 th April The family of Eoin McCullagh
Saturday 20 th April The family of Kerrie McLaughlin	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 21 st April The family of Shea McElhatton
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important.		*DTIM Program (week 8)

The Sacrament of Confirmation: In the Church's teaching, Confirmation, is one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ for the conferral of sanctifying grace and the strengthening of the union between individual souls and God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in its paragraphs 1302-1303 teaches: It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15);

It unites us more firmly to Christ; It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; It renders our bond with the Church more perfect

It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts. The roots of confirmation are found in Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17, "Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the holy Spirit." See also the Gospel of Saint John, chapter 14 where Christ speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. In the Latin-Rite Catholic Church, the sacrament is customarily conferred only on persons old enough to understand it, and the ordinary minister of confirmation is a bishop. "The practice of the Latin Church more clearly expresses the communion of the new Christian with the bishop as guarantor and servant of the unity, catholicity and apostolicity of his Church, and hence the connection with the apostolic origins of Christ's Church." Reserving administration of the sacrament to a bishop, who cannot be present at every infant baptism, means that large groups of older children and young adults are confirmed together, making the occasion something of a rite of passage and an opportunity to profess personal commitment to the faith. However, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1308 warns: "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election and does not need 'ratification' to become effective." In the early twentieth century, Pope Pius X encouraged the admission of children to reception of the eucharist as soon as they reached the age of reason, in contrast to the later age at which they had been admitted for some centuries. Since the age for confirmation remained as before, those being confirmed generally received the eucharist several years earlier. However, the three sacraments of Christian initiation, baptism, confirmation and eucharist, are increasingly conferred, within the Latin-Rite Catholic Church, in the traditional order, which is obligatory when an adult is baptised. The Catholic Church teaches that, like baptism, confirmation marks the recipient permanently, making it impossible to receive the sacrament twice. One of the effects of the sacrament is that "it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1303). This effect has been described as making the confirmed person "a soldier of Christ". The same passage of the Catechism of the Catholic Church also mentions, as an effect of confirmation, that "it renders our bond with the Church more perfect". This mention stresses the importance of participation in the Christian community. The "soldier of Christ" imagery, which remains valid but is downplayed if seen as part of the once common idea of confirmation as a "sacrament of maturity", was used as far back as 350, by St Cyril of Jerusalem. In this connection, the touch on the cheek that the bishop gave while saying "Pax tecum" (Peace be with you) to the person he had just confirmed was interpreted as a slap, a reminder to be brave in spreading and defending the faith: "Deinde leviter eum in maxilla caedit, dicens: Pax tecum" (Then he strikes him lightly on the cheek, saying: Peace be with you). When, in application of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the confirmation rite was revised in 1971, mention of this gesture was omitted. However, the French and Italian translations, indicating that the bishop should accompany the words "Peace be with you" with "a friendly gesture" (French text) or "the sign of peace" (Italian text), explicitly allow a gesture such as the touch on the cheek, to which they restore its original meaning. Information on other effects and broader matters concerning this sacrament can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285-1321. Confirmation name. In many English-speaking countries and in German-speaking lands it is customary for a person being confirmed in the Catholic Church to adopt the name of a saint with whom he/she feels a special affinity, thus securing an additional patron saint to be his/her protector and guide. The saint's name is often used in conjunction with the confirmer's middle name, and is without effect in civil law, unless, of course, the confirmand pursues the appropriate legal avenues.

Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer) General – Life-giving Worship: That the prayerful and public celebration of the faith may be a source of life for the faithful. Missionary – Churches in Mission Territories: That the Churches in mission territories may be a sign and instrument of hope and resurrection.			
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Parish Liturgy for April, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Anne Coyle	Emmet Bradley	Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Seoirse Conway	Emmett Bradley	James McCullagh
Collectors	Gerry McCullagh Mary Bradley	Emmett Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Colm Beggs Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Siobhan McKenna, Ciara McKenna and Caitriona McCullagh		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead

Altar Servers Needed: Please notice the important role of altar servers in the prayer life of our faithful community, we currently need new volunteers to strengthen the teams already serving so if you will commit, please do so soon.

Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:

1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (*this will take in Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg on Sunday 7th April at 11.00am*). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. **Living:** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider The Mystery of Work: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon.

Omagh Volunteer Centre Supports Volunteering in the Omagh Council Area: We are based at Community House in the town. Current opportunities include Promotional and Fundraising roles (Foyle Hospice) and Volunteer Mentoring (Include Youth). For further information on these and other volunteering opportunities, contact us on (028) 8224 0772. If you have a little spare time and think you might like to volunteer, or if you have volunteering opportunities that you would like us to promote for you, please get in touch.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time

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.

Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

We need a little bit of silence. We need a space without the constant bombardment of images.
Pope Benedict XVI encouraging the priests of the Rome diocese in "fasting from words and images"

London Marathon (Sunday 21st April): Why not join team Foyle Hospice for a thrill of a lifetime running/walking one of the world's most exciting marathons, the Virgin London Marathon which takes place Sunday 21st April? This run takes in all the major sites and attractions in London with thousands of spectators all along the course. Places in this event will be difficult to get, but Foyle Hospice has some guaranteed entries for the marathon.

For further information contact Noel McMonagle, Community Fundraising Manager
 noel@foylehospice.com / (028) 7135 9888

Youth Trip to Croagh Padraig: Following on from the hike last year we will be running a Diocesan Youth Trip to Croagh Padraig again this year. The hike will take place on Friday 12th April and it will be for young adults aged 16+ and students registered for the Pope John Paul II Award. We are also looking for a few priests to accompany us and celebrate Mass on the summit, booking forms and details for the hike are available from the Catechetical Centre. *Places will be limited so booking is essential. The pilgrimage will cost £25 per person*

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy (Monday 26th August – Monday 2nd September):

With Father Francis Bradley. Staying four nights at the Irish College, Rome taking in the sights of the Eternal City and an Audience with the Holy Father, and three nights at the Shrine of Padre Pio, taking in the shrine of Manoppello and the Abbey of Montecassino. Price £850, including all coach transfers to/from Dublin and whilst in Italy, flights with Aer Lingus, accommodation on a half board basis in Rome and full board in San Giovanni, and the assistance of a Travel Representative throughout (single supplement at £20 per night). A £200 deposit before Thursday 31st January will secure you a seat.

For more info call Fr. Bradley on (028) 7136 2475 [W] / (028) 7135 1718 [H] or email fbradley@derrydiocese.org

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th June

Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
 Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

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

I always see advertisements for Bullying Prevention and We Teach Bully Prevention. Bullying, or the perception of bullying cannot be prevented as long as people interact with each other; the only possible way would be to stay isolated, forever. However, you can teach kids how to handle and deal with people who they feel are bullying.

Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change:

Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 11th April – St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów (bishop and martyr) Became bishop of Krakow, Poland in 1072. His outspoken condemnation of corruption resulted in his murder in 1097.

Saturday 13th April – St. Martin I (pope and martyr) Died in 655 from harsh treatment in exile and prison.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013

Sacramental Celebrations

Sunday 12th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
Sunday 5th May	St. Patrick's	
Sunday 25th August	Our Lady of the Wayside	
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish		
Wednesday 22nd May Thursday 11th July	St. Patrick's	
Friday 30th August Saturday 19th October		
Sunday 7th April	Our Lady of the Wayside	
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (6th and 7th July)		
Saturday 6th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7th July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion		
Saturday 13th April	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 1st June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Support Care for Cancer for just £3 a week: Care for Cancer facilities are available to all cancer patients and their carers within a 20mile radius of Omagh. Services currently offered by the charity include:

- Transport to hospital appointments
- Free provision of recliner chairs
- Professional counselling for patients, family and friends
- Massage and reflexology therapy / Bra fitting service
- Listening ear/ Public Information evenings/talks to heighten awareness and offer better understanding of cancer
- Courses / coffee mornings / fund raising events
- Care for Cancer Drop-in -Centre is located at 1 Campsie Place, Omagh (near Bank of Ireland) where you can call in for a cuppa and a supportive listening ear. Opening hours are 10.00-15.00hrs Mon-Friday.

In order to continue our vital work, Care for Cancer will recommence the lottery syndicate on Sat 2nd Feb 2013. If you think you could support the Charity by giving £3 per week for 12 months call Jean on 07711885239 or 028 82250696 in order to set up payment by 23rd January 2013 you will then be issued with a copy of the 50 lines of numbers entered each week.

The £3 is used as follows:

£1 is used to purchase a lottery line each Saturday of this year commencing on Saturday 2nd February 2013.

Care for Cancer receives the other £2, the winnings will be divided at the end of the year among the syndicate members, for every 10 members the Charity receives £1000.

Your support is very much appreciated so that the Charity can continue the valuable work it undertakes locally.

Thank you

Questions people ask:

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

- Q. 'Those whose sins you forgive they are forgiven'. I can understand that. But what is meant by 'whose sins you retain they are retained'?
- A. The mission of Jesus which he passed on to the disciples with the bestowing of the Holy Spirit was twofold. They were to celebrate God's forgiveness of the sinner who truly repented. But they were also to pronounce God's judgement on the sinner who had not repented. In other words, tell people that they are retained in their sinful state, that is, living in sin, until such time as they repent. Calling sin a sin is a job the Church must continue to do even when it is not fashionable or popular.

Celebrations to mark the Tercentenary of the death of Dean Bryan Maguirc

To mark the occasion a number of events are being organised which hopefully will bring home to all of us the immense contribution Dean Maguirc made to the life of the Catholic Church in Ireland during the worst ravages of the Penal Times in the 17th and 18th centuries. He was born in the parish of Termonmagurk, probably in 1635. According to a local tradition Aughnacreggan was the townland of his birthplace. He received a thorough education in Ireland where many of the old Gaelic families cultivated a high standard of learning and in 1660 he was ordained priest. In the early years of his priesthood he ministered as parish priest of Termonmagurk, Errigal Ciaran and Aghaloo. Ten years after Dean Maguirc's ordination, St Oliver Plunkett arrived in Armagh as Archbishop in 1670 and within two years he appointed Bryan Maguirc Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Armagh. Two years later St Oliver Plunkett appointed Dean Maguirc, whom he described as a 'learned and exemplary man', Vicar General of the Diocese of Raphoe and within a few years in 1679 he was appointed Vicar General of Derry. On the 13 February 1713, Dean Bryan Maguirc died in Armagh Gaol.

*There's a story of a martyr At the church they built a monument
Back in the Penal times To that great man and his work
Who gave his life for his belief And every Christian passing by
Like many of his kind Remembers Dean Maguirk*

April Pageant performed by pupils of Dean Maguirc College
July Tour of local sights associated with Dean Bryan Maguirc
August Festival of celebration involving clubs and societies

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 20:19-31:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were afraid? To whom have you been able to bring peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What positive part have doubting and questioning played in your life? How have such moments helped you to know that your life is worthwhile? How have questions and doubts strengthened your faith?
3. Note the way that Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He accepted how he felt and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having to justify every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

The Deep End – Coming Up Next:

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

We are living in a time of great transition for our Church. At the time of writing this, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger had just shocked the world by announcing his decision to resign as Pope, and by the time you read this, it is likely that a new Pope will have been chosen.

The day of the announcement, TV news channels clamoured to put together footage of his pontificate and speculate as to what it all meant, and who his successor might be. Within hours online news sites had produced detailed analyses of his papal legacy. The news was so immediate, yet no one knew how events would unfold.

I think of this fascination with the papacy as I read today's First Reading, where the sick were laid on beds in the streets in the hope that 'the shadow of Peter' might fall across them. I reflect on the vision of John in our Second Reading, where he is instructed to record 'present happenings and things that are still to come'. And I wonder, as I read today's Gospel, how the Spirit is working in our Church at this critical time in its history.

In this Year of Faith we are called to reflect on the mystery of our encounter with the Risen Christ. As the Church journeys, we are each on our own faith journey too. Are we like the disciples hiding in fear? Are we full of joy at an encounter with the Lord, or are we, like Thomas, wracked with doubt? Whatever happens and whatever is to come, it is important that we continue to engage with our faith, to reflect and to journey together.

Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough. Co. Donegal – Retreats in 2013: Tel: 00353 7491 38909 Email: info@ardsfriary.ie Website: ardsfriary.ie Ards Friary is open throughout the year for individuals and groups whether lay, religious, clerical, ecumenical or anyone who wishes to have some quiet time, rest and prayer in beautiful relaxed surroundings. The following retreats are available for 2013:	
Friday 19th – Sunday 21st April	Directed by Bishop Brendan Comiskey <i>Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ (St. Jerome)</i>
Friday 26th – Sunday 28th April	Legion of Mary Retreat
Friday 3rd – Thursday 9th May	Open Retreat (directed by Fr. Dermot Lynch, OFM Capuchin)
Friday 17th – Sunday 19th May	Joe Dalton Healing and Renewal Weekend. Joe suffered depression for 31 years and tried everything medically to be cured. He was though, miraculously healed by God, Joe will share his gift of healing with others, on their journey to knowing God better
Sunday 2nd – Thursday 6th June	Inter-Diocesan Priests' Retreat (directed by Monsignor John Armitage, Brentwood Diocese). <i>To love you is to serve you</i>
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June	Cursillo Renewal Weekend (directed by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn, OFM Capuchin) <i>Christ is counting on You</i>
Monday 10th – Friday 14th June	Transformation Retreat (directed by Fr. Donal Dorr and Dr. Noel Bradley D.Theol)
Friday 21st – Thursday 27th June	Open Retreat (directed by Fr. Francis Maple, OFM Capuchin) <i>Living with Christ through the main events of his life</i>
Monday 1st – Saturday 6th July	Friends of Francis Hogan Reunion
Friday 12th – Saturday 13th July	One Day Silent and Guided Retreat for Women guided by Benedictine Monks of the Abbey of Saint Joseph, France. This retreat reflects Ignatian Spirituality by centering on Jesus with conferences, spiritual guidance and confessions.
Saturday 14th – Friday 19th July	Five Day Silent and Guided Retreat for Men guided by the Benedictine Monks of the Abbey of Saint Joseph. These five-day retreats are a shortened form of the full Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The Exercises are a synthetic and practical presentation of the central truths of the Catholic faith.
Saturday 20th – Wednesday 7th August	Christendom College, USA
Friday 9th – Sunday 11th August	John Pridmore <i>Healing the Wounds of your past</i>
Sunday 11th – Sunday 18th August	Association of Iconographers – Learning to Write an Icon
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd August	Course for priests in the Latin Mass
Monday 26th August – Thursday 1st September	The Foyer of Charity – Five Day Silent Retreat (directed by Fr. Kilian Byrne) <i>If you but knew the gift of God</i>
Thursday 3rd – Sunday 8th October	CURSILLO (men)
Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th October	CURSILLO (women)
Saturday 30th November – Sunday 1st December	Advent Retreat (directed by Fr. Kieran Shorten, OFM Capuchin)