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...family. Rather, they set up a thousand obstacles, mental and practical".

Pre-matrimonial courses are a special expression of preparation that offer engaged couples what may indeed be the sole opportunity to "reflect on their experience in terms that are not banal. Yes, many couples stay together for a long time, also intimately, at times living together, without truly knowing each other", he observed. "Therefore there is a need to re-evaluate engagement as a time to get to know each other and for sharing a plan. ... And focusing also here on the essential point: the Bible, to be rediscovered together, in a conscious way; prayer, in its liturgical dimension, but also in terms of 'domestic prayer' ... in the Sacraments ... in which the Lord comes to reside in the betrothed couple and prepares them to truly accept each other with the grace of Christ; and fraternity with the poor, the needy, which leads us towards sobriety and sharing. Couples who make this commitment both grow, and all this leads to preparing a beautiful marriage celebrated in a different way, not worldly but Christian".

The Pope invited couples to reflect on and repeat to each other the words of the prophet Hosea: "And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord". "May every engaged couple think of this and say to each other, 'I will make you my spouse'. Wait for that moment; it is a moment on a path on which one proceeds slowly, a path of ripening. One must not pass through the different stages too quickly. Ripening takes place in this way, step by step".

Therefore, "the time of betrothal must truly be a time of initiation ... in surprise at the spiritual gifts that the Lord, through the Church, enriches the horizon of the new family that he prepares to live in His blessing".

Pope Francis concluded by asking the thousands of faithful in St. Peter's Square to pray to the Holy Family of Nazareth so that engaged couples may understand the beauty of the path of preparation for lifelong marriage, and greeted couples in the square by wishing them a happy engagement.

Pope Francis' Intentions for June (please remember these in your personal prayer)

Universal – Immigrants and Refugees: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come

Evangelisation – Vocations: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

Foster Carers for the Western Health and Social Care Trust – Information Evenings:

Tues. 9th June, 7.30pm	Conference Room, Main Building, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital
Wed. 12th June, 7.30pm	Patient Education and Exercise Room, South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen
Mon. 15th June, 7.30pm	Scroggy Road Health Centre, Limavady
Wed. 17th June, 7.30pm	Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane
Tues. 16th June, 7.30pm	Cumber House, Claudy
Thurs. 18th June, 7.30pm	Da Vincis Hotel, Derry

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Foyer of Light, Charity and Love 5 Day Silent Retreat – Theme: *If You But Knew the Gift of God.*

Monday 22nd June to Sunday 28th June in the La Verna Retreat Centre, Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal. Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. The retreats address those who search for God, or those who wish to progress in their life of faith, of prayer and their apostolate. Cost: €395, full board.

For more dates, information and bookings contact Helen on (086) 1678 027 • foyerofcharity.ie

The Foyers give authentic spiritual teaching, in a climate of silence, charity, devotion to Mary, which opens souls to conversion, deepens their life with God and forms them for the apostolate. *Pope Paul VI (Wed. 12th Nov. 1975)*

Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage Season: From Friday 29th May to Thursday 13th August. Daily boats to the Island between 10.30am and 3.00pm. Regular pilgrimages throughout the season countrywide. *No need to book. Contact Maureen or Lorraine in Lough Derg direct on 00353 71986 1518 / info@loughderg.org*

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal – Summer Serenity: Wednesday 17th June and 1st July. Join us for an afternoon of food, faith and fun. Hot lunch at 12.30pm followed by a tour of the Celtic Garden and a short healing service and blessing. Music and storytelling until 4.00pm.

€10 / £8 per person • Individuals and groups welcome • Booking Essential (00353) 74938 4866

Loreto Convent Grammar School Reunion: Saturday 20th June at 1.00pm in the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet old school friends. So come along and bring some former classmates with you. *Call Joan on 07934 377 699 Briege on (028) 8076 0667 or Carmel on 00353 87207 0415 • Booking essential*

Parish Liturgy for June, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling Donaghy	Mary Clarke	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of the Faithful	Eimear Bradley	Ryan Clarke	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Michael McNamee	Mickey Beggs Cathal Keenan	Sean McKenna Tony Donnelly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Martina McBride
The Altar Society need volunteers for the months of June and July – can you help?			

Alcohol: The Challenge of Moderation

A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life.

We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community.

We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups.

What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol. If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.

Full text can be read at catholiccommunications.ie

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

Registration of the Religious of the Diocese: Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card.

Thank you!

Working in Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham, the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre will offer the MA in Catholic School Leadership beginning this Autumn. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles within the Catholic School system. An information session will take place in St. Mary's College, Derry on Monday 22nd June at 4.00pm.

If you would like to attend the session or require any further information please contact The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / tferry@derrydiocese.org

World Youth Day: This will be held in Kraków, Poland from Sunday 24th to Sunday 31st July, 2016. If you are aged between 18 and 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at wyd@derrydiocese.org or alternatively, call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087. World Youth Day, founded by St. John Paul II is the largest gathering of its kind in the world. It is celebrated every 3 years, each year moving to a different country, with the Pope presiding over the event. WYD is an excellent opportunity for young people from across our diocese to come together, in fellowship, with other young Catholics from around the world, to share and engage in their faith.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Mark 14:12-16, 22-26: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

- The symbolic gesture of breaking and sharing bread and sharing the cup, that Jesus made at the Last Supper symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely?
- In his encyclical letter Deus Caritas Est Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented.' What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle?
- Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these experiences that you can bring with you to the Sunday Mass?

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*

I have fond memories of spending time over the years with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in her home city of Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. On my first visit there in 1999 I was struck by the seamlessness of what the sisters did in evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the work they were occupied with earlier in the afternoon among those most in need. This is captured beautifully in an addition the order makes to the prayer known as the Divine Praises. Directly after the sisters pray 'Blessed by Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar' they add 'Blessed be Jesus in the poorest of the poor'.

The Deep End – Broken People: *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

Dublin has become the latest city to acquire a 'Homeless Jesus' statue. The sculpture, created by Canadian artist Tim Schmalz, depicts Jesus as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench. The face of the blanketed figure is obscured, but nail marks on his feet reveal his identity.

Homeless Jesus appears to have been presented to Dublin by an anonymous North American benefactor, who is also giving copies to 11 other European cities, including the Vatican. The chosen location in Dublin was the grounds of Christ Church Cathedral, though a competition run by The Irish Times found that readers favoured Molesworth Street at a location near where homeless man Jonathan Corrie died.

Speaking about the work, Schmalz said: 'Jesus did not say "love the wealthy". His ministry was to the suffering and the poor. The heart of Christianity is to love the broken people, and this is where you find Jesus.

Really, it's a visual translation of Matthew 25, where Jesus says that whenever you see the most marginalised, broken people in our society, we should think of him.'

In today's Gospel for the feast of Corpus Christi, Jesus talks about his body that will be broken and his blood that will poured out. It is this 'broken' Jesus that we meet in the Eucharist, and who meets us in our own broken state. It is this broken Jesus who is present in all of us, and who challenges us to love the broken people we meet.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015			
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 30 th August Our Lady of the Wayside	
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Sunday 19 th July		St. Patrick's
	Tuesday 8 th September • Thursday 29 th October		
	Sunday 19 th July		Our Lady of the Wayside
Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates			
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4 th and 5 th July)	Saturday Evening (4 th July)	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday Morning (5 th July)	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Monday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
Saturday 6 th June		Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Tuesday 9th June – St. Columba / Colmcille (abbot and missionary • Second Patron of Ireland) [521-597]**
Born in Gartán, Co. Donegal and was of royal lineage. Studied under St. Finnian of Molville and St. Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries in Derry, Durrow, Iona and possibly Kells. He left Ireland, either for penance or to be a pilgrim for Christ, and Iona became his principle foundation. Columba is noted for his great love for people and for all living creatures.
- Thursday 11th June – St. Barnabas (apostle)** Born on the island of Cyprus. One of the first converts in Jerusalem and preached at Antioch. Became a companion of St. Paul and went with him on his first missionary journey and took part in the Council of Jerusalem. Returned to his native land to preach the gospel and died there.
- Friday 12th June – Sacred Heart of Jesus** Marked the spirituality of St. Bernard of Clairvaux in the 12th century and of St. Bonaventure and St. Gertrude the Great in the 13th.
- Saturday 13th June – Immaculate Heart of Mary** A devotional name used to refer to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people
- St. Anthony of Padua [1195-1231]** A Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. Though he died in Padua, Italy, he was born and raised in a wealthy family in Lisbon. Noted by his contemporaries for his forceful preaching and expert knowledge of scripture, he was the second-fastest canonised saint (after St. Peter of Verona). He is also the patron of finding things or lost people.
- Sunday 14th June – St. Davnet (virgin)** Seems to have lived and died at Tydavnet at Sliabh Beagh, Co. Monaghan. Tradition speaks of St. Davnet as a virgin and she was also regarded as the founder of a church or monastery. A bachall (staff) said to have been hers has been preserved and in the past it was used as a test of truth. *[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]*