

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (7th July, 2013)
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.
You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (8th July, 2013 – 14th July, 2013)

Saturday Evening (6th July) Vigil Mass for Sunday	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass followed by Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed
Sunday 7th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass followed by Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed
Monday 8th July St. Killian (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 9th July St. Augustine Zhao Rong (priest) and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 10th July Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 11th July St. Benedict (abbot and Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 12th July Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass <i>[NOTE TIME CHANGE]</i>
Saturday Morning (13th July) Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
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Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£795**.
Annual Peter's Pence Collection (Pope's Collection): A further **£80** was collected.
Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Donation: Thank you for their recent gift of **£500** to support the work being carried out to care for the cemetery, it is much appreciated

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Jane McDermott**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Annual Ceremony of Public Prayers For the Faithful Departed in our Cemeteries: These will take place on the evening of Saturday 6th July directly after the Vigil Mass in the cemetery at St. Patrick's Church and at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, and the former St. Mary's Church, Broughderg after 11.00am Mass on Sunday 7th July. *Bring holy water with you*

St. Patrick's Church Cemetery: Thank you for your encouragement for and participation in the improvements made over the past year – further work has yet to be completed but we now face the issue of discerning where space might be available for new burials in the cemetery ... local knowledge presently seems scant as the people who might have known the layout of the cemetery well have died. Before hiring the services of expensive sonar equipment to help us detect free space we would like to hear from anyone who might know of unmarked graves that could be verifiably identified before we would seek to layout the cemetery in an orderly fashion. *Please contact Fr. Hasson or the Parish Maintenance Committee before Friday 12th July*

Summer Scheme 2013 – Cinema: Wednesday 10th July.

Greencastle GAA: Due to work taking place at the football grounds the club would ask if parents be extra vigilant when dropping off and collecting children at the various activities taking place over the summer and to ensure that they do not go anywhere near the construction sites. It has also been noted that numbers of young people are attending the hall unsupervised. Please note that for Insurance reasons children are only allowed on the premises as part of a programme, event, football training or games. Thank you for your co-operation.

Next Sundays Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 68; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37; Lectionary I, page 878
Sunday scripture readings cycle [Year C] Weekday scripture readings cycle [Year 1]

Lotto Results: C – F – L – N – O (2 people with 4 letters – £50 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,050

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 6 th July The family of Cathal Keenan	Offertory Gifts Rota Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 7 th July The family of Shea McElhatton
Saturday 13 th July The family of Shea McAleer	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	-----

NOTE: During the summer organised rota will not be followed, instead families are invited to perform this role for us

Prayer for Visiting Graves in a Cemetery Adapted *From Prayers for the Domestic Church by Ed Hays*

God of Abraham and of Moses,
 Lord of the Living, who visited Jesus within His grave and filled Him with the fullness of eternal life,
 hear our prayer this day as we come to the Cemetery at Greencastle, Co. Tyrone.

With reverence, we visit these sacred shrines where the bodies of those whom we have loved are placed,
 within the womb of the earth to await the final day of glory.

We pause in silence to be united with them...pause for silent prayer

Lord, we have come on this pilgrimage of prayer today to keep the flame of love alive within our hearts.

As we read the names of our beloved on these tomb-stones,
 we rejoice because their names have been written for all ages in the palm of Your divine hand.

May the breath of creation that surrounds this grave—
 in trees, grass and earth, birds and sun—
 join us in prayer.

May this pilgrimage today remind us of what we already know:
 that nothing dies; rather, life is only transformed into new life.

Holy are these graves,
 holy this earth that has held in gentle embrace the bodies of all who are buried in this cemetery.

Lord, with reverence, we leave a wreath of worship at these graves today, woven with love, adorned with memories
 and with our faith in the reality of that earthen Easter morning when all the holy dead shall rise in the splendour of Your glory.

Till that day, eternal rest to all buried in this cemetery and to all the holy dead. *Amen*

Were you abused when you were in an Institution? Talk to us - we will listen: The Historic Institutional Abuse Inquiry is an independent inquiry set up to investigate abuse of children in residential institutions (but not schools) in Northern Ireland between 1922 and 1995. Abuse could be sexual or physical abuse, or emotional abuse or neglect. The Inquiry has an Acknowledgment Forum where you can come and tell experienced professionals in private, and in confidence, about abuse you experienced. Another part of the inquiry will investigate abuse, and then make recommendations to the Northern Ireland government. You can choose to talk to both parts, or to either part, of the Inquiry. If you were abused in an institution, or saw others being abused, the Inquiry wants to talk to you. It hopes that as many people as possible who experienced abuse in institutions, or witnessed others being abused, will come forward to help the Inquiry investigate the way these children were treated, and what should be done about it. If you know someone who was abused encourage them to contact us.

*If you want to contact us you can get more information on our website www.hia inquiry.org
 If you live in the UK you can write to us at FREEPOST HIA Inquiry, or ring us at our FREEPHONE number 0800 068 4935
 If you live outside the UK you can write to us at HIA Inquiry, PO Box 2080, Belfast, BT1 9QA, Northern Ireland*

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle but neighbouring groups have asked for our support with a 'Clothing Bank' near to St. Patrick's Church.

Year of Faith Parish Pilgrimage to Mass Rock in Towland of Crouck: As part of our parish efforts to mark the Year of Faith I want to invite you to mark Sunday 4th August in your diary as our day of pilgrimage and reflection, the owner of the land around the Mass Rock site in the townland of Crouck Mr. Barney Gillen has agreed to us celebrating Mass there on that date.
Please keep it free and do what you can to promote this event in our calendar this year – Any assistance will be welcomed

National Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 8th September. Chief Celebrant: Fr. Fintan Monahan. Guest Speaker: Sr Briega McKenna OSC. Guest Singer: Dana. Anointing of the Sick and Rosary at 2.00pm. Mass at 3.00pm.
Email: catholicgrandparents@gmail.com **Tel:** 00353 982 4877 **Website:** catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/

North-West Regional Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock for Year of Faith:
 Sunday 21st July. Bus leaving Greencastle at 8.00am. *For further details contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357*

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Monsignor Danny Monaghan (Wednesday 4th – Wednesday 11th September):
 Price including half board, all taxes and insurance: £499. *For further details please contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357*

With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to colour all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event. *Cardinal John Henry Newman*
 We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story: each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is.... *Pope Francis I*

<p align="center">Pope Francis' Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>General – World Youth Day: That the World Youth Day taking place in Brazil may encourage all young Christians to become disciples and missionaries of the Gospel.</p> <p>Missionary – Asia: That throughout the Asian continent, doors may be opened to the messengers of the Gospel.</p>													
<p>Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts. Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 Fax: 00-353-94-9388295 Email: info@knock-sh.rine.ie Website: knockshrine.ie</p>													
<p>Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 3 and 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family.</p> <p align="center"><i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) // email@familycaresociety.org // familycaresociety.net</i></p>													
<p>Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?</p> <p align="center"><i>For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau</i></p>													
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<p>Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time <i>Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p align="center">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.</p>													
<p>Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 10:1-12, 17-20: <i>John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus sent out his disciples on a mission to let people know 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Recall when you have reached out to another in word or in deed to help them realise that they were cherished, perhaps by a word of sympathy or encouragement, or by giving a hand with a difficult task. What was it like for you to experience yourself as a person bringing help and encouragement to another? Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. When have you found it beneficial not to be working alone, but with another by your side? How did companionship change the experience, or what you were able to achieve? The instructions Jesus gave the disciples suggest appropriate attitudes for the one who 'goes before Jesus'. Let the images speak to you and evoke memories of times when you were welcomed and times when you were not. When have you found that it was good news to have the attitudes Jesus describes? When the disciples returned Jesus warned them not to focus on the thrill of what they had been able to achieve. It was more important that their 'names are written in heaven'. Sometimes we also need reminders that who we are is more important than what we do. Who have been the people who brought this home to you? Have there been experiences that helped you to appreciate this? 													
<p>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.</p>													

Parish Liturgy for July, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Nuala Glass	John Enright	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Caoilean Conway	Eimear Bradley	Peter McKenna
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Brian Gillen Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Maria Morris Kathleen Tracey		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead			
<p>Altar Servers: 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.</p>			

Precious Life Organisation – Coach to Rally for Life: Book your seat NOW on the coach to the massive pro-life rally in Dublin city centre on Saturday 6th July. Various pick-up points in your area. It is vital we all make a stand for life in Ireland this year. **Tel:** (028) 9027 8484 **Email:** info@preciouslife.com

Omagh Forum – Insulation Scheme Promotion: FREE Insulation (loft and/or cavity wall) to those people living in rural areas. First there, first served! The scheme is currently open.

The Deep End – Jesus Send Out the Seventy-Two: *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

If you asked Pope Francis what was the most important day in his life: his pontifical inauguration or his Baptism, what do you think he would say? Well, the correct answer would be his Baptism. As baptised Christians we are all anointed and sent out into the world. In today's Gospel Jesus sends out the seventy-two 'ahead of him' to all the surrounding towns and villages. In all our different roles in society we too are sent out 'ahead of him' as teachers, parents, ministers of various kinds, politicians, educators, social workers, students, nurses, whatever category we want to put ourselves into. The seventy-two in this passage are told to take nothing with them, no airs or graces, no judgements, no prejudices, just to go as they are and to meet the people where they are at.

We are all responsible for our Church, not just a select few. We all have different roles to play, we all have responsibilities. Instead of wondering what is going to happen in the future and why the 'labourers are so few', remember that Jesus sent out the seventy-two ahead of him and expects us all to play our role as leaders, as workers, as ministers, as people of God working together so that the 'Kingdom of God is very near'.

Do not be a "part-time" Christian, at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain choices.
Be a Christian at all times! *Pope Francis*

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

Questions people ask: Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

Q. I want to go to confession after many years but I'm not sure how to go about it. Any advice?

A. Simply come to a priest, tell him your situation and ask him to help you. That's his job, to help you in your relationship with God. He should first pray for your guidance and peace. Then he will gently lead you through the usual areas of our relationship with God in faith, prayer and religious worship. Then look at your relationships with people in honesty, justice, charity, family life, sexual behaviour, anger, speech. Then look at your personal self-control in thoughts and behaviour, your character faults and the things you fail to do. The most important part of the sacrament is to rejoice in the marvellous forgiveness of God.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 25th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	
Thursday 11th July Friday 30th August Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick's
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)

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

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 Auhnacreggan 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 13th 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 Maguirc

July Tour of local sights associated with Dean Bryan Maguirc
August Festival of celebration involving clubs and societies

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:

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)

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

The following priests in our diocese have or will be celebrating special jubilees
Please pray for them and make direct contact with them if you wish

60 years	Fr. Colm Morris	6 th June, 1953	Retired
55 years	Fr. Brian O'Donnell	22 nd June, 1958	CC Maghera
50 years	Fr. Joseph O'Connor	23 rd June, 1963	Retired
	Fr. James McGonagle	23 rd June, 1963	PP VF Culdaff, Co. Donegal
45 years	Fr. Patrick Crilly	15 th June, 1968	Retired
40 years	Fr. Declan Boland	10 th June, 1973	PP Camus (Strabane)
	Fr. Con McLaughlin	10 th June, 1973	PP Donagh (Carndonagh)
	Fr. Francis O'Hagan	9 th June, 1973	PP Magilligan
	Fr. Patrick O'Kane	10 th June, 1973	PP Ballymagroarty
	Fr. John R. Walsh	17 th June, 1973	PP Bunrana
35 years	Fr. John Cargan	11 th June, 1978	PP Steelstown
30 years	Fr. Peter Devlin	12 th June, 1983	PP Malin
	Fr. Brian Donnelly	19 th June, 1983	PP Badoney Upper (Plumbridge)
	Fr. Peter Madden	3 rd July, 1983	PP Desertmartin
20 years	Fr. Roland Colhoun	13 th June, 1993	CC Glendermott
	Fr. Gerard Sweeney	12 th July, 1993	CC Fahan
10 years	Fr. Gerard Mongan	6 th July, 2003	CC Templemore (Derry City)
	Fr. John McDevitt	6 th July, 2003	CC Drumragh (Omagh)

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 8th July – St. Killian (bishop and martyr) Was probably born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With 11 companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and Eastern Franconia. With two others he was put to death c. 688. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurtzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.

Tuesday 9th July – St. Augustine Zhao Rong (priest) and companions (martyrs) St Augustine Tchao, born in 1746, converted to Christianity, was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial also celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Rebellion.

Thursday 11th July – St. Benedict (abbot and Patron of Europe) Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome and early in life was drawn to the monastic life. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb. He soon realised that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose him as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still, the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one “Grand Monastery” to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples. The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor and living together in community under a common father (abbot). Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict. Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation and the Cistercians.

Lough Derg Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage: The last date for entering the island is Friday 13th August. This pilgrimage attracts people of all ages and walks of life, from different cultures and social backgrounds. Stepping outside their ordinary lives and routine, they leave behind many of the trappings of the modern world. Pilgrims will have begun their commitment by fasting from the previous midnight: they follow a set routine of prayers and actions, hallowed by centuries of practice, all the while fasting and walking barefooted. Pilgrims make nine ‘Stations’ during their time on the island. The Station is a mantra-type prayer; allowing pilgrims to get in touch with their real inner selves in a most authentic way. The challenging nature of the fasting vigil and Stations is complemented by excellent communal celebrations in the Basilica.

Derry Diocesan One-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: As part of its Year of Faith initiatives, the Derry Diocese will lead a One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Tuesday 20th August, 9.15am - 4.30pm. It is hoped that as many people as possible will participate in the pilgrimage. Price: €40 (£36) includes boat fare, refreshments, services & lunch.

Contact Lough Derg on: 00353 71986 1518 or email info@loughderg.org

Places are limited to 150, so book in advance