



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (7<sup>th</sup> September, 2014)**

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**Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (8<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2014)**

<b>Saturday Evening (6<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Derry Diocesan Society Members and Benefactors
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Ciaran (abbot)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass: Rose-Ann McGarvey (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (13<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> Exaltation of the Holy Cross [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£1,000** and **£65** loose change.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Mary T. McAneney**, whose Requiem took place in the Rock last Monday. we offer our prayerful to all who mourn her passing; for **Sean Daly** whose Requiem will be held this morning (Sunday) in Dunamore, we offer our prayerful to his wife Geraldine, family Christopher, Ciara and Eugene, and all who mourn for him. We also pray for **Rose-Ann McGarvey**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Stations Masses in October:** Hosting a Station Mass is a long tradition in the life of our Catholic parish communities. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It will be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a Station.

*Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass in their home during October should now book it in the Sacristy in Greencastle*

**Lough Derg Pilgrimages – One Day Retreats and Family Day:** Reservations essential.

Book at the Lough Derg Office.      **Tel / Fax:** 00353 719 861 518   • **Email:** info@loughderg.org

**Child Safeguarding:** If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI/or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities

**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 St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am**). **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.

*Please attend on Monday if you can*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 77; Philippians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17; (Lectionary I, page 996)

**Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

**GAA Lotto Results:** A • C • O • P • S (6 with 4 letters winning £20 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,150

**NOTE: Last week's news sheet contained the wrong names for readers in September – below are the correct names**

Parish Liturgy	St. Patrick's 6.00pm Vigil	St. Patrick's 9.00am	Our Lady of the Wayside 11.00am
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Geraldine McNamee
<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>		<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Trea Clarke</b>	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Aoife Conway</b>

**Pope at Audience: We Are Not Orphans!**

*Vatican City (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September) [zenit.org]*

**Says the Church Is a Mother Who Always Nourishes Her Children, Defends Us From Evil**

*By Deborah Castellano Lubov*

Pope Francis has said Christians are not orphans but have the Church, with Mary as her model, a mother who welcomes, protects and nourishes us, especially through the Word of God.

Speaking to the thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square at this morning's weekly General Audience, the Holy Father underscored that since "Looking to Mary...we Christians are not orphans. We have a mom, we have a mother and this is great. We are not orphans. The Church is mother, Mary and mother."

After urging those gathered to welcome the protection Mary gives us, especially in God's Word, Francis asked: "And who gives us the Word of God?"

"Mary!" he said, adding "This is grand!" because this Word "changes us inside," and "transforms us."

As our "true mother," he said, she not only "gives us life in Christ," but also communion of the Holy Spirit, which "brings us into a common life with all our brothers and sisters."

"If you look to Mary," the Pontiff said, you will "find the most beautiful and tender face of the Church."

Her motherhood, he added, continues through the Church, who brings forth sons and daughters through baptism, whom she nourishes through the Word of God.

"In fact," he continued, Jesus gave the Gospel to the Church to bring forth new life by generously "proclaiming his Word" and "winning other sons and daughters for God, our Father."

By illuminating our path with the light of the Gospel and by sustaining us with the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, Francis said the Church nurtures us throughout life.

This nourishment, he added, enables us to "choose the good," to be "vigilant against evil and deceit," and "overcome the difficult moments of life with courage and hope."

The force of the sacraments and Word of God, with the courage of a Mother, the Pope added, "defends us from evil."

Since we are "all under attack" by Satan, he exhorted faithful to be "on guard," "stand firm in the faith," and "not resist the advice of the mother."

"This is the Church," he continued, "this is the Church that we all love, the Church that I love, a Church has that has at heart the welfare of her children."

As the Church, Pope Francis reminded the faithful, "we are called to live this same spiritual, maternal attitude towards our brothers and sisters," which requires us "to accept," "forgive" and "inspire confidence and hope."

**Family Care Adoption Services:** Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward.

**Adopters Needed Now:** Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015**

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street      (028)8224 2439      accordomagh@accordni.com

**Living With Suicide Day Retreat in Lough Derg:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Retreat is an invitation to people to come to a safe place where they might find some sense of healing and peace in the midst of pain and struggle. It is a day for adults who have been affected by suicide, either through personal loss or with suicidal ideation, or for those ministering to the suicide bereaved or working in support services. Advance booking is essential.

*For further information contact Maureen or Sharon on 071 9861 518 (from NI 00353 71986 1518) or email info@loughderg.org*

**The MARA Project (Maximising Access to Services, Grants and Benefits in Rural Areas):** Could you benefit from a FREE home visit to see if you are eligible for a referral to *Rural Community Transport (EasiLink)*, *Translink Bus Pass*, *Cavity / Loft Insulation*, *Boiler Replacement Grant*, *Home Safety Check*, *Benefits Entitlement Check* or *Support Services*?

Please call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to receive a confidential home visit at a time that suits you.

*The MARA Project is managed from Omagh Forum, Omagh Community House, 2 Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT78 1DP*

**Dún Uladh – Fundraising Concert in Aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Shows starts at 8.30pm

Admission is £10. *Cherish the Ladies* with support on the night from *Stephen Hayden*, *Stevie Dunne* and *Gerard Thompson*.

**Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**Universal:** That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.  
**For Evangelisation:** That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

**Innaugral Garry Pentland Summer School:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Events start at 10.30am and include Mgr. Brendan Devlin talking on the historical importance of Corrick Abbey in Badoney Upper. There will be 4 workshops between 1.30pm and 3.00pm: Local poetry and storytelling; Genealogy - how to build your family tree; Irish speaking in the Sperrins with Ciaran Ó Duibhin and Padraig Ó Baoghill and a Children's environmental workshop. That evening there will be a concert starting at 8.00pm with music from Donegal, Tyrone and Scotland including: Ciara Fox, Scallon Family, Cappagh Badoney Comhaltas, Ray Moore, An Crann Óg, Scottish Pipers and more.  
*More information can be obtained from Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001 or Rosemary Murphy on 07708 567 449*

Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart? *St. Gerard Majella*

**Rural Support:** Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)

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 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October • 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November • 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December • 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January  
 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March • 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April • 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May • 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June  
**Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date**

**Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation** *In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast*  
 The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone. This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.  
**Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)  
**Email:** [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) • **Web:** [drumalis.co.uk](http://drumalis.co.uk)

**Children in Crossfire – North-West 200 Mile Cycle Challenge:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.  
**Route:** Derry - Enniskillen - Donegal town - Derry **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 **Email:** [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org)

**Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season:** Sunday 4<sup>rd</sup> May to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.  
*You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year*

**Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.  
 Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Charles Brown (Papal Nuncio). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick  
 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.

**exploreAway – Explore God's Call for You:** A programme which provides the opportunity for single people between the ages of 21 and 40 who are interested in exploring religious life and the priesthood in a reflective and prayerful environment. Join us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 or on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast, BT13 2RL to find out more about exploreAway. *An informative and relaxed afternoon with some pizza and chat!*  
 Booking is essential – Please call Sr. Gabrielle Farrell on (087) 358 4447 or Fr. Alan on (085) 766 4480  
[exploreAway.net](http://exploreAway.net) [vocationsireland.com](http://vocationsireland.com)

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Readers	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of the Faithful	Clare Tuohey	Brianna Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Tony Donnelly Sean Clarke
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

**Sliabh Sneacht Heritage Centre, Drumfries, Clonmany – Annual Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Lecture:**  
**Title:** The Role of Tip O'Neill • **Date:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September • **Time:** 11.00am

**Musings** *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*  
 This week we remember the centenary of the election of Giacomo della Chiesa as Pope Benedict XV, the man who would be pope for the duration of the First World War. Although largely forgotten today, he spent enormous amounts of money on humanitarian aid for those affected by WWI. When his advisers accused him of squandering the assets of the Vatican, he remarked: 'I believe that what enters this till must quickly leave it. Providence will provide. That is its job.' When he died in 1922 the coffers were almost empty and a loan had to be raised to pay for the ensuing conclave.

**A Farmer's Prayer**  
 Jesus, you are the Bread of Life,  
 Food for our journey,  
 You are the Vine and we are the branches,  
 Drawing our life from you.  
 As we seek to make out living from the land,  
 Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch the beauty of your creation,  
 Renew your love in our hearts.  
 And as we see your plan at work in each season,  
 Bring your peace to our home and to those we love.  
*Amen*

**Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh:** Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.  
*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle  
 Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839*

**Prayer for the Diocese of Derry:** *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*  
 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.**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014			
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September • Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October		
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)	

### 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***

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary** We celebrate the Birthday of Mary, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – St. Ciaran (abbot)** Born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church) [347-407]** One of the four great Greek Doctors, and 'Golden-Mouthed preacher'. He was archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** The discovery of the true cross is dated to 14<sup>th</sup> September, 320. On 13<sup>th</sup> September, 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 18: 15-20:

*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. At the time Matthew was writing his Gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?
2. While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?
3. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?
4. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together?

### The Deep End – 'I Shall Be There With Them:

*Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

Matthew 18 is a discourse on relations within the Christian community and today's Gospel gives some very practical advice about a problem we all encounter: conflict. The beautiful phrase 'you have won back your brother' highlights the importance of resolving our differences with one another; love sometimes involves confrontation. We may involve others to help mediate but only when the first stage has failed. To seek help requires great humility and involving the wider community may seem harsh, but we should not be naïve, lasting peace sometimes requires mediation.

There is an unusual verse referring to tax collectors and Gentiles and the drastic steps that are taken in order to protect the community. Perhaps it is these groups of people who are calling on the community to face facts and to move forward.

Mediation is not an easy task, whether it be a parent dealing with conflict in the family; a diplomat brokering peace-keeping deals in conflict zones; a counsellor journeying with two people; conflict is all around us. Today's Gospel urges dialogue, patience, perseverance and the space to allow grace to enter.

The conclusion of our meditation is not "Jesus tells us to do this," but, "Let us celebrate Jesus at work in the world." We recognise moments of grace when we ourselves lived this teaching, and celebrate the great people who by word and example taught us to live it. *Michel de Verteuil*