

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr
 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Day for Life [Year B] (7th October, 2012)
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Our parish Mission-Retreat weekend has come to an end. We are grateful for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, the prayerful support of so many people and the faithful participation of our parish community in so many aspects of our liturgies. May our faith, nurtured and encouraged during these days, strengthen us on our journey ahead. Thank you.

Liturgical Schedule for the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (8th October, 2012 – 14th October, 2012)

Saturday Evening (6th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Freddie McCullagh (1 st Anniversary)
Monday 8th October In the home of Pat and Caitriona McNulty (Benefreaghan)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Station Mass
Tuesday 9th October St. Denis and Companions	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 10th October Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Thursday 11th October St. Canice	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Station Mass [AVAILABLE]
Friday 12th October Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	7.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary 8.00pm Mass
Saturday 13th October Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	NO MASS THIS MORNING
Saturday Evening (13th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 14th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: John Gerald Conway (2 nd Anniversary)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£905**.

Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.

Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.

Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **John Conway** and **Freddie McCullagh**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

'The Door of Faith is Open – Diocesan Conference to Launch the Year of Faith: Thornhill College, Culmore Road, Derry on Saturday 13th October beginning at 9.30am. Three keynote speakers will address the Conference. Archbishop Charles Brown, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Fr. Michael Drumm. The fee, which includes lunch and refreshments, is £15. Booking is essential. Pick up a booking form in the sacristy or contact Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Hike to Croagh Patrick: Do you fancy a trip to Westport, Co Mayo combined with a hike of one of Ireland's most famous mountains, Croagh Patrick? The trip will be on Sunday 7th October for those aged 16-30 and will cost £15. This fee will include transport from Derry and dinner. For further details or to request a booking form please contact Niall at the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

Catholic Youth Weekend: St. Joseph's Grammar School, Donaghmore for 18 to 35 year olds – 19th to 21st October.
Book online at youth2000.ie or telephone 07598 876 399 for more information

Next Sundays Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89:12-17, r/v 14; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30;
 (Lectionary I, page 810) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: A – B – C – I – R (1 person with 4 letters – £100) **Next Jackpot:** £1,900

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 6 th October The family of Shea McAleer	Offertory Gifts Rota Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 7 th October The family of Sorcha-Rose Meenan
Saturday 13th October The family of Cathal Keenan	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Sunday 14th October The family of Eunan Morris
Saturday 20th October The family of Cathair McAleer	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Sunday 21st October The family of Serene Morris
Saturday 27th October* The family of Kayleagh McCrory	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Sunday 28th October The family of Luke O'Connor
Saturday 3rd November The family of Eoin McCullagh	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Sunday 4th November The family of Lauren O'Neill
* Do This In Memory Week 2		
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task.		

During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation will lead us in praying the Rosary **25 minutes before** the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month.

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please book it in the Sacristy in Greencastle. 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

DATE	TOWNLAND	IN THE HOME OF
Monday 8 th October at 7.30pm	Benefreaghan	Pat and Caitriona McNulty
Thursday 11 th October at 7.30pm	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Monday 15 th October at 7.30pm	Maryville/Sheskinshule	Mary Slane
Wednesday 17 th October at 7.30pm	Formil	Mary Fox
Thursday 18 th October at 7.30pm	Leaghan	Martin and Gemma Fox
Monday 22 nd October at 7.30pm	Evisheession	Sean and Josephine Clarke
Wednesday 24 th October at 7.30pm	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Thursday 25 th October at 7.30pm	Formil	Sean and Michelle Clarke
Monday 29 th October at 7.30pm	Sheskinshule	Leo and Ann Donnelly

Confessions are available 30 minutes before Mass. Thank you to all families who have volunteered to host a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October.

Annual Derry Diocesan Pioneer Mass: Sunday 7th October at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Clonmany.
 Celebrated by Mons. Eamon Martin. *All Pioneers and their friends are invited to attend*

Camowen Farmers Group – Basic computer and APHIS Training: Milestone Centre Carrickmore, Monday 1st October at 8.00pm, be able to register animals online and become familiar with DARD website.
Cost £10 for 2 weeks, further training will be offered if required. Queries to Mary (028) 8076 1339 / 07789 067 231

BADA	Sunday 14th October at 3.30pm	Sponsored Walk. Refreshments in centre on return.
Upcoming Events:	Friday Nights at 8.30pm	Date will be confirmed next week.

Called to the Contemplative life? The Cistercian Community in Portglenone, Co. Antrim will guide a weekend of vocation discernment for men who may feel they have a vocation to the contemplative monastic life 2nd to 4th November.
Details available by calling (028) 2582 1211 or emailing vocations@bethabbey.com

Cappagh Badoney Comhaltas Branch – Annual General Meeting: Sunday 14th October in Rouskey Community Centre at 6.00pm followed by a seisiún.
Everyone is welcome

Feast of the Holy Rosary – Prayer Vigil: Precious Life Ministries ask you to offer up the Rosary on Sunday 7th October (Feast of the Holy Rosary) for the protection of Ireland's unborn children. We also invite you to join us for a Prayer Vigil outside the Dail in Dublin at 3.00pm. Bus leaving Belfast at 12.00pm. Seats are limited so please book now.
For further information please contact Precious Life on (028) 9027 8484

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – New Evangelisation: That the new Evangelisation may progress in the oldest Christian countries.
Missionary – World Mission Day: That the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelisation.

Mission Month October – Together in Faith: This theme focuses on the newly independent Republic of South Sudan. World Missions Ireland (the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies) brings prayers, solidarity and financial help of the Church in Ireland to Christian communities in other parts of the world, especially those in greatest need. Please support.

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. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org

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)

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 under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?
For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net

Tuesday's Child - Upcoming Events
Dublin City Marathon Monday 29th October
 A lovely marathon taking in some of the main tourist attractions in Dublin. To register go to dublinmarathon.ie. For a fundraising pack email us at events@tuesdayschild.org.uk.

Get Active and make it a Win-Win for needy children: Get active, do a sponsored walk or run, swimathon or cycle and change the life of a child today. Lots of sponsored events to choose from or why not organise your own. Everything you raise, we give. No salaries, no administration cost, are taken from funds raised.

Bore Hole for Kariobangi, Nairobi: Most of us take clean drinking water for granted. We can have a glass of clean water at the turn of a tap. Millions of people are not so fortunate. Your loose change can make a difference. Help us raise funds to sink a bore hole in Kariobangi, Nairobi. Further information on tuesdayschild.ie.

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
 12th and 13th October 9th and 10th November 1st and 2nd December 11th and 12th January
 8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March 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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012

Derry Diocesan Society Mass in our Parish Friday 19th October
Friday 2nd November St. Patrick's **8.00pm** Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID): Concerned about your hearing or tinnitus problems? If you would like a hearing check, get advice or get information on services available, come to an Action on Hearing Loss FREE Drop-in Hearing Aid Clinic. Local clinics will be held in the coming weeks as follows:
Derg Valley Healthy Living Centre, Castledearg:
 Tuesday 9th October or Tuesday 13th November between 10.30am and 12noon.
Strule Medical Practice, Health Centre, Omagh:
 Wednesday 17th October or 21st November between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.
 For further details contact Lisa Bullick, Outreach Development Officer
 (tel: (028) 6632 4400, Textphone: (028) 6632 4400, Mobile: 07553 353 980)
actiononhearingloss.org.uk

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.

The YARD Project (Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry) – Catholic Theology for Young People (16 yrs +): A series of interactive discussions exploring what it means to be a young Catholic today. The talks will take place over four weeks (Wednesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm) beginning 19th September. This free course will benefit A-Level Religious Studies students and any young person wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith. For more info or to register, contact Claire on (028) 7126 9113 / claireyard3@btinternet.com

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

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.
See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie || T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295

NVQ Level 2 and 3 Health and Social Care and NVQ Level 3 Business Administration, Training and Work Experience: Available FREE for people out of work. Contact Omagh District Training Consortium on (028) 8224 6535 or email odtc@omagh.gov.uk.

October: Month of Mission (Theme: Growing in Communion): - As we approach October, Month of Mission, the Mission Alive Office of the Irish Missionary Union draws your attention to its programme of events to raise awareness of the life and service of Lay and Religious Missionaries. You are encouraged to celebrate Lay and Religious Missionaries, and their contribution to the global realities they serve, in your parish, with your parishioners and in the school(s) in your parish.
You are invited to access imu.ie or facebook.com/missionmonth

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

Parish Pastoral Councils – Support Programme: As the Year of Faith begins, the 2nd phase of the Support Programme for the introduction of new Pastoral Councils in the diocese is well advanced. Seven parishes are taking part in Phase Two, which appears to be going very well to date.

I am writing to invite your participation in Phase Three of the programme which it is hoped to begin in January 2013 (see attached). The programme will be most suited to those parishes where the parish priest and interested lay members have already given serious consideration to the establishment of a Pastoral Council and where assistance is sought with the process of setting one up.

In order to provide meaningful support and formation, it is expected that the programme will be made available to eight to ten parishes in the third phase. As before, to allow a greater opportunity for learning and development during the programme, it is hoped to enrol at least two parishes from each deanery. If it continues to be successful, the programme will be reviewed and repeated for a further group of parishes in 2014.

Please consider if you and your parish are able to make the following commitments:

- The Parish Priest, other priests (if any), and three lay delegates from the Parish are prepared to attend a Study Day (on Saturday 19 January 2013) and to form a co-ordinating team for the introduction of a Pastoral Council in the Parish.
- The co-ordinating team will arrange the proposed Introductory Weekend for the parish during early February 2013, with prayers during the weekend and an explanatory homily at all Masses.
- The questionnaire on 'The Life and Future of our Parish as a Living Faith Community' will be distributed, collected and analysed before the end of March 2013.
- A Parish Assembly will be held and first members of the Pastoral Council selected in or around April - June 2013 in accordance with the Diocesan Norms.
- The first members of the new Pastoral Council will attend a residential weekend formation programme to be arranged during September-October 2013.
- The Co-ordinating team will participate in evaluation and review of the programme for the benefit of development of the programme.
- The costs of the programme will be met by the parish. *Monsignor Eamon Martin (Diocesan Administrator)*

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Gratitude has been expressed for your support of the clothes bank located in the car park at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. *Their clothes shop is in Castle Street, Omagh*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 9th October – St. Denis and Companions Beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258, later buried at Montmartre. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, one of the Patron Saints of France.

Thursday 11th October – St. Canice [527-603] Born in Co. Derry. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under Finnian and at Glasnevin under Mabhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Columba with whom he worked for a time in Scotland where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory but this was replaced centuries later by his Church in Kilkenny.

Sunday 14th October – St. Callistus I (pope and martyr) After a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences he was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus. Later died at the hands of a mob in 222. [Not celebrated this year]

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 10:2-6: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. Marriages do break down, but in this story Jesus appears as the wise person urging people to seek first the original harmony where possible, rather than seek escape routes when difficulties arise. When have you found that, in marriage or in other relationships, the bonds have been strengthened when you have been prepared to work through difficulties?
2. There are other things that we needlessly and wrongly put in opposition: young and old, male and female, people from different cultures, body and soul. Perhaps at times you have discovered the advantages of exploring the richness in combining such apparently exclusive opposites.
3. The children in the second story can be taken as representing any group of 'little ones' whose opinion we may be inclined to dismiss. When have you found that you have been taught an important lesson about life, about love or about faith by people whose views you had been inclined to dismiss?

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

- Q. In a Catholic paper I read something about a Year of Faith. Can you please tell me more about it.
- A. Pope Benedict has often voiced his concern about a profound crisis of faith, especially here in Western Europe, now the least religious area in the world. He is inviting us to a Year of Faith as a time to rediscover the content of faith and to renew our commitment to Jesus Christ. This year begins on 11 October, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. May it be a blessed time of renewal in our lives.

The Deep End – The Little Ones: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

In today's Gospel Jesus is being tested with a controversial question on remarriage. 'Is it legal...?' This is an honour/shame spectacle deigned to test Jesus on his interpretation of the Torah. Jesus immediately tries to take his questioners beyond the letter of the Law. He reminds us of God's creation and the harmony that exists or that should exist in the world around us. While the questioning refers specifically to remarriage, Jesus' response is that we are all equal and should strive to stay away from all that causes disharmony.

The story of the little children may appear a separate incident but it again involves human relationships. The word 'children' meaning 'little ones' is not referring solely to children but to those in society who are considered 'little'. What does Jesus do for them? He welcomes the rejected, he blesses them, he shows us that they are unique and that they each have something to teach us.

'Lord, there are many things in life which you have made complementary, not two, but together forming one reality: young and old in a community; men and women in relationships; people of different cultures in our one world; body and soul within each of us. It is difficult to make this unity, and so we allow ourselves to divorce these things from each other. We see them as opposed and in competition. We thank you for Jesus who taught us that it was not so at the beginning of creation, and what you have united we human beings have no right to divide'. *Michael de Verteuil*