



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

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

Third Sunday of Lent [Year B] (8th March, 2015)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week of Lent [Year B] (9th March – 15th March)

Saturday Evening (7th March)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 9th March Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	7.00am Mass
Tuesday 10th March Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 11th March St. Aengus (Oengus) (bishop and abbot)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 12th March Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 13th March Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	6.30pm Confessions (Year 4) 7.30pm Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Mass: Tish Ward (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday Morning (14th March) Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (14th March)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: John Tuohey (7 th Anniversary)
Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection of **£975.31** with **£14.69** in loose change.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Rose Kirk** whose requiem took place last Tuesday. We extend our prayerful support and sympathy to her family, and all who grieve her passing. We also pray for **Tish Ward**, whose anniversary occurs at this time

She must be a woman known for her good works, whether she has brought up her children, been hospitable to strangers and washed the feet of God's holy people, helped people in hardship or been active in all kinds of good work. *1 Timothy 5:10*
Trócaire's Lenten Campaign – Week 3: Sunday 8th March is International Women's Day, we remember the countless women who are supported by Trócaire in the developing world who work tirelessly to improve their communities, often at great personal risk.
Find out how you can help at trocaire.org/lent

Lent 2015 – Some Practical Suggestions: There are many ways to keep a good Lent, here are a few suggestions:
 Try to abstain from a particular food or pleasure • Do something extra, like attending the Monday evening Retreat in Strathroy or visiting the sick • Spend some time reflecting on your own baptism...asking God to renew the gifts you have already received • Take part in penitential services and Station of the Cross • Whatever you do or give up, do it with joy and moderation.

Columba Community – Christ With Me: St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot on Sunday 15th March from 11.00am to 4.00pm. A day of quiet prayer and reflection led by Brieger O'Hare, a qualified spiritual director. The day will end with Mass celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin.
Booking is essential • 00353 74936 8370 • Cost: €12 / £10 (includes a light lunch)

GAA Cultural Night: Monday 6th April (Easter Monday). *For further information contact Michael Coyle*

John Paul II Awards 2015 Recipients: Congratulations to the following parishioners who will receive their awards in Armagh on Wednesday 11th March. Thanks to Eimear Bradley for sharing. Eimear Bradley • Claire Coyle • Michael McElhatton

Dalradian Gold Limited (DGL) – Environmental Sampler Needed: The post holder will work alongside the Environmental Engineer for the company. Please contact Angela Coney at aconey@dalradian.com or call (028) 8224 6289 for a copy of the job description. Closing date for CV's is 5.00pm on Wednesday 11th of March.

A civilisation can sustain itself if it respects wisdom, the wisdom of the elderly. On the contrary, a civilisation in which there is no place for the elderly or in which they are discarded because they create problems ... carries the virus of death. *Pope Francis (Wednesday 4th March)*

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 chronicles 26:14-16, 19-23 • Psalm 136, r/v6 • Ephesians 2:4-10 • John 3:14-21; (Lectiary I, page 281)
Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]

GAA Lotto Results: G • J • L • P • T (1 with 4 letters winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £4,400

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 7 th March* The family of Matthew McGlinchey	Offertory Gifts Rota Third Sunday of Lent	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 22 nd March The family of Shona McKenna
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First Confessions (Reconciliation) is scheduled for Friday 13th March at 6.30pm

Thanks to all who participate in the life and work of our parish faith-community. ***Do This In Memory Week 6**

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Wednesday 1st to Monday 6th July – Nurses Needed: If you are a nurse and would like to travel with the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes application forms and further information are available from the Pilgrimage Office. Application forms are still available for Pilgrims who are in need of medical / nursing assistance.
Forms can be obtained by calling the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 71260293 and should be returned at the earliest convenience

Ard's Retreat Centre, Donegal – Derry Search Weekend: Search is a faith based programme designed to provide young people aged between 15 and 19 with a dynamic experience of the Catholic faith. The retreat weekend is based on the methods of St. Don Bosco, and consists of a well-balanced combination of talks, discussions, skits, games, socialising and fun. Young People participate in the Search program for various reasons; some go to experience something different, others to find friendship; some come with a strong faith while others are questioning God's very existence. Search is an opportunity for you to explore your own faith journey and take a deeper look at who you really are!
Please join us for an experience that you will never forget!

Date: Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March (bus leaving at 7.00pm) • **Cost:** £40 (includes transport / food and accommodation)

We understand the cost of this weekend may be a barrier for many young people, but

please do not let finance be a reason to miss out on this amazing opportunity

Email: bryan@derrysearchyouthgroup.org • **Mob:** 0044 7564 032130 or Onagh 07711 707 365

Web: derrysearchyouthgroup.org • Find us on Facebook

What does it mean to forgive? Should we forgive? Who should be forgiven? Is forgiveness a step too far?

These are some of the questions being explored at a discussion series on the theme of 'Forgiveness' taking place at the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown, over three consecutive Thursdays, starting on 5th March at 7.00pm, organised through the Irish Churches Peace Project.

Award winning film, 'A Step too Far? – a contemplation on forgiveness' by local film-maker Paul Moorhead will be shown in three parts across the three weeks, followed by guest speakers and discussion. The film explores the Amish community in the USA and their approach to forgiveness, and includes interviews with a number of people closer to home, including Alan McBride, who lost his wife in the Shankill bomb, and Brian Lennon, Jesuit priest and community activist, who has recently written a book on forgiveness.

Speakers will include Peter McBride, Director of the Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health; former loyalist prisoner Alistair Little, whose journey from political violence to peace-building was the subject of award-winning film "Five Minutes of Heaven," starring Liam Neeson and Jimmy Nesbitt; and Denise Mullen, whose father was shot at the family home near Moy in 1975 when she was only four years old.

Reverend Andrew Rawding, Chair of Cookstown & Dungannon Clergy Forums, explains, "This is a great opportunity, as we approach Easter, to explore the journey of forgiveness, which is at the heart of Christianity."

ICPP is an initiative of the Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches, and the Irish Council of Churches, set up to promote reconciliation in our communities through churches working together. Further information is available at www.icpp.info, or to find out more about this event, contact Emily Brough, Good Relations Officer with the ICPP at atemily@icpp.info or 0784 177 6868.

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.
Please familiarise yourself with the policy by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile. (028) 8225 1116

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – iPads Writing Project for Parents and Pupils: Tuesday 10th March from 7.00pm to 8.15pm for 4 to 6 weeks. This can be a great learning experience for all participants.
For more details contact Mr. McGinn

Southwest College, Dungannon Campus – Engineering Careers Fair: Friday 27th (10.00am-3.00pm) and Saturday 28th March (9.00am-3.00pm). If you are thinking about a future in engineering or actively job-hunting this is the fair for you!

For more info call (028) 8772 0628 or email get.engineering@swc.ac.uk

No monk should ever defend another in the monastery. Nor should he take sides in an argument.... We decree that no one should be permitted to ostracise or to strike any one of his brothers; and if any monk should break this rule, let him be publicly reprimanded, that the others may learn from his mistake. Rule of St. Benedict In two consecutive passages, St. Benedict outlines how a monk should respond when he encounters discord in his community. He should not lash out, even if he feels justified. And he should not choose a side, even though he may think he knows all the facts. Instead, he should listen—as he is compelled to do by the opening words of the Rule itself: he "inclines the ear of his heart" (Prologue, 1.1).

Pope Francis' Intentions for March (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Scientists: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.
Evangelisation – Contribution of Women: That the unique contribution of women in the life of the Church may be recognised.

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Colleges of Education – Mass for Class of '71: St. Mary's, Falls Road on Friday 27th March at 6.00pm in the College Chapel. Were you or a relative a student teacher who commenced their course (Cert Ed, BEd or Post Grad) in St Mary's or St Joseph's Colleges of Education, Belfast in September of 1971? A Mass followed by tea will be held to celebrate 40 years associated with the Colleges as Alumni and to remember deceased friends and classmates.
For more info call John on 07701 336 308

TinyLife – Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies: Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.
Our Volunteers: All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.
How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer? Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.
Next Training Dates: Saturday 9th, Saturday 16th and Saturday 30th May

Thornhill Ministries' Team – Supporting Parish Liturgy Series 1: 9th 16th and 23rd March in the Fir Trees Hotel, Melmount Road, Strabane. A six week workshop programme for members of liturgy teams, pastoral councils, and those who have an interest in supporting the liturgical life of the parish. Cost £40. Facilitators are Sr. Perpetua McNulty and Sr. Marie Wiley.
To book call (028) 713 51233 or email thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org • Module 2 will follow in the Autumn

Those who graduate through Alcoholics Anonymous are warned of, among many things, the dangers of complacency, of describing yourself as cured. The programme of AA does not promise to turn you into someone who no longer drinks, but only to help the alcoholic to resist the first drink, one day at a time.
From the book Lapsed Agnostic by John Waters

The pope said that the Holocaust should teach “new generations” that “only the difficult path of listening and dialogue, love and pardon” can lead to “fraternity and peace in truth.”
He expressed his prayer that the Holocaust be a warning for everyone: "May the Shoah teach especially, as much the old generations as the new ones, that only the tiring path of listening and dialogue, of love and pardon, leads peoples, cultures and religions of the world to the desired encounter of fraternity and peace in the world. May violence never again humiliate the dignity of man!"

Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your behaviours. Keep your behaviours positive because your behaviours become your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.
Mahatma Gandhi

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses
St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Card Playing: Every Friday night at 8.30pm.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Wednesday 1st to Monday 6th July. Gift vouchers are available from the Thornhill Centre (028) 7135 1233 and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre (028) 7136 2475.
Vouchers can be used as part or full payment towards the pilgrimage

Parish Liturgy for March, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Nuala Glass	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of the Faithful	Emma Clarke	Peter Fox	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Michael McElhatton John Bradley	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs, Joanne Beggs and Mary McKenna		Anne McDermott Patricia Donnelly

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Wednesday 11th March – St. Aengus (Oengus) (bishop and abbot) Was a monk in Clonenagh, Co. Laois, who came to the monastery at Tallaght at the end of the eighth century during the abbacy of Maelruain to spend a period under his direction. He was renowned for his devotion to both foreign and native saints and composed two martyrologies. He returned to Clonenragh where he became abbot and bishop. Died around 830.

Youth 2000 – Weekend Retreat: Friday 27th to Sunday 29th March at the Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny. For young adults between the ages of 16 and 35. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all under 18. Meals and accommodation is on site.
For more details visit youth2000.ie or call 07598 876 399

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs:
Saturday 14th March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

Couples Preparing to Celebrate Marriage in Northern Ireland: You are asked to note that the period of notice for marriage, which is required by civil law, is increasing from a minimum of 14 days to a minimum of 28 days, with effect from 2nd March. Couples must give at least 28 days notice of marriage to the civil Registrar local to the place where marriage is to be celebrated.

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2014 Parish Statistics				
Baptisms 8 Boys 8 Girls	Confirmations 4 Boys 7 Girls	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation 7 Boys 8 Girls	Marriages 5 within parish 5 outside parish	Funerals 22
Station Masses in October 5	Parish Pilgrimage Sunday: This was marked with our pilgrimage to the Mass Rock at Dorville on Sunday 3 rd August where our special guest and main celebrant was our new bishop, Bishop Donal McKeown on his first visit to the parish. We have now completed our series of pilgrimages to the Penal Mass sites located within our parish boundaries. <i>Thank you for sharing your photographs</i>			

Musings
Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)
In many ways, we have become far too familiar with the image of the crucified Christ and fail to appreciate just how scandalous an idea it was at the time that one might worship someone who died as an executed criminal. The scandal can only be fully perceived if we think of the cross as the ancient world's equivalent of the hangman's noose or the electric chair. We need to think a little more of the figure of Christ on death row. The cross should never be an easy image for us to simply take for granted.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *John 2:13-25:*
John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

- In the Old Testament the privileged place of God’s presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.
- But we are the Body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others)?
- There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.
- We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God’s presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you look for hope in such circumstances?

The Deep End – *Seal for Your House Will Consume Me:*
Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Jesus is overcome with fierce love and passion in today’s Gospel because of the injustice he sees before him. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that people could meet the requirements to be ‘closer’ to God. This model needed challenging. They have turned what should be a place of sacredness into a place where what is important is monetary value.

What temples have we turned into market places today? Our world is driven by consumerism and profit at the expense of our environment and at the expense of the resources of the world’s poorest people. The Book of Creation is now speaking to us to stop making this house a market place. Climate change is having adverse effects on our weather systems here in Ireland and in the poorest regions of the world. Let us pray this Sunday that ‘zeal for Your house will consume’ us, that we will take the necessary steps to ensure a more sustainable world for all. World leaders are working towards a global treaty on climate change but they are not agreed on how to cut emissions to sufficient levels. They need encouragement.

“May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace... And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all”.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015		
Sacramental Celebrations	Friday 13 th March	St. Patrick's 6.30pm First Confession
	Sunday 26 th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	St. Patrick's 2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	Sunday 17 th May Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's 11.00am First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 3 rd May St. Patrick's
		Sunday 30 th August Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Monday 6 th April • Friday 29 th May • Sunday 19 th July	
	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 7 th March		Second Week of Lent 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 13 th March		Third Week of Lent 6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 28 th March		Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 18 th April		Third Sunday of Easter 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 17 th May		Feast of the Ascension of the Lord 11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 6 th June		Feast of Corpus Christi 6.00pm Vigil Mass