

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (8th August, 2021)
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Thought for the Week: "Despite what Christians have often been taught, prayer is not a technique for getting things, a pious exercise that somehow makes God happy, or a requirement for entry into heaven. It is much more like practicing heaven now by leaping into communion with what is right in front of us." *Fr. Richard Rohr OFM*

Saturday 7th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Deceased Members of the O'Hagan Family (Brackagh South) (Anniversary)
Sunday 8th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Mass
Monday 9th August St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (virgin and martyr)	Gortin / YouTube	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 10th August St. Laurence (deacon and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Wednesday 11th August St. Claire (virgin)	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Adoration
Thursday 12th August St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Friday 13th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Saturday 14th August St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Ita McDermott (3rd Anniversary)
Sunday 15th August Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am 11.00am	Mass Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS **18th July:** £800 **25th July:** £810 **1st August:** £1,025 *Thank you*

Wedding: We offer our best wishes and prayers to *Ruaraidh MacInnes (Lissan) and Celene McAleer (Broughderg)* who shared the Sacrament of Matrimony with each other Saturday 17th July in Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of the **O'Hagan Family (Kathleen, Paddy, Niall, Thomas and Patrick)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for **Bridie Harries and Jane Bradley**, recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society and all who have died recently due to Covid-19.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: The festival is primarily taking place online! All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch, engage with and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety. However, in line with government and church regulations, this year we are able to add in-person elements. These in-person elements will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland with slightly different formats in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to ensure that all activities are in line with relevant government regulations there. *For all info and register visit youth2000.ie*

Trócaire – Guapinol 8: Water Defenders: Join Trócaire at the Gasyard Féile to find out about the case of the 'Guapinol 8', who were detained in Honduras for peacefully resisting the exploitation of their community's river by a mining company. Almost two years later, they remain in pretrial detention. *Thursday 12th August at 1.00pm • Watch online at youtube.com/feilemediaderry*

Walk with Zest in Remembrance of Imelda Saturday 18th September.
 Leaving Greencastle Hall at 3.00pm and walking over Mullydoo Road, onto Crockanboy and up via Chapel.
Donations welcome as we carry our buckets • Everyone welcome

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992

Next Week's Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8 • Psalm 33:2-9, R/ v 9 • Ephesians 4:30-5:2
 John 6:41-51 • Lectionary 1:785 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Townland Mass Rota

Saturday 7th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Sunday 8th August	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Formil
Saturday 14th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
Sunday 15th August	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
Saturday 21st August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil
Sunday 22nd August	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Saturday 28th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
Sunday 29th August	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Sheskinshule, Crockanboy

Dromantine Retreat Centre – Retreat and Workshops: *Offered by Fr. Hugh Lagan SMA*

Called by a New Name Sunday 3rd October, 5.00pm – Friday 8th October, 9.30am. *£420 / €490*
 Retreat Refocus, recharge and reconnect in a post-pandemic world.

Broken Open Friday 19th November, 5.00pm – Sunday 21st November, 2.00pm. *£200 / €230*
 Workshop How difficult times can help us grow.

For enquiries and reservations call 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964 or email admin@dromantineconference.com

Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor "Summer Fun Soccer Academy": Monday 16th to Thursday 19th August at Campsie Playing Fields, Omagh – for boys and girls aged 5 to 18 years. 10.00am to 3.00pm daily.
For bookings and more info call Sean Davis FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach on (028) 7126 3044

Holy Trinity College, Cookstown – Sixth Form Enrolment: Offering a wide range of A Level Academic / Applied Subjects, BTEC Nationals, Enrichment and Leadership Opportunities. Key Dates. Thursday 12th August: Contact the College to seek advice about joining Sixth Form and to download an Application Form. Wednesday 25th August: All interested students and parents / guardians are welcome to attend the Post 16 Open Morning from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Speak to our Teaching Staff and Careers Team about your chosen subjects. Visit holytrinitycollege.org for Year 12 to Post 16 Transition Overview on all available subject courses and to download an application form.
Application Forms May be forwarded in advance to the College or contact the College on (028) 8676 2420

Drink Wise, Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?
For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240

Preparing our Parishes for the Future: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle in England shared the following reflection with the people of the diocese several years ago. It is relevant to ourselves in the parishes of Greencastle and Badoney Lower as we look forward in hope to the future.

The reasons for the increasing decline and diminishment in the number of churchgoers are complex, and beyond the scope of this reflection. There has been a gradual dissolution of the distinctive Catholic subculture. It has not been sudden and has taken place over a number of decades. We have attempted 'business as usual', but the fall in the number of priests is one of the triggers that makes us realise that the system in which we grew up is no longer sustainable. The underlying questions around 'How do we ensure that our Church is viable and flourishes in our area and how can we organise it?' are being faced in different ways around the world. The retired bishop of Aliwal in South Africa, for example, would say: 'Passive communities look to the priest or priest-substitute to provide services to them. Active communities are those where, through a tradition of community building, teams of well-trained leaders involve the whole community in taking responsibility for all the essential tasks of the Church's life and lack only the ability to celebrate the Eucharist.' (Forward together in Hope – Preparing the Way).

During the coming few weeks I will be meeting with the Pastoral Councils of both our parishes to present some ideas and proposals on how we can prepare for the changing circumstances of the immediate future. Please pray for Bishop Donal, priests and people as we discern what the Lord is calling on us to do in the immediate to long term future.
 St. Patrick pray for us *Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*

Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)

Evangelisation – The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Accord Counselling Services: Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:

Tel: (028) 90941690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):

Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies
Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)

SUSE+ New Courses: Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can offer help and support to get into further education, training and employment. We complete job searches, CV building, interview preparation.

Mentors work 1-to-1 with participants to help secure opportunities in the local area.

New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success and Wellbeing, Digital Skills, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management and Business Administration.

For more information email tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk or call 074 3653 3475

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage

2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people

4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth

6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

Towards Peace: A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.

Website: towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@iecon.ie

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.

Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by

Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt
Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action

Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk

To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

Epilepsy Action NI: Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?

Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn, 2021.

For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Mid Ulster Agewell: Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org

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

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 / 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. *See poster at entrance*

Prayer for the End of the Virus: Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster? Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.

To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit barnardos.org.uk/foster

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

What is Spiritual Communion? It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000
6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people
3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people
The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics
7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?
In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.
The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.
Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s
The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.

You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)

Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)

'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)

Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". Pope St. John Paul II

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.

If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

Certificate in Christian Thought: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more.
Full details are available at derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought

A Prayer for Now: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 12th August – St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious) [1572-1641] At the age of twenty she married Baron de Chantal but after nine years she was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St. Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.

Saturday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941] A Conventional Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.

Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011

Catholic Engaged Encountered – Online Marriage Preparation Course via Zoom:

Planned for Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

For more information and to book call (028) 2763 8512 or visit marriageencounter.ie

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:

John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We must be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?
2. When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?
3. 'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love today is mediated to us through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of a sacrament?
4. The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?

The Deep End – Uphill Struggle:*Triona Doherty (trionad@gmail.com)*

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/ When the road you're trudging seems all uphill...'

At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life - more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.

The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. *Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium)*

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	Baptisms	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	First Communion	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	Weddings	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	Deaths and Burials	8