

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughgerrig**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (8<sup>th</sup> September, 2013)**  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (9<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 – 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2013)**

<b>Saturday Evening (7<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: John Heagney (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: McCullagh's (deceased family members) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Ciaran (abbot)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Morning (14<sup>th</sup> September)</b> Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (14<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	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 to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,040**.  
 Please support your parish by using your envelope each week and especially if for some reason you must attend Mass outside your parish. Our parish depends upon your envelope contribution for our material support, thank you.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **John Heagney**, whose anniversary occurs now.

**Dún Uladh's Traditional Music Classes:** Begins Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. There will be an open evening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm to try out the various instruments and to talk to tutors. Registration will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Contact **Dún Uladh** for more information on (028) 8224 2777 / sinead@dunuladh.ie

**Parish Stations:** If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle for available dates. Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our parish communities in the Catholic Church. 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 would be a blessing on our whole community if one family in each town-land were willing to host a 'Station'.

**New Candelabra:** This has been placed in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle for a trial period.  
 Take great caution when lighting your prayer candles – the electronic candelabra is still available

**Foyle Hospice Coffee Mornings:** Please support Foyle Hospice and take part in Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at home, work, school or church. Contact Foyle Hospice (028) 7135 9888 for your coffee morning pack supplied by Bewleys. Foyle Hospice will host a coffee morning in the Guildhall, Derry on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am to 3.00pm.

**Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Quinn Clan Gathering:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Registration fee £55. 3 Talks/Lectures Refreshments, bus trip and lunch provided. Booking advised (028) 8775 7800/kathleenburnsill@gmail.com

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

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** Includes a trip to Balasar, the home of Blessed Alexandrina Maria Da Costa. Leaving from Derry on the 10<sup>th</sup> October to the 17<sup>th</sup> October all inclusive. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Conlon. 7 places left, Susan Lynch (028) 7126 9561

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1, 32; Lectionary I, page 906  
**Sunday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year C] • Weekday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year 1]**

**Lotto Results:** L • O • S • V • Z (2 people with 3 letters winning £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,500

**Offertory Gifts:** As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the school.

**What can you volunteer to do in your parish?** Thank you to everyone who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community. *We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats:** A guided day of prayer, reflection and renewal. The morning includes Rosary and Way of the Cross as well as Prayers of Intercession and Healing of Memories. The afternoon offers an opportunity for quiet time and personal prayer and ends with a celebration of Eucharist. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**A Day of Support – Living with Suicide:** Offering you the Gift of Hope, Lough Derg, Co Donegal. Living with Suicide is a day dedicated to supporting those who have been affected by suicide, either through personal loss or with suicidal thoughts and for those who minister to the suicide bereaved or working in support services.  
 The Living with Suicide Programme is a guided day and presents three areas of focus:  
**Talk 1:** Dealing with grief, loss and bereavement through suicide [Speaker: Paul Kelly, Founder Director, Console]  
**Talk 2:** Restoring Faith: The Journey Beyond Shame [Speaker: Bronagh Starrs, BA DIP Psychotherapy, MIAPIP]  
**Talk 3:** Beginning the pilgrimage from heartbreak to hope [Speaker: Christy Kinneally, well-known Irish speaker, writer, and broadcaster. Well known for his wisdom and compassion in the area of bereavement. He has ten books in print]  
 To find out more about the day or to book, €40 per person, please contact Maureen at Lough Derg on (071) 9861 518 / (028) 6863 2391 [from NI] or email info@loughderg.org. Bookings can also be made online at loughderg.org/events/book/570

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – The 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. [Not celebrated formally this year]

**Monday 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.

**Friday 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.

**Saturday 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 Saint 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.

**Never Kill Your Neighbour With Words** *Vatican City (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September) [zenith.org]*  
**At Mass in Santa Marta Pope Francis Speaks Against Weapon of Gossip/Badmouthing:**  
 Pope Francis today resumed celebrations of Mass with Vatican employees in the Casa Santa Marta, drawing from today's readings to preach against gossip. "Where there is God there is no hatred, envy or jealousy, and there is no gossip that can kill," the Pope said, as reported by Vatican Radio. The liturgy today presents Luke's account of Jesus' meeting with the people of Nazareth. When Jesus told them they lacked faith, they became furious, "rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong" (Luke 4:16-30) Thus, the Holy Father pointed out, a situation that had started off with admiration was to end with a crime: Their jealousy and envy led them to want to kill Jesus. "This kind of thing happens every day in our hearts, in our communities," the Holy Father observed. And he proposed the example of when someone new enters a community, on the first day, he said, people speak well of him; on the second not so well; and from the third on, gossip and badmouthing starts to spread and they end up "skinning him." We are used to gossip, he continued, "but how many times our communities, even our families have become a hell in which we criminally kill our brother with words." A community, a family, the Pontiff said, can be destroyed by envy that sows evil in the heart and causes one to speak badly of the other. In these days, Pope Francis added, days in which we are speaking so often of peace, we see the victims of weapons, but we must also reflect on our daily weapons: "badmouthing and gossip." "So that there is peace in a community, in a family, in a country, in the world, we must be with the Lord," he said. "And where the Lord is, there is no envy, there is no criminality, there is no hatred, and there are no jealousies. There is brotherhood. Let this be our prayer to the Lord: never kill your neighbour with words."

**South West College – Photography Course:** EDEXCEL BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Photography (QCF). The course is designed to prepare you for a variety of careers across the photographic industry though gaining the skills and knowledge currently most in demand in Industry. It will provide you both with specific practical and professional skills, and transferable skills in analysis, organisation, design, teamwork, and communication.  
**Email:** brian.lalsingh@swc.ac.uk    **Tel:** 0845 603 1881    **Facebook:** SWC Photography & Digital Imaging

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013** (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie  
 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November, and 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street  
 Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

**Thought for the Week:** The goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together.

**Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**General – Silence:** That the men and women of our time, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and learn to listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.  
**Missionary – Persecuted Christians:** That Christians who suffer persecution in many parts of the world may be prophets of the love of Christ by their testimony.

When Pope Francis calls you up on the phone Beppe Severgnini, a noted humourist and columnist, suggested in his newspaper that this is how you should respond:

- Listen first, then talk, and if the conversation permits, ask the soccer-mad Francis about the recent friendly between Italy and Argentina.
- Always ask how Benedict XVI is doing. 'It'll make him happy,' Severgnini noted. Francis frequently refers fondly to his 86-year-old retired predecessor who is living on the other side of the Vatican gardens.
- Avoid touchy subjects like Vatican policy or scandal.
- Don't ask for any favours.

**International Gathering Conference 2013 hosted by Pioneer Association – The Spirit That Sets Us Free:**  
 Overcoming Addiction All Hallows College, Drumcondra Dublin 9 Saturday and Sunday, 28-29 September 2013  
 Speakers include: Campaigner for Social Justice, Fr Peter McVerry, SJ Fr James Harbaugh, SJ, American author of A Twelve-Step Approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, Majella Coyle - Addiction Counsellor, White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre, Plus open forum discussions, a service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinners and evening entertainment on the Saturday provided by harpist and singer, Deirdre Seaver, and a host of traditional Irish musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann. Mass on Sunday will be celebrated by Most Rev Diarmuid Martin, DD, Archbishop of Dublin at noon. TICKETS: €70.00 per person. Credit Card bookings being taken on 01 874 94 64 For the full itinerary and more information, please contact the Pioneer Association by email at pioneer@jesuit.ie or visit our website www.pioneerassociation.ie

**Creation Time – Why Water Justice?** *Fiona Murdoch (Communications Officer, Eco-Congregation Ireland)*  
 Justice should flow down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream. *Amos 5:24*  
 We can no longer continue to live as if there was an infinite supply of clean, usable water while people in developing countries suffer from malnutrition or starvation as the result of droughts caused by climate change. The rest of God's Creation is deeply impacted too, including animals, birds, fish and plants.  
 This year's Creation Time theme of 'Water Justice' encourages us to worship the God of justice with the hope that water justice will flow like a river and eco-righteousness will permeate our hearts and minds like an overflowing stream.

**Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time** *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.**

**Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season:** From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts.  
**Tel:** 00-353-94-9388100 **Fax:** 00-353-94-9388295 **Email:** info@knock-sh.rine.ie **Website:** knockshrine.ie

**Family Care Society – Adoption:** Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 3 and 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family.  
*For info contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) // email@familycaresociety.org // familycaresociety.net*

Parish Liturgy for September, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Aileen Tuohey	Peter Fox	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
<b>Collectors</b>	Francis McLaughlin Raymond Bradley	Patrick Tuohey Michael Bradley	Francis Keenan Colm Beggs
<b>Altar Society</b>	Nuala Glass Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			

**What can you volunteer to do in your parish?** We need new lectors for our weekend Masses. Readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any families to perform this important role for us.  
*Thank you to our parish workers*

**Songs of Praise:** The BBC's Songs of Praise will be recording two programmes later this summer for transmission on the 15<sup>th</sup> September and St Patrick's Day next year. The venue is The Guildhall in Derry and the date of recording is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. We would like to invite the members of your choir to join us as part of a larger Congregational Choir for the recordings. This would require those taking part to attend a rehearsal a few days before the recording. This will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed. On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August we will record 10 hymns in two sessions between 10.30am and 1.30 pm and then at 3.00pm until 6.00pm music will be provided on the day for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass parts. We would be delighted if you could let us know if your choir would be interested in joining us in August and also indicate the numbers wishing to attend please. Please note that we would require this information by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at the absolute latest. Members of the public also wishing to take part in the recordings will be able to apply for tickets through the BBC Ticket Unit later in July. *Tickets are now available from [bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/shows/songs\\_of\\_praise\\_31aug13](http://bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/shows/songs_of_praise_31aug13)*  
*All choirs who have booked must confirm numbers this week, specifying the number of male and female singers*

**Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau:** The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?  
*For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at [knockmarriagebureau.com](http://knockmarriagebureau.com) and read about the workings of the Bureau*

**Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome:** 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October.  
*For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877*

**Foyle Hospice – Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. As a registered charity, care to patients and their families is free of charge and we depend on the generosity of our local community to raise the £2.3 million that is currently required annually to maintain our essential services. We are looking for supporters to hold coffee mornings in schools, colleges, homes, churches, halls, workplaces just about anywhere to help us raise much needed funds for the Hospice. We will supply the coffee (sponsored by Bewleys) and also all of the publicity / promotional material to help you run your event – Your coffee morning does NOT need to be on 19<sup>th</sup> September, you can have it any date in September. It also does not need to be held in the morning – SO, the date and time is up to you.  
*If you would like any more information please call (028) 7135 9888 / 07808 807 998*  
*Thanks so much for your attention to this request and I hope to hear from you soon*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013		
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	Derry Diocesan Mass
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 14:25-33:** *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
2. 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?
3. Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

**The Deep End – The Cost of Discipleship:** *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

This account is troubling. Surely Jesus does not expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? Maybe he didn't really mean it? Crosses and possessions, we can understand that bit. Perhaps Jesus is making a point here about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we move on from the comfortable. If we are to be agents of change, we let go of the familiar, and that can often be painful whether it be old rituals, a group we were once part of, friends who don't understand. The two parables in this story remind us to think things through and weigh up the cost involved. This Kingdom of God stuff does involve sacrifice even though we would prefer to skip the bits that make us uncomfortable. It's not so simple Jesus... I find it difficult... and sometimes it feels like 20,000 against 10,000.

So this passage is a call to conversion and we read it from the various forms of discipleship that we are in: parenting, advocacy, political life, social work and so on. In order to achieve our goals we make sacrifices. Jesus 'turned to them', he is speaking from experience. Jesus' words are harsh, but spend time with this text today, his words can be interpreted as passionate, urgent, focused and even offer us a great freedom and encouragement in whatever form of discipleship we have chosen.

**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***

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

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