



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (8<sup>th</sup> October, 2017)**  
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**Thought for the Week:** "Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry." *St. Francis de Sales*

**Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October)**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> Our Lady of the Rosary	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) Mass: Francis McCullagh (Anniversary)
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Denis and Companions	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Canice	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mass
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Callistus I (pope and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) Mass

**Weekly Collection:** £1,155 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

**Station Masses:** A Station Mass will take place in the townland of Muninamale in the home of Michael and Karen O'Neill, 206 Greencastle Road on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm beginning with Confessions and Mass to follow with blessing of Holy Water and of the Family Home. *Bring a bottle if you wish to take Holy Water home with you*

**Baptism:** We offer our best wishes and prayers for the family and friends of **Ella Grace Donnelly** who was welcomed into the family of God on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September in St. Patrick's Church

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary Rose McCullagh (Binnefreaghan)** who was buried this week and for her family who mourn her loss. We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Francis McCullagh** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**St. Pio Devotions – Praying through the Intercession of Padre (St.) Pio of Pietrelcina**  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October after 7.30pm evening mass in St. Patrick's Church  
*A 1<sup>st</sup> class relic will be available for veneration during the Devotions • All are welcome*

**Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry starting with Mass at 7.15pm. *There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic at the meeting • All are welcome*

**All Ireland Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.  
 Fr. Michael Gaitley, Head of Evangelisation for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception will be touring Ireland to speak about the task and opportunity of setting Irish hearts on fire again with love for Jesus through Marian Consecration. Fr. Michael is a regular speaker on EWTN and he will be speaking in Ireland from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October in preparation for the Nationwide Consecration of Ireland in various places including  
**9<sup>th</sup> October** Knock Shrine at 7.00pm • **10<sup>th</sup> October** St. Columba's Church, Longtower Church, Derry at 8.00pm  
 Fr. Michael will be bringing with him nearly 1 million booklets of 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration to Jesus through Mary, all for free so EVERYONE can do this... Spread the word! Get involved!  
*Now is the time to unite in prayer, bear witness and be Missionaries of joy for Jesus and Mary*

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 25:6-10 • Psalm 22, R/ v 6 • Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
 Matthew 21:1-14 • Lectionary 1:711 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Seonag Harte</b>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Niamh Conway</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Conor Haughey</b>	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Colleen Brogan</b>

**If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented**

**Fr. Bill Retreat – 5-Day Silent Spiritual Renewal and Healing Catholic Retreat**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Knock Shrine. Given by Fr. Anthony Saji VC  
*For more information call Maeve (NI) on 07815 319 710 or Roisin (Donegal) on 074 93 63 336*

**Rouskey Hearing Loss Support Group (Action on Hearing Loss):** Do you have problems with your hearing? Rouskey CDA provide a free drop-in support session for new batteries and ear mould tubing for NHS hearing aids; information on how to use and clean your hearing aids and information on hearing loss and all the services that can help you and have your hearing checked (please note this is not a hearing test).  
**First Session:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am to 11.00am in Rouskey Community Centre and every second Tuesday in November and December. *For more information call Mary Cruickshank on (028) 7132 0167*

**Children in Crossfire Recruitment – Office Based Volunteer and Parish-Based Volunteers for Advent:**

Please call (028) 7126 9898 or email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org as soon as possible  
*By volunteering together we can make a difference! Thank you.*

**Greencastle Youth Club have been selected for ASDA Cookstown's Green Coin giving scheme** so anytime that you are shopping in ASDA Cookstown please vote for them by asking for Green Coins at the till and putting them in our box at the door. *This runs until December so please keep voting until then*

**Our Lady of Lourdes PS – Night at the Races:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November in the Greencastle Community Centre.  
*Local businesses interested in sponsoring a race please call the school on (028) 8164 8732*

**Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Music and Singing Classes:** Call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870 or (028) 8164 8719

Music Classes every Monday in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge for ages 7 and up inc. adults

**Instrument / Tutors:** Fiddle (Eugene McKenna), Banjo / Mandolin (Erin Hood), Whistle / Flute (Maire O'Kane)  
 Accordion (Lauren Hegarty) • **Registration:** 6.30pm • **Cost:** £35 for 10 weeks (family concessions available)  
**Singing classes will resume mid-October with tutor Ciara Fox (further details at a later date)**

**Fostering Recruitment in the WHSCT Area – Information Evenings in October:** *All evenings are at 7.30pm*

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October in the Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane • Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen • Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh  
*For more information call (028) 8283 5264 / (028) 7131 4240 or email dymrna.brogan@westerntrust.hscni.net*

**Cursillo – 3-Day Residential Weekends at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry**

**Men:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October • **Women:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
*For more information call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174*

**Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events:** Email: kathleenburnsill@gmail.com • Tel: (028) 8775 7800

**Walking Group:** Meet every Monday in Pomeroy Forest Car Park, 11.00am-12.00pm  
**Traditional Halloween Lantern Making:** Coming soon  
**Women's Health Screening Programmes:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am-1.00pm  
**Month's Mind Masses:** Now taking bookings for light refreshments afterwards

**Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday**

**Sean-Nós and Set Dancing** 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm  
**Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels** 8.00pm to 9.30pm  
 Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • Tel: 07747 899 249

**Precious Life – Stanton Healthcare Coffee Morning and Presentation:**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 11.00am in the Synod Hall at Armagh Cathedral. Stanton Healthcare provide life-saving crisis pregnancy support and need your help right now to protect both mother and baby. Find out more about this fantastic local charity while enjoying a cup of tea and some treats. *For more information call (028) 9033 2882*

**Fr. Hasson would like to thank the people of Greencastle for their presence and support at his induction as Parish Priest of Drumragh last Sunday. It was humbling and warm for him that so many were able to join him**  
**We continue to wish every blessing for the future and assure him of our prayers and support**

**Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Workers and the Unemployed:** That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

**Family Care Adoption Services:** We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children  
 For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details  
 Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.  
 Tel: 01 443 4510 • Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

**Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions**  
 Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month from May to October with the exception of 19<sup>th</sup> August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour  
**Celebrant:** Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown • All are welcome

**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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.  
**St. Patrick's:** Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass  
 First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding  
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass  
**Our Lady of the Wayside:** Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

**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](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)

**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](mailto:info@ruralsupport.org.uk) **Website:** [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)  
 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**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](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Website:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.co.uk)

**MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas):** Find out if you're missing out on benefits, services or grants by booking your FREE home visit. Referrals can be made for benefits checks, home safety visits, occupational therapy assessments as well as others. You'll also receive a FREE bag containing £25 worth of items to help keep you warm this winter.  
 Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book

**MA in Catholic School Leadership:** Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders.

Parish Liturgy for October, 2017	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	Nuala Glass	Sean Teague
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Michaela Gillen	---	Cara-Rose Brogan
<b>Collectors</b>	Noel McElhatton Francis McLaughlin	Ronan Hollywood Peter Tracey	Tony Donnelly Brian Gillen
<b>Altar Society</b>	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

**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*

**Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack:** Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.  
**If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office**  
**Email:** [t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org](mailto:t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org) • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** [catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants](http://catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants)

**ACCORD – Relationship Counseling:** A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-judgmental setting.  
*An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing [omagh@accordni.com](mailto:omagh@accordni.com)*

**Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption?** We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.  
**Rachael (Belfast Office):** (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592  
**Email:** [email@familycaresociety.org](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) • **Website:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://familycaresociety.co.uk)

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 21:33-43:** John Byrne OSA ([jbymeosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbymeosa@gmail.com))

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching, and as a consequence losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development and new life when these were presented to you?
2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others and eventually destroying the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?
3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant, and reached out caring for those around you.
4. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see'. Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?

**Musings:** Mgr. Alex Rebello (*Wandering in the Wilderness: Discovering the Divine in Everyday Things*)

When God wants to speak to our hearts he leads us to the wilderness. This was his pedagogy with the people of Israel. They had lessons to learn and he had much to teach them. They were schooled and seasoned in the desert. And the schooling was a good forty years!

The forty years in the desert for the Israelites was a fairly long novitiate. God was their Novice Master! He formed them well with lessons that would last a lifetime! They needed to know that he alone was their God and that they were his people. They had to know too that they needed him for they depended entirely on him as he screened them from the scorching sun during the day and sheltered them at night from the freezing cold.

The desert is the place between promise and fulfilment. God had delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt but they still had to cross the desert to reach the Promised Land. It was not an easy lesson that they had to learn. It took them some forty years!

We who are time bound and always in a hurry find it difficult to keep pace with God's eternal rhythm.

**The Deep End – Where is God?** Shane Halpin (*Viatore Christi*)

As someone who has willingly left these shores to assist people on the margins, I am familiar with the inhumanity of man to his fellow man, where millions of people are left to their own devices, forgotten in their own poverty. The I'm alright attitude permeates not just the so called 'developing world'; it is alive and well here in Ireland.

Does God, like the absentee landowner in the gospel parable, leave us and depart for another country? A personal relationship with anybody means that the person is present. God should be no different. God is deep within our heart, not something out there and distant! I battle with the castigation of the high priests and elders, the negative portrayal of the people of God, and the raw deal for the slaves that came to rescue the situation. Is this the forgiving God that out of the worst injustices can transform human hearts?

So where is the hope? Jesus doesn't condemn in the passage: he invites us to understand his meaning. He asks the elders what they would do. This question is asked of us too.

Jesus then refocuses the parable: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'. This is the high point of this gospel, where Jesus reminds us of the marvel that he is: the one that was rejected, the one that was overlooked – the one abandoned by us. It is this stone, this rock, that becomes our Saviour. The rock symbolises one who never leaves us. God loves us not because we are good but because God is good.

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**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

**Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub**

This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.

We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.

An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.

To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.

*The questionnaire will also be available online*

Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.

We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

**SUSE+ Community Programme:** Are you aged between 16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week? If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid  
If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below

**Address:** SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

**Email:** [conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk](mailto:conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk) • **Tel:** 07834 129 213 *Courses will be run, subject to minimum number interested*

**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](http://towardspeace.ie) • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** [towardspeace@jecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@jecon.ie)

**Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:**

All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness

*For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email [michellemcginn@foylehospice.com](mailto:michellemcginn@foylehospice.com)*

**Pope Francis – 'Vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit'**

The Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations has launched a prayer initiative for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in Ireland. In this centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, parishes, schools and families are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary, for vocations in Ireland, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May until October.

*Those taking part in the prayer initiative are invited to use the social media hashtag #Pray4Vocations*

**40 Days for Life:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Precious Life is urging all Christians to unite in a focused 40 Day campaign to end abortion. We are asking you to pray, fast and join our prayer vigils outside the Marie Stopes and Family Planning centres in Belfast.

*For more info and your FREE Prayer Pack please contact (028) 9027 8484 or [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)*

**Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm:** If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Contact us using the details below.

**Address:** IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal  
**Tel:** (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • **Website:** [celticprayergarden.com](http://celticprayergarden.com) • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

**2016 Parish Statistics**

<b>Baptisms (18)</b>	<b>First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)</b>	<b>Confirmations (21)</b>
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
<b>Marriages (16)</b>	<b>Funerals (10)</b>	<b>Station Masses in October</b>
7 within parish 9 outside parish	8 within parish 2 outside parish	8
<b>Events</b> The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		

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

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.  
[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October – St. Teresa of Avila [1515-1682]** Established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lacemakers, and headache sufferers.

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

**Marriage Encounter Residential Weekend – The Joy of Love in Marriage:**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November in The Lake Hotel, Killarney.  
Offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rediscover the joy of their love.  
For information and to book visit [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or call (087) 784 0408 or (01) 832 4429

**Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour:** Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.

Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email [tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com](mailto:tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com)

**New 24/7 Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):**

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**9.15am** Live Morning Prayer • **10.00am** Holy Mass

**11.00am** Catechesis with Fr. Eamonn McCarthy (full-time director – Angelus and midday prayer)

**5.00pm** Live Evening Prayer • **5.30pm** News and the Rosary prayed from the studio

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[Group 2] Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)  
God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;

To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word,  
To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.

Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done  
with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*

Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

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