

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

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

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Prisoner's Sunday [Year A] (8<sup>th</sup> November, 2020)**

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**Thought for the Week:** "Today, thinking of so many brothers and sisters who have died, it will do us good to look at the cemeteries and look up and repeat, as Job did: "I know that my Redeemer lives and I will see him, myself; my eyes will contemplate him, and not another". And this is the strength that gives us hope, this free gift that is the virtue of hope. May the Lord give it to us all."  
*Pope Francis (All Souls Day, 2020)*

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacrory, Coneyglen
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b> 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT [Year A]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Sheskinshule
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Gortin Parish (YouTube)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Martin of Tours (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration <b>7.30pm</b> Mass for deceased members of An Caislean Glas agus Sperrin Og GAC followed by Padre Pio Devotions
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Josaphat (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Laurence O'Toole (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Broughderg, Crouck <b>11.00am</b> Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy

**COLLECTIONS**    **Weekly:** £935    •    **Mission Sunday:** £1,785    *Thank you for your generosity*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for and remember all our Faithful Departed during this month of November and the souls of **Charlie McCullagh** and **Bridget Conway**, recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society. We also pray for all who have lost loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Trócaire** would like to thank the parishioners of Greencastle for their very generous donation of **£5,133** to this year's appeal. This contribution will help to make a life-giving difference for families throughout the developing world, helping them to improve their lives, meet their basic needs and receive their basic human dignity and rights.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** The Omagh Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to acknowledge the kind donation of **£100** collected from Mr. C's (Noel Carson) Chip Van at the church car park during the recent pandemic. In these times of stress and economic inactivity this will be of help in their efforts to make life a little less difficult for individuals and families in our district.    *Keep St Vincent de Paul in mind in the coming weeks towards Christmas*

**Monthly Devotions Through the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November after 7.30pm mass. *The relic of the saint will be present*    •    *Follow along on YouTube*

**Plenary Indulgences:** Bishop McKeown has asked to bring this link from the Vatican to your attention regarding the November Plenary Indulgences and their conditions during this pandemic:  
[vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html](http://vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html)

**Diocesan Mass for Deceased Children and Young People:** The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will be celebrated in Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. You can join this Mass live on the St. Eugene's Cathedral webcam.    *If you wish to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass email the name to [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) or call (028) 7126 4087*

**Next Week's Readings:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31    •    Psalm 127:1-5, R/ v 1    •    1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30    •    Lectionary 1:725    **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Box of Remembrance:** Instead of the usual Book of Remembrance at the front of each church there will be a box into which you can place the names of your deceased loved one on a piece of paper or envelope. The deceased will be prayed for at all masses during the month of November.    *Please do not place any money in these boxes*

**Remembrance Walk:** Fr. Gallagher will walk (weather permitting) and pray in memory of the deceased of our parishes and families on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm from St. Mary's, Rouskey to St. Patrick's, Gortin and back again and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November from St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle to Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg and back. Each walk will include short prayers in the churches and graveyards which will be streamed (broadband permitting) on the 'Eddie Gallagher' Facebook page and which may be available on the Badoney Lower and Greencastle Parish Facebook Pages.  
*Fr. Gallagher will embark on these walks alone and would appreciate your prayerful solidarity during them*

**Graveyard Collection:** During this month of November we remember and pray for our faithful departed especially those buried in our parish cemeteries. During the summer for the Blessing of the Graves we were unable to have our usual in person collection for the upkeep of our graveyards. Therefore, this month you are encouraged to drop an envelope marked 'Graveyard Collection' in the usual places before or after mass, the mailbox at the St. Patrick's Church Sacristy, the Parochial House or Broughderg Post Office.  
*You may also wish to use any unused Parish Envelopes for this purpose and mark it 'Graveyard Collection'*

**Scripture Saturday with Bishop Donal:** Created by Derry Diocesan Youth, Bishop McKeown presents a series of short lessons on the Gospel in easy-to-understand, short (3-4 minute) videos, with tips and references of where and how to use these lessons in your daily life.    *View the series at [derrydiocese.org/scripture-saturday](http://derrydiocese.org/scripture-saturday)*

**Lough Derg November Memorial Service for Deceased Pilgrims and Benefactors**  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00pm via live webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo.  
To enrol a loved one email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or call (00353) 71 9861518  
Fr La Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 YC60    •    [churchservices.tv/pettigo](http://churchservices.tv/pettigo)

<b>Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events:</b> <span style="float: right;"><a href="mailto:kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com">kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com</a></span>	
<b>Online Cookery Classes</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December (7.00pm to 8.00pm). <i>Live via Zoom</i>
<b>Irish Language Conversation Circle</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (10.30am to 11.30am). <i>Live via Zoom</i>
<b>Walking Group</b>	Mondays (10.30am to 11.30am) with MUSA co-ordinator. Meet in Pomeroy Forest car park.

**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](http://barnardos.org.uk/foster)*

**Prayer Resources and Activities for Families in November:** The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. For the mid-term break there is a 'World Drawing God Day', which is a great way to engage children for hours in creative drawing. Drawings can be shared online and you can take an online tour of the Drawing God Museum.  
*To view all the available resources, visit [catecheticalcentre.org](http://catecheticalcentre.org)*

<b>Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacrory, Coneyglen
<b>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Sheskinshule
<b>Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba
<b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Broughderg, Crock <b>11.00am</b> Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy
<b>Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Formil
<b>Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Sheskinshule
<b>Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacrory, Coneyglen

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

**Artificial Intelligence:** We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**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*

**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

**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*

**Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers:** To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.  
*If you are interested in volunteering visit [trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer](http://trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer) or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info*

**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*

**Online Youth Programmes:** To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit:  
**Facebook:** DerryDiocesanYouth **Instagram:** deryryouth

**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](mailto:lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk)*

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Can't stop? There is a solution.  
Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email [csoofaa@btinternet.com](mailto:csoofaa@btinternet.com). [alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://alcoholicsanonymous.ie).

**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)

**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

**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](http://radiomaria.ie) or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)*

**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*

**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*

**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](mailto:marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org).*

**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 service call (028) 8224 2439 or email [omagh@accordni.com](mailto:omagh@accordni.com)*

**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.

**Community Coordination Hub:** Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Covid-19 Community Coordination Hub will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline to assist residents who may have become isolated and vulnerable due to the impacts of Coronavirus and the associated mitigation measures. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure those most at risk will have access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. **Access to Food Parcels** provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who can't leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, don't have support through family, friends or access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. Please complete the Food Parcel Request Form and a member of the Council's Community Coordination Hub will contact you. We aim to respond to requests within 24 hours. Referrals to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Coordination Hub for other support services are directed through the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline:  
**Freephone 0808 802 0020 Text ACTION to 81025 Email covid19@adviceni.net**  
Support and advice is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week.

**Trócaire:** Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. As with your parish envelope please leave at Broughderg Post Office, St. Patrick's Church Sacristy outside door postbox or the Parochial House. No boxes please.

Please also fill in Gift Aid details on envelope. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg GAA / Greencastle Community Association:** Like all communities at the minute Greencastle is about to enter into unfamiliar territory as we face the influx of the Covid-19 coronavirus. No one knows what the incoming days and weeks bring, however, what we are sure of, is that we as a community will be supporting each other. We have a number of volunteers within our community who have already put their names forward to help where needed. If you, your family or someone you know is currently in self isolation and require some help please contact any of the individuals below. We would encourage everyone to make a call to your neighbour as they may need help and again please contact any of the individuals below. We have a team of volunteers willing to help where required, it may be something like picking up some shopping, posting some mail, lifting a prescription or just a friendly phone call.  
*For up to date info and advice visit [www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus)*  
Collie Touhey: 07970 379 741      Fiona Teague: 07813 935 996      Briege Beggs: 07799 058 273

**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.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:** *John Byrne OSA ([jpbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jpbyrneosa@gmail.com))*

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?
2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?
3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

**The Deep End – The Time is Now:** *Jane Mellett ([mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:mellettj@gmail.com))*

I am a procrastinator. If a task is awkward or unpleasant, I am likely to put it off till another day. In any given week, I have a 'to-do' list I need to get through. The most important items always get done – things that can't be avoided, like work deadlines or paying bills. But bigger projects often get put on the long finger and I find myself transferring items to the following week's list. It is part of life to learn how to prioritise, and to be prepared to tackle the important things. Even when we are not ready to face a certain situation, sometimes we need to push ourselves to just dive in.

Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a night-time procession from the bride's home to the grooms. The bridesmaids would go out with torches lit to welcome the groom and his entourage. The parable in today's gospel sets two groups in contrast – the 'foolish' bridesmaids who run out of oil because they have failed to prepare, and the 'sensible' ones who are ready with their lamps and oil, who recognise the importance of the task. Only one group was ready when the groom approached.

This parable encourages us to focus on the here and now, to nurture our relationship with God in the present and to live well. There is no point in procrastinating, or waiting until the bridegroom is at the door. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel – the actions – to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.

*Hugh Laurie*

**Church Restrictions:** Below we share with you those restrictions applying to churches and church activity sent to parishes by Bishop McKeown. It is important to note that it is based on Regulations from the government. Regulations are legally binding, which means that the restrictions are enforceable in law. It is for this reason that the Bishop uses the words "mandatory" and "illegal" below.

**Face Coverings:** It is mandatory in civil law that face coverings are worn when entering or leaving a place of worship, or being in a place of worship but not seated. The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has a reasonable excuse such as children under 13 years of age or a medical reason.

**Indoor Gatherings at Private Dwellings:** It is illegal to attend a funeral or wake in a private dwelling.

**Funerals and Burials:** It is illegal to organise, operate or participate in a gathering of more than 25 persons for the purpose of a funeral or the burial of a body. Apart from immediate family it is only possible to view a body in a funeral home.

**Marriages:** It is illegal to organise, operate or participate in a gathering of more than 25 persons for the purpose of solemnising a marriage.

All of these regulations go against our natural human instincts to either comfort and console friends and neighbours or celebrate important occasions. However we need to do all we can for the common good and to protect lives and find other ways to do the above within the law. Please help us as we implement these difficult regulations over the next few weeks.

*Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*

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

**Arrangements for other Sacraments and Ceremonies:**

**Baptism:** If you have a child for baptism contact Fr. Gallagher and a date and time for baptism will be organised.

**Marriage:** Most weddings for 2020 have been rearranged for 2021. Any weddings in church in 2021 will follow government capacity regulations.

**Confession:** In the short-term during summer months (weather permitting) Fr. Gallagher will be available for Confession in the graveyards on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 5.50pm in St. Patrick's Church and Sundays from 8.30am to 8.50am in Our Lady of the Wayside. Confession with social distancing and privacy in the church building is quite difficult to achieve, hopefully this will resume in the near future.

**Funerals:** According to present regulations only 30 people are permitted in the church or cemetery at a time.

*Please note that as regulations change we will either extend or roll back on these arrangements*

**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 courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**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

**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%

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church)** Taught the two natures of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter. Died in 461.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – St. Martin of Tours (bishop) [335-397]** Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul and founder of monasteries. Patron Saint of France, soldiers, beggars and inn-keepers.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – St. Laurence O'Toole (bishop) [1128-1180]** Lorcán Ua Tuathail, also known as St. Laurence O'Toole, was born at Castledermot, Kildare, Ireland and died at Eu, Normandy, France, he was canonised in 1225 by Pope Honorius III..

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – St. Albert the Great (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1206-1280]** Dominican theologian who taught in Cologne, was called the 'Universal Teacher' for the vast range of his interests. Patron Saint of scientists.

**ASPIRE:** Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview prep. They also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements. Omagh (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen 028 6632 6478 • Mobile 07799 471 448 • aspire@fermanaghomagh.com

**Month's Mind / First Anniversary Masses:** As mentioned above we need your cooperation in the celebration of these significant occasions. We therefore request that only immediate family and closest friends attend Month's Mind or First Anniversary Masses. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can people congregate in the church porch, grounds or graveyard to follow the mass. Mass can be followed from St. Patrick's Church on YouTube. As the organiser of funerals, burials etc. is deemed to be the Parish Priest any consequence of the breaching of the mandatory regulations becomes the responsibility of the Parish Priest.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer:** *A prayer for those unable to attend mass and receive Holy Communion and are participating in mass from home*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen*

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2019
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	1 within parish • 6 outside parish
10	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	11