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Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	<b>11.00am</b> Mass
Sixth Sunday of Easter [B]	Cartin / Vau Tuba	40.00em Mass
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Gortin / YouTube	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Greencastle (FB) St. Patrick's / YouTube	8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary 10.00am Mass
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Wednesday 12th May	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration
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Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	10.00am Mass
	Greencastle (FB)	8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Friday 14th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	7.30pm Mass: Gerry Rodgers (Month's Mind)
	Badoney Lower (FB)	8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Saturday 15th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Bridie Clarke (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass: Rose Hollywood (9th Anniv.)
Ascension of the Lord [B]	St. Patrick's / YouTube	<b>11.00am</b> Mass
Baptism: We offer our pra	avers and best wishes to the	family and friends of Ava Emelia McCullagh who was
		ament of Baptism Sunday 25th April in St. Patrick's.
Remembering Our	<b>Dead:</b> We pray for the hap	by repose of the souls of Teresa Coyle, London
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**Sacramental Dates and Arrangements:** Following consultation with parents the date chosen for First Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church Greencastle is Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. As previously mentioned First Confession will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. Confirmation in Greencastle Parish will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. As was the case last year each family will have one row available to them with parents, child and siblings in attendance and parents / guardians will act as proxy sponsors. The name of the chosen sponsor will be recorded in the Parish Confirmation Register. First Holy Communion will see the same seating arrangement with parents / guardians and siblings only present along with the Primary 4 children.

We can only hope and pray that this is the last occasion on which such arrangements will be necessary

**Celebrating Mary in the Month of May:** May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary.

Resources are available online at catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/

May Townland Mass Rota					
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil		
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba Road		
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South		
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy		
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Teebane East, Aughminacrory, Coneyglen		
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Sheskinshule (inc. Maryville, Sheskinshule View)		
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba Road		
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock P4 Do This in Memory Class		

### Pope Francis' Prayer for an End to the Pandemic May 2021

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.

Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of

the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that,

in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. *Amen*  Pope Francis' Intention for May (please remember this in your personal prayers) Universal Intention – *The World of Finance*: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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

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

**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)

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

 Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

 12noon – 1.00pm

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 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

**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,<br/>emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family<br/>members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people<br/>who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of<br/>spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual<br/>direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.<br/>Website: towardspeace.ie• Tel: 01 505 3028• Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie

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

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 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.

**SUSE+ New Courses:** Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support to gain qualification and employment. We run Job Searches, CV Building, Interview Preparation. Mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in local area.

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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

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. Also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements. Omagh (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen 028 6632 6478 • Mobile 07799 471 448 • aspire@fermanaghomagh.com

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

**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.

Spiritual Communion Prayer: 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

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

**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
- 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.

 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

# 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* 

#### **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%

**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

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

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).

## Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:

John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- 1. A commandment of love is something of a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another
  - o a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife;
  - o a wave from a friend;
  - o words of comfort and affirmation

not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

- 2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also, in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?
- 3. 'I chose you'. Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are chosen by Jesus to bear fruit through our love.

#### The Deep End – All You Need is Love:

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'Love? Above all things I believe in love. Love is like oxygen. Love is a many-splendoured thing. Love lifts us up where we belong. All you need is love.' In an attempt to express the depth of his love, the character Christian from the film Moulin Rouge pulls together the lyrics of some of the most famous love songs of recent decades. Since time began, poetry, prose, and song have attempted to put into words the great mystery that is love. 'At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet,' the philosopher Plato put it.

Today's Gospel offers one of the most eloquent passages on love in the Gospels. It reveals the vision of Jesus for his followers and explains how we should treat one another. We are to love each other with the same love Jesus showed during his time on earth, that great and generous love that culminated in his 'laying down his life for his friends'. It is in the way we love one another, the way we understand and forgive and support one another, that we experience the life and love of Jesus.

There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God'. That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others - all others. God does not have favourites.

'We find it so hard to accept the revelation that it is God's delight to be worshipped in the way we touch and look at each other, in the way we listen and talk to each other, in the way we forgive and promise to start all over again.' Daniel O'Leary

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**Mary's Meals** – *Pray in May*: This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children.

Prayer resources and further information can be found at marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

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