



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (9th September, 2018)
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Pope Francis speaks to Ireland

Dublin Castle [Saturday 25th August]

"Can we say that the goal of creating economic or financial prosperity leads of itself to a more just and equitable social order? Or could it be that the growth of a materialistic "throwaway culture" has in fact made us increasingly indifferent to the poor and to the most defenceless members of our human family, including the unborn, deprived of the very right to life? Perhaps the most disturbing challenges to our consciences in these days is the massive refugee crisis, which will not go away, and whose solution calls for a wisdom, a breadth of vision and a humanitarian concern that go far beyond short-term political decisions"

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (9th September – 16th September)

Saturday 8th September Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass followed by Confession: Roseann McGarvey (8 th Anniversary) 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Lucy McCullagh (4 th Anniversary)
Sunday 9th September 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass
Monday 10th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 11th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass: Brian Hollywood (Anniversary)
Wednesday 12th September	St. Patrick's	12noon - 7.15pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass
Thursday 13th September St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Ita McDermott (Month's Mind)
Sunday 16th September 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass: Kay McCrory (2 nd Anniversary)

Weekly Collection: £975 *Thank you for your generosity*

We take this opportunity to thank Mgr. Danny and Fr Mark Monaghan for their ministry among us during the summer months. They return to Nigeria once more during the coming week and we pray God's blessing on their ministry there and pray especially for their safety during these dangerous times for Christians and others in Nigeria. God bless and thank you both.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Joanne Tracey (Teebane East)** who died during the week. We also pray for the souls of **Roseann McGarvey (8th)**, **Lucy McCullagh (4th)** and **Brian Hollywood** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Monthly Devotions Through Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:
 Wednesday 12th September after 7.30pm mass in St. Patrick's Church. *A relic of saint will be there for veneration*

Thornhill Ministries – Holy Land Retreat: Thursday 11th to Saturday 20th October.
Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

I Am Worship Band Concert: Derry's very own I Am Worship Band, who represented Ireland at Phoenix Park for the Papal celebration, will be performing their debut album 'Fight the Good Fight' Sunday 23rd September in the Millennium Forum. An evening of praise and worship, young people celebrate their faith in song with a night to remember! **Tickets:** £15 (available at the Millennium Forum box office) • **CDs:** £10 (available at Veritas, Derry)

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9 • Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9, R/ v 9 • James 2:14-18
 Mark 8:27-35 • Lectionary 1:799 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Catholic Grandparents Association – Annual National Pilgrimage: Sunday 9th September at 2.30pm in Knock Shrine. Everybody is welcome to come along to honour and thank grandparents, alive and dead, for all they have done for us down through generations. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio. Combined Choirs of Knock Parish, the Tuttle Family and Dana will sing 'Our Lady of Knock.' Children are asked to write a prayer for their grandparent(s), all prayers brought / sent to Knock Shrine will be blessed on the day.
catholicgrandparentsassociation.org • Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus, pray for us

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.
For more information and / or booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call (028) 7135 9612 or (087) 784 0408

Annual Flaxmill Cycle Challenge: Sunday 16th September, with 30 and 50 mile routes.
 Registration commences at 8.00am at the Flaxmill Centre (near Sixmilecross), with take-off from 9.00am.
For more info call Paddy on 07528 037 562 or visit Facebook page • A donation will be given to Chest Heart & Stroke

Camowen Farmers Group and Ellis Kelly Consultancy Meeting: Monday 10th September at 8.00pm in the Milestone Centre Carrickmore. Mostly for members and clients however, all farmers are welcome to attend.
Topic for discussion: Environmental Farming Scheme (open for applications until Friday 21st September)
Speakers: Department of Agriculture, technical staff. *Tea served • Call Mary 07789 067 231 or Ellis 07342 971 981*

Rouskey Community Centre *For more info call Bridie on 07591 047 556*
Chest Heart and Stroke Support Group: Wednesday 12th September at 2.00pm. Mairead McNulty from Salt Therapy, Omagh will do a talk about salt therapy and its benefits. *New members always welcome*
Rouskey Hearing Loss – Free Drop-in Support Sessions: Tuesday 18th September from 10.00am to 11.00am.
 We run free, drop-in support sessions for those who need a bit of help with everyday issues like comfort, maintenance, changing ear mould tubing and batteries and adapting to life with their NHS hearing aids.
For more info call Mary Cruickshank on (028) 7132 0167

Foster Carers Needed: The Western Trust urgently needs people to come forward who can offer a loving home to foster children. At present there is a greater number of children in need of homes than there are foster carers available. If you have room in your home and in your heart to care for a child, please contact:
 Vanessa Nelis – WHSCT Recruitment Officer for Fostering
Tel: (028) 8283 5264 **Mob:** 07554 552 989 **Email:** vanessa.nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net

Broughderg Area Development Association – Annual General Meeting: *Your community needs you*
 Wednesday 12th September at 8.30pm in An Bruach Dearg Community Centre. *Everyone welcome*

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person
 Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service
To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Strule Arts Centre – Sean-nós Dancing, Singing in Irish and Irish Classes: Begins Wednesday 12th September.
For 3 levels • Register at struleartscentre.co.uk or call Kevin Goodwin on 07747 899 249

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events in September:
Cherish the Ladies Concert [SOLD OUT]: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel.
If tickets become available there is a reserve list • Admission will be strictly by ticket only on the night
Music Workshops: Saturday 29th in Plumbridge with members of "Cherish the Ladies". *Intermediate level upwards*
 Whistle/Flute – Joanie Madden • Fiddle – Nollaig Casey • Tunes Workshop (Any Instrument) – Mirella Murray
Lá Spraoi – Fun Day Integrating the Irish Language: Saturday 29th in Plumbridge.

Omagh Set Dancers – Weekly Class: Every Monday from 8.30am to 10.30pm in Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre from 10th September. Come along and learn set dancing, make friends and enjoy a cuppa!
Newcomers are especially welcome • Call Marie on 07734 907 816 for more information

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council ASPIRE Employability Programme Free Graduate Fast Track Package:
 For graduates from Monday 17th to Friday 28th September – training Includes:
 First Aid • IT for User Skills • Social Media • CV Building • Interview Skills • Confidence Building
 Personal Development • Presentation Skills • Employment Networking
Call ASPIRE Omagh on (028) 8224 6535 or ASPIRE Fermanagh on (028) 6632 6478

<p align="center">Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers) Universal – Young People in Africa: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.</p>
<p>Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination. <i>If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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. <i>Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com</i></p>
<p>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 <i>For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com</i></p>
<p>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. <i>An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p>String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • Advanced: 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place</p>
<p>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 • Facebook: IOSASCentre • Twitter: IOSASCentre</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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. <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
<p>Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service? <i>Applications are invited from individuals wishing to join for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship)</i> Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth. <i>For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p>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</p>

Parish Liturgy for September, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Joanne McCullagh	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	TBC	Lauryn Hollywood	Tara Conneely
Collectors	Patrick McElhatton Megan / Orla Coyle	Ronan Hollywood Peter Tracey	Perry McCrory Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna, Catriona McKenna, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Mary Bradley, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

Family Care Adoption Services *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*
For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.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

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.
Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

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 or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019?
Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows:
7th and 8th September • 28th and 29th September • 5th and 6th October • 2nd and 3rd November • 7th and 8th December

Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock.
For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com

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

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*

Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2018-2021 – God is Love: Bishop McKeown has announced the publication of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018-2021 in the diocese, 'God is Love'. The Plan is the result of a two-year programme of work by the Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of 14 men and women - laity from across the diocese, Religious and clergy. It is a first step in developing a co-responsible Church at parish and diocesan level, identifying paths that might lead to solutions to the many challenges we face, including the practical need to plan for the times when priests will not be present in the way that they have been up to now. A number of printed copies of the Plan have been received for the parish and a PDF version of it is also available to view and download on the diocesan website – derrydiocese.org – you are invited to read it. The main work of implementing the Plan will begin after the summer break. Bishop McKeown asks for your prayers and support, in the knowledge that everything done in faith and love will bear fruit in God's own good time.

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 9th 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.

Thursday 13th 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.

Friday 14th September – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross The discovery of the true cross is dated to 14th September, 320. On 13th September, 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. 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.

Saturday 15th September – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Mary standing by the cross, "suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her," whom she also offered to the Eternal Father' *Marialis Cultus*

Sunday 16th September – St. Cornelius (pope and martyr) Became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron of cattle and domestic animals.
St. Cyprian (martyr) [210-258] Bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyr.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Mark 7:31-37: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- The healing of the deaf mute provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of communication in our lives. The healing touch of Jesus brought the man from isolation into community. Who have been the people who touched you when you felt isolated and alone and helped you to come out of painful aloneness? For whom have you done this?
- Deafness is symbolic of being unable to hear what is being said to us. What a difference when our ears are opened! Perhaps you can recall a time when your ears were opened and you heard in a new way that you were loved – by God or by another person.
- Words are not the only form of communication. Actions can speak louder than words. Recall times when this was brought home to you.
- Being able to say what is in you is the other side of communication. Perhaps there have been occasions when you have struggled to find words to express what is deepest in you – your faith, your values, your love. Then something changed and you found the words. What was it like to be able to express your deepest self?

Musings: 'If we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents. While painfully aware of our own frailties, we have to march on without giving in, keeping in mind what the Lord said to Saint Paul: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9). Christian triumph is always a cross, yet a cross which is at the same time a victorious banner borne with aggressive tenderness against the assaults of evil. The evil spirit of defeatism is brother to the temptation to separate, before its time, the wheat from the weeds; it is the fruit of an anxious and self-centred lack of trust.'
Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium 85)

The Deep End – Ephphatha: Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)
In today's gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment, unable to hear or speak God's word of truth. Jesus says ephphatha, which means 'be opened!' Immediately this man was healed.
During this Season of Creation we are all urged to listen to the cry of the earth. Scientists are now telling us that unless drastic action is taken we will lose the battle against the environmental destruction which this world is faced with. The worldwide heatwave and drought which we experienced this summer is one example of how our planet is under pressure. Yet change is possible. All it takes is one good person to restore hope. As followers of Christ we have a duty to lead the way in caring for God's beautiful creation. What prevents us from hearing these messages? We can be cynical and say that the issue is too big, that it is up to governments to sort out. Ephphatha! We start where we are and do what we can. This week can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? A very simple action is to reduce the use of plastic by buying a reusable water bottle or coffee cup which removes so much waste from landfills and sends a powerful message. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. Ephphatha! Let us all be open to this call to care for our common home.
To find out more visit seasonofcreation.org

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: Working in partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre offers this 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. Autumn, 2018.
For more info call Thérèse in the Catechetical Centre 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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

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

2017 PARISH STATISTICS		
Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick's Church		