

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (9<sup>th</sup> October, 2016)  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheshkinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis**      Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 24)  
 "My thoughts now turn to the Mother of Mercy. May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God's tenderness"

**Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (9<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2016)**

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Confessions until <b>11.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass of Enrolment for P4
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am – 10.45am</b> Confession
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: Francis McCullagh (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Canice	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Callistus I (pope and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Teresa of Avila	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm – 5.45pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am – 10.45am</b> Confession
	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: Kay McCrory (Month's Mind)

**Parish Collection:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's parish collection of **£895**  
*If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more*

**Remembering Our Dead:** Pray for the repose of the soul of **Francis McCullagh** whose anniversary occurs now.

**Station Masses:** Please gather for 7.30pm Confession which will be immediately followed by Mass at 8.00pm.  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October (Leaghan)** Barry and Julie Tracey  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October (Tebane East)** Michael and Marie McCullagh (266 Gorticashel Road)

**Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, beginning with mass at 7.15pm in the Holy Family church, Ballymagroarty, Derry. *There will be two 1<sup>st</sup> class relics at the meeting • All are welcome*

**Annual Pioneer Retreat:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Termonbacca. *Contact any Committee Member to book*

**Irish Pilgrimage Trust:** Have you ever wanted to volunteer and help others? If you are interested in volunteering with The Irish Pilgrimage Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer for a week next Easter please contact Mary on 00353 87796 2047 for more information. All volunteers pay their own fare which is €650 / £560stg (€425 or £360stg for students). *Visit irishpilgrimage.org*

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Easter Sunday):** Applications are now welcome from young people with  
 A medical condition, physical disability or illness (aged 9-18) • A learning disability (aged 11-21)  
 Very seriously ill (under age 9) - accompanied by a parent or close relative  
 Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness.

The young person travels without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Contact Margaret Rose on 07922 237 986 or Alice O'Hagan on 00353 86346 0522 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Next Week's Readings:** Exodus 17: 8-13 • Psalm 120, R/ cf. v 2 • 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2 • Luke 18: 1-8  
 Lectionary I, page 922      **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b> Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Katelyn Gumley</b>	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b> Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b> Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Cara Brogan</b>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Laurance McCrory</b>	Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Ronan Coyle</b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October The family of <b>Caillin McDonald</b>	Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October The family of <b>Neamh Donnelly</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October* The family of <b>Alice McGlinchey</b>	Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October The family of <b>Aimee Gumley</b>
<i>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</i> <b>"Do This In Memory Programme (Week 2)</b> We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

**Fostering Information Evenings:** *Foster carers are very much needed at this time*  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm in the Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh • Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm in Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry  
 If interested in fostering but cannot attend one of the evenings call (028) 7131 4244 or (028) 8283 5264  
*Please help if you can in providing a loving and secure home to some of the most vulnerable young people in our society*

**Youth 2000 – Catholic Weekend Retreat:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October in Lough Derg, Co. Donegal for all young adults between the ages of 16 and 35. This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 150 young people from all over the country.  
 The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site. Don't let money be an obstacle; just bring any donation and a sleeping bag.  
 What to expect? Good craic! Excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, great music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people.  
 Tel: 07598 876 399 • *Newcomers are very welcome* • Website: youth2000.ie

**Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:** *Suggested Donation: £5*  
 Tel: (028) 7135 1233 • Email: thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • Website: thornhillministries.co.uk

**Quiet Moments of Meditation:** Every Wednesday at 10.30am, beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October in Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road, Derry. Using art, music and Scripture, this series of gentle mornings offer a space for stillness, contemplation.  
**"Let the Landscape Speak":** Every Thursday, beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October and ending 10<sup>th</sup> November (excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> November) from 7.30 to 8.45 pm in Thornhill College, Culmore Road, Derry.

**Tin Whistle Classes:** From Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October for 10 weeks, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. £4 per child in Club room.  
*For more information call Bronagh Maguire on 07917 155 629*

**Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events:** *Call Bridie at 07847 459 428, 07591 047 556 or (028) 8164 8706*  
**Exercises Classes:** A trainer from Hollywood Fitness starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. £30 for 6 weeks.  
**Rouskey Youth Notice (New Group):** Are you Year 10 - Year 14? Would you like to get the opportunity to gain an OCN (Open College Network) qualification? Would you like to be involved in team-building activities? Develop your Self-esteem, communication, interpersonal skills and assertiveness while gaining something valuable for your Record of Achievement or UCAS form? Explore your own values and issues that are relevant to you!  
 If this interests you, come along for an Information Evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm Rouskey Community Centre. *Call the numbers above or Colm McGurk at Carrickmore Youth Centre on (028) 8076 1310*

**Irish Classes:** Tuesday nights at the hall 8.00pm to 9.30pm. £25 for the course. This is an Improvers Class for people who know some Irish it would not suit complete beginners. *Not too late to join*  
**Irish Youth Club (P3-P7):** Returns Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 6.15pm to 7.45pm. £10 for 8 weeks.  
*If you missed the registration evening you can register on the first night*  
 For more information on either activity call Sinéad Ní Mhearnóg on 07849 394 001

**Children in Crossfire – Ben Nevis Climb:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October flying from Derry Airport.  
 Tel: (028) 7126 9898 • Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • Website: childrenincrossfire.org

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca – Cursillo 3-Day Residential Weekends:** 07708 066 939 / 07841 100 174  
 Men Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October • Women Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Pope Francis' Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**Universal – Journalist.** That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.  
**Evangelisation – World Mission Day.** That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

**The Net – October Edition.** Now on sale, with coverage including:  
 Omagh Ulster Project Thanksgiving • Urney and Castlefinn Parish Retreats  
 Dregish celebrates Fr. Macaville's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary • Maghera Lough Derg Retreat  
 Dungiven Mass Rock ceremony • Burt Biker Blessing • Merville Mercy Walk and Shrove Oratory feature  
 Glenullin tribute to Fr. Haan • Bellaghy Mercy Walk • Desertegney Mass in memory of Sr. Anne  
 Ardmore Lough Derg Retreat • Melmount Faith Story • Fatima Rosary Rally • Walk to Knock feature  
 Cursillo weekend • City Mercy Pilgrimage • Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome  
 Irish Wakes of Bygone Days feature • Divine Providence feature  
 Children's Catechism Club • Parish Post-its • Diocesan Diary

*For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852*

**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

**Trocaire – Recruiting Volunteers.** If you are interested in volunteering your services please visit [trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer](http://trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer) or freephone 0800 912 1200

**Greencastle Community Association – Proposal to Create Capital Development Plan for Community Centre.**  
 We are proposing this plan will have short, medium and long term objectives that benefit all our community. In order to allow us to develop these plans and secure potential funding we are calling on the help of our local community. If there are specific requirements / suggestions in relation to capital developments and/or services that you or your group feel should be included within the plan the Community Association want to hear from you. *For info email [fionatea@live.co.uk](mailto:fionatea@live.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*

**St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests:** The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest.  
 The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: [prayerforpriests.com](http://prayerforpriests.com)  
**Rosemary Johnson** 07810 387 825 - [brendan\\_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk) • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - [ethna776@yahoo.com](mailto:ethna776@yahoo.com)  
**Siobhan Sweeney** 07880 588 041 - [siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk) • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - [e\\_cassidy@hotmail.com](mailto:e_cassidy@hotmail.com)

**White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:**  
 If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us. Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor.  
 Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St. Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 2407

**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)

**Family Care Society:** We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.  
 For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)  
**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** [email@familycaresociety.org](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) • **Website:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://familycaresociety.co.uk)

Parish Liturgy for October, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Aisling McDermott-Donaghy	Siobhan McKenna	Geraldine Scullion
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Conan Maguire
<b>Collectors</b>	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Leo Donnelly	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
<b>Altar Society</b>	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCory		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

**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*

**Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events:** *To register call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706*

<b>Crocheting / Knitting</b>	Fridays at 2.00pm. £4 inc. cup of tea. Wednesday nights. £25 for 6 weeks. Money must be paid advance.	<i>New and advanced crocheters and knitters welcome People needed to run class</i>
<b>Children's Jiving</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September for 5 weeks from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for P3 to P10. £4 per child and £10 for family of 3.	<i>To reserve a place call Donna on 07845 391 778</i>

**ACCORD – Marriage Preparation Courses:** Each year over 20,000 people marry in the Catholic Church in Ireland. Despite the recession, numbers getting married have only fallen slightly in recent years. ACCORD Omagh provides Marriage Preparation Courses for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. Feedback from participants is very positive. Courses take place at the address below and can be booked via the following information.  
**Address:** Accord Suite, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre • **Website:** [accord.ie](http://accord.ie) • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439  
**Dates:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

**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)

**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

**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/or 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 entrances*

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**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – MA in Catholic School Leadership:** In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. 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 who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.  
*For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org*

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**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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding  
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass  
**Our Lady of the Wayside:** Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass

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**The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees:** The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*  
**Website:** tuesdayschild.ie • **Email:** info@tuesdayschild.ie • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362  
**Donation by Texting:** TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g.TUES75 £5)

2015 Parish Statistics			
<b>Baptisms</b> 6 Boys 8 Girls	<b>Confirmations</b> 8 Boys 8 Girls	<b>First Holy Communion / Reconciliation</b> 10 Boys 9 Girls	<b>Marriages</b> 10 within parish 5 outside parish
<b>Station Masses in October</b> 7	<b>Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE</b> Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
<b>Funerals</b> 13	<b>Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson</b> Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 17: 1-19:** *John Byrne OSA (john@ortlagh.ie)*

1. The cure of the lepers is not just a physical cure, it also brought the people healed back from exclusion into the community. Perhaps you have experienced the movement from exclusion to inclusion. What was it like for you to be accepted once again when you had felt excluded?
2. Who were the people that brought about this change for you? For whom you have been able to do this, perhaps by healing a rift with a friend, or by listening to the opinion of someone you had dismissed out of hand, or by opening the door in some other way to another?
3. Some people work hard at breaking down barriers in society, seeking inclusion for those who find themselves labelled as lepers by society or by a section of society. Where have you seen this happening? Who has been doing this kind of work? Where is the Good News in such action?
4. When we do good for another we may not do it for the thanks we hope to get, but it can hurt when no gratitude is shown. How have you experienced the positive effects of thanks given and received?

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*Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book*

**The Deep End** *Julieann Moran (National Secretary, Society of Missionary Children • pr@wmi.ie)*

So often when we hear Luke's story of the ten lepers, we concentrate on the supposed rudeness of the nine who didn't return, who seem ungrateful for the healing Jesus brought. I wonder, however, if they were being rude or simply doing what they had been told to do. Jesus said 'Go, show yourselves to the priests' and that is what they set out to do. In fact, their initial cry for help would indicate they recognised Jesus as Master, they knew to call out to him for healing, they trusted him, and they believed him when he spoke to them. They even set out in the direction he told them before there was any evidence he had healed them.

Luke makes a point of distinguishing the returning leper as a Samaritan/Gentile so, presumably, the other nine were Jewish. They, and Jesus, knew the priests would provide official acknowledgement of their being cleansed, allowing them to re-enter the community in accordance with the Law. They continued on their path to visit the priests so they could resume their lives, go home to their family and friends, and return to worshipping in the synagogue. They were cleansed. But that's not the end of the story. The Samaritan did a turnabout and returned to thank Jesus, to thank God. He, however, was not only cleansed; he was 'made well.'

All ten are healed but the thankful Samaritan is somehow more prophetic. He is grateful for the grace he has just received and, perhaps, lights the way for future Gentiles to respond to the Good News through faith and thankfulness. The thankful Samaritan shows us that gratitude is an essential response to God's mercy. It is essential to our wholeness of mind, body and spirit; it is essential to salvation. To be made well we must add thanksgiving to our faith.

**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)

**Musings – Where are the Other Nine?**

*Fr. Tom Clancy (Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork)*

As we know only too well, prejudice, ignorance, betrayal and social class can create apparently insurmountable divisions among us. But traditional barriers often crumble in the face of a common crisis or a great opportunity for a better life. This is particularly obvious nowadays in groups helping with recovery from addiction. It is not surprising, then, that it happened among the lepers of Christ's time. Lepers were total outcasts, banned from all contact with the settled community. Food was left for them by their families at designated outposts only. Living such a disrespected way of life, the centuries old and bitter barrier between Jews and Samaritans gave way to a survival camaraderie that led to a racially mixed group of lepers approaching Jesus for healing. All were healed but only the one who was an outcast, through both race and health, returned to give thanks. The others felt that the healer was one of their own, so they were entitled to healing.

Our expectations about our entitlements because of our family background or our education or hard work, often blind us to how gratuitous all God's gifts to us really are. Failure to appreciate the graciousness of such goodness leads to a hardening of the arteries of love that quickly deprives the heart of contentment, generosity and joy. Happiness is the flowering of appreciation and giving thanks. The Samaritan leper knew this. He seized his opportunity. Saying thanks opened up a new relationship with Jesus for him. Where are the other nine? Where are we?

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

**Sunday 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]

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – *St. Canice [527-603]*** Born in Co. Derry. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under Finian 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.

**Friday 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.

**Saturday 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.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – *St. Gall*** Monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. Lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. Died around 630.  
[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

***St. Hedwig [1174-1243]*** Wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted to charitable works. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

***St. Margaret Mary [1647-1690]*** Visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, exemplary in her patience and trust. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]