



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr
 Baptism of the Lord [Year C] (10th January, 2016)
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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Paragraph 12 of Misericordiae Vultus
"The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person."

Liturgy Schedule [Year C] (10th January, 2016 – 17th January, 2016)

Saturday 9th January	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Bernard Keenan (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 10th January Baptism of the Lord [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass: John and Brigid Quinn, daughter Rose and sons Anthony and Charlie
Monday 11th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 12th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 13th January St. Hilary (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Thursday 14th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 15th January St. Ita (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 16th January St. Fursa (abbot and missionary)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Peter Clarke (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Exposition and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament will resume on Eve of First Friday and on First Saturday of February

Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£1,450** and **£35** in the loose plate

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Bernard Keenan, John Tuohy, Mary Maguire** and **John and Brigid Quinn, their daughter Rose and their sons Anthony and Charlie** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Thornhill Ministries 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

Thursday 15th September. There are still a few places are still available.

For more details call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore – Open Day / Night: For Primary 7 Pupils on Monday 18th January. Open Night for P6 and P7 pupils and their parents beginning with the Principal's address in assembly hall at 7.30pm.

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting: Monday 11th January in the Holy Family church, Ballymagroarty, Derry, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting. *All welcome*

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Wednesday 31st August to Wednesday 7th September. Direct from Belfast for the special price of £439 including half-board, tax and insurance if paid by Sunday 10th December.
For further details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 2nd April.
If you would like more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5 • Psalm 49: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23, R/ v 23 • Mark 2: 23-28
 Lectionary I, page 838 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 9 th January The family of Ella Kane	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sunday 10 th January The family of Ciatai Warnock
Saturday 16 th January The family of Aisling Lucas	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 17 th January The family of Michael Clarke
Saturday 23 rd January* The family of Caoileann Maguire	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27 th January The family of Molly Clarke

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented
 As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and thank them
***Do This In Memory Week 5** We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Derry Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: Friday 2nd September for 6 nights: Includes 4 nights Bed & Breakfast in Rome and 2 nights half-board in Assisi. The pilgrimage will be lead by Bishop Donal McKeown and Spiritual Director Fr. Gerard Sweeney. Group price is £675 inc. deposit of £150 per person required to secure seat (50 seats in total), hold baggage and transfer to Dublin extra and are to be arranged.
For itinerary call Leckpatrick Parish Office on (028) 71882274 on Wednesdays or Thursdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm

YOUTH 2000 Group: Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm in The Oratory, Main Street, Newtownstewart. Prayer, music, friendship and Newtownstewart coffee! This will also be our Pope John Paul Award Project for 2015-2016.
16 year olds and over welcome

Camowen Farmers Group Meeting: Monday 11th January at 8.00pm in Milestone, Carrickmore. Accountant and Tax Consultant SP McCaffery will speak on the topic of Schemes, grants and Tax Implications. Everyone welcome.
 Also wanted: Farmers willing to take slurry as a fertiliser from other farmers. (028) 8076 1339

Cappagh / Badoney CCÉ – Upcoming Events:

Traditional Music Lessons: Resumes Monday 11th January in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge, starting at 6.30pm. Registration immediately before class (at usual times) for the next 10 week block.

For more details call Roisin on 07789 697 238 or Tom on (028) 8164 8719

Monthly Seisiún: Friday 15th January at 9.00pm in the Plumbridge Parochial Hall. Come along to enjoy a good night's free entertainment. Everyone welcome • supper served

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events: *10 people or more are needed to run both classes*

Zumba with Rossey: Starts Friday 29th January at 11.00am. £20 for 4 weeks.

Body Blast exercises with Chrissy Devlin: Starts Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm. £20 for 4 weeks.

To register your name call Bridie on (028) 8164 8706, 07847 459 428 or 07591 047 556 or leave message

Viatres Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session: Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and / or training in Overseas Development & Mission? Saturday 16th January at 12.00pm at the VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7
 Tel: 018 689 986 • Email: info@viatreschristi.com • Website: viatreschristi.com

GCSE Irish Class: Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh. This is also open to students from other schools and to adult learners of Irish.

Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com • Tel: (028) 8225 6220

The Net – January Edition Now Available: For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call / text 07809 292 852. This month's coverage includes the follow.

Faughanvale clerics help refugees • Bellaghy goes to Bethlehem • Coleraine Junior Faith Group

Buncrana students entertain elders • Wee Ones Church thriving in Newtownstewart,

Strabane Cor celebrates 20th anniversary • Camdonagh enjoys UU choir

SVP parties in Culdaff, Urney and Castletin • Buncrana Mission • Tattysallagh PS celebrates 25th anniversary

Long Tower thanks volunteers • Waterside retreat • Fahan thanks promoters • Malin parish auction

Greencastle tribute to Fr. Eugene Hasson • Omagh night of prayer and praise • Bellaghy pioneers of 60 years

Ardmore marks Columbanus anniversary • Great buzz at Youth Conference • Youth enjoying Revival Nights

JP11 enrolments • Year of Mercy launch • Syro-Malabar community celebration

Warm welcome for Archbishop Eamon • Culdaff born nun looks at life's delicate balance

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<p>Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>Universal – <i>Interreligious Dialogue</i>: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.</p> <p>Evangelisation – <i>Christian Unity</i>: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.</p>

<p>ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses: All couples intending to be married in the parish are expected to have completed a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course. Please book well in advance of your wedding date.</p> <p>1st and 2nd April • 6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June</p> <p>To book (opening time can be found on the website):</p> <p>Website: accord.ie • Tel: (028) 8224 2439 • Email: omagh@accordni.com</p>

<p>This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:</p> <p>Wednesday 13th January – <i>St. Hilary (bishop and doctor of the Church) [c.315-c.367]</i> Elected bishop of Poitiers c.358 and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-359) by order of Emperor Constantine, he used the time to write. His major works include De Trinitate, a study of the Trinity.</p> <p>Friday 15th January – <i>St. Ita (virgin)</i> Was one of the early Irish women saints whose name is remembered in many place-names. A native of Co. Waterford, in the 6th century she founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland.' Died in 570.</p> <p>Saturday 16th January – <i>St. Fursa (abbot and missionary)</i> Was born in Ireland and became one of the great missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left Fiollan as abbot and sought refuge in a hermitage given to him by a patron at Lagny on the Marne in France. He died about 650 while on a journey. His body was buried at Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.</p> <p>Sunday 17th January – <i>St. Anthony (abbot)</i> 'Father of Monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits, died in 356.</p> <p>[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]</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.</p> <p><i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>

<p>The Good Ship Lollipop – <i>Appeal For Child Refugees</i>: 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. <i>Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid</i></p> <p>Website: tuesdayschild.ie • Email: info@tuesdayschild.ie • Tel: (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362</p> <p>Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g.TUES75 £5)</p>

<p>Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – <i>Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership</i>: A post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles or with an interest in the Catholic School system.</p> <p><i>For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org</i></p>

<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding</p> <p>Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass</p> <p>Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass</p>

Parish Liturgy for January, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McDermott	Monica Coyle	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Maeve McCullagh	Aileen Tracey	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Mary Bradley, Helen Tracey and Aileen Tracey		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

<p>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – <i>Use of Photography and Video</i>:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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. <p>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.</p> <p><i>From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>

<p>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. <i>See poster at entrances</i></p>

<p>Towards Peace: A new 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.</p> <p>Website: towardspeace.ie • Tel: 01 505 3028 • Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie</p>

<p>Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – <i>Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22</i>. <i>John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction? 2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life. 3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times? 4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
Franciscan friar and spiritual writer, Richard Rohr, offers some very challenging words to us concerning our celebration of (particularly adult) baptism. He writes that, regrettably, we have moved away from the ancient symbolism of baptism as a 'drowning' rite (by full immersion) in which the candidate 'faced' their own mortality before they were ready for mature adult life. We have lost that idea of something having to 'die' in the candidate in order for them to be reborn to new life. This, for Rohr, is what often explains the greater sense of community 'at the other side of the pool' in groups like Alcoholics Anonymous than in many of our churches.

The Deep End – *The Baptism of the Lord.* *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*
In Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus we hear that Jesus was at prayer after his baptism, when the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. This is main focus of Luke's account of this story, he is the only Gospel writer who says that Jesus was at prayer before 'heaven opened' and God's voice was heard. A call to do God's work can often be preceded by a deep prayerful experience of God. Luke's focus is on the experience of Jesus in this account but we are also called to see the revelation of God in ourselves and in others. Perhaps you can recall when you suddenly saw a divine spark in someone you know or noticed a change in yourself because of a deep experience.

We can recall moments in our own lives when we experienced God tenderly and lovingly saying to us, 'you are my son/daughter'; 'you are my beloved'; 'my favour rests on you'. Very often experiences such as these are simple events. They can also call us to a greater commitment to our faith and our relationship with God.

The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them. *WL Wallace*

Yoga with Margaret Franklin: Every Tuesday at 7.15pm in An Creagán.

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese, and their contact details, are as follows.
Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmail_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk
Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk
Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com
Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com *prayerforpriests.com*

Thornhill Ministries – *Upcoming Events:*
Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July. Lourdes has been designated as one of the international places of pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. Gift vouchers for any amount are available for purchase. *Application forms are available from Rosemary on (028) 7126 0293 or Theresa on 07517 965 751*
Trip to the Holy Land: An 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd September.
For more info call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Save Our Sperrins Meeting: First Wednesday of every month in Greencastle Community Centre with the next meeting on Wednesday 3rd February at 8.00pm. Join your local environmental group with an interest in protecting and promoting our Sperrins, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Special guest speakers and an opportunity to immerse yourself in your local community with shared interests in using our local knowledge and previous generations' determination to preserve our beautiful, natural countryside for future generations.

Learn about local areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) like Cashel Rock, special not just for its 450 million year old geographical rock formation but also for protected wildlife including the Irish Hare and the Lapwing more commonly known as the 'Peewit'. The Owenreagh River running through Greencastle, due for designation as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as one of the last breeding grounds of the rare Freshwater Mussel (Margaritifera) in these islands. **Facebook:** SaveOurSperrins • **Email:** saveoursperrins@gmail.com

Alzheimer's Society Carer Information and Support Programme (CrISP)

CrISP is a series of workshops for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. It provides an opportunity for you to talk in a friendly and confidential environment about your experiences and the impact they are having on you.

Week 1 – Induction and Welcome Welcoming everyone to the programme
Week 2 – Understanding Dementia Explores the physical, psychological and emotional impact of dementia
Week 3 – Legal and Money Matters Explores legal and financial issues to help you understand the importance of planning for the future
Week 4 – Providing Support and Care Explores concerns/challenges that may arise when supporting a person with dementia
Week 5 – Coping Day to Day Looking at the physical, psychological and Emotional impact that dementia may have on you as a carer

The free workshops are run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers for a group of up to 12 people who care for a family member or friend with dementia

If interested Paula Canney on (028) 8225 0103 / 07718 322 726 or email paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk

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