



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (10th August, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (11th August, 2014 – 17th August, 2014)

Saturday Evening (9th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 10th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Felix Slane (18 th Anniversary)
Monday 11th August St. Clare (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 12th August St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 13th August St. Pontian (pope and martyr) and St. Hippolytus (priest and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 14th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 14th August St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr)	Our Lady of the Wayside	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Vigil Mass for Feast Day
Friday 15th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass
Saturday 16th August St. Stephen of Hungary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (16th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 17th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£707** and **£13** loose change.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Felix Slane**, whose anniversary occurs at this time. We also pray for **Mary Keenan (Leicester)** and **Charlie Quinn (Broughderg)**, the most recently enrolled members of the DDS.

Offertory Gifts: During the summer months there will be no formal rota, instead families are invited to perform this role for us. As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership throughout the year. *Do not be shy about doing this on behalf of the whole community*

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: Wednesday 13th August is the last day pilgrims can commence the Three Day Pilgrimage. One Day Retreats recommence on Sunday 17th August.

For more information call Maureen or Sharon on 00353 71986 1518 or email info@loughderg.org

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
 10th and 11th October • 14th and 15th November • 5th and 6th December • 9th and 10th January
 6th and 7th February • 6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Accompanied by Fr. Mark Monaghan. *For more info call Maria Bradley on (028) 8164 8357*

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

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Sunday 10th August Dancing to *Larry & Co.* Sunday 24th August Dancing to *Cascades*

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7; Psalm 66; Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28;
 (Lectionary I, page 690) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

GAA Lotto Results: C • H • K • N • Q (1 with 4 letters winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £2,950

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our parish pilgrimage to the Penal Mass Rock at Dorville last Sunday

We were very blessed by the presence and leadership of our new Bishop, Bishop Donal McKeown

We extend a gracious thank you to:

- Sacristans Alice and Anne
- Maria for recruiting the myriad of people who had a role around the altar, readers, altar-servers, those involved in the opening and closing liturgies as well as the Mass, all in the Music ministry led by Mrs. Sinead Donnelly
- Visiting priests Fr. Kevin Mullan, PP, Drumquin, Fr. Mark Monaghan, SMA, Nigeria and Monsignor Danny Monaghan, SMA, Nigeria
- The Order of Malta, Omagh
- Mr. Dick Blakiston-Houston, owner of the site of the Mass Rock
- The teams who helped prepare the venue for our celebration especially Paul, Pat, Charlie, John, Eamon, those who provided amplification, Sarah for the banner (Bishop McKeown's coat of arms)
- The stewards who directed us
- The owners and drivers of various forms of transport that got us there and brought us safely back to our cars
- The photographers and video specialists, the local media, Ulster Herald, BBC Radio Foyle who notified the wider community in anticipation of our pilgrimage
- The visitors and your invited guests for being present supporting us, thank you all for your participation, thank you for honouring the highway code and for your courteousness and respect for each other, your fellow pilgrims and for the environment
- Everyone who, although unable to be physically present with us, were with us in prayer and in spirit. Many of you took time to express your support through phone calls and writing. Your involvement, your faith is what makes a community

Last Sunday this generation had the opportunity to make this pilgrimage. It's been 33 years since you gathered at Dorville – I wish a blessing on whoever will gather here again in another 33 years time!

Fr. Eugene Hasson

A souvenir Mass booklet is available for a donation of £1.50

Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle

Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839

TinyLife – Now Seeking Volunteers in Your Local Area: TinyLife is dedicated to supporting families with premature and sick babies. Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families. When a premature baby is discharged from hospital, it can be very daunting for parents to care for a small, vulnerable baby whilst juggling with the demands of family life and perhaps, other young children. As well as premature and ill babies, TinyLife provides support to families who have experienced a multiple birth. Mums and dads at home with two or three babies really appreciate having a TinyLife volunteer to help with the never ending cycle of feeding, changing, bathing and rocking to sleep.

All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses.

To become a volunteer complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or contact the Family Support Officer in your area Lynn Patterson on 07889 534 855 who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us

Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)

Universal: That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

For Evangelisation: That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

Parish Liturgy for August, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	TBC	Rosemary McCullagh	TBC
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Lawrence McBride	Emmett Clarke Peter Tracey	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation

In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast

The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone.

This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.

Tel: (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Email: maura@drumalis.co.uk • Web: drumalis.co.uk

12 Week Keep-Fit Box Class: Rouskey Hall from Monday 11th August. *Call Darryl McCullagh on 07979 378 732*
Women: 7.00pm – 8.00pm • **Men:** 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th August. An opportunity for young people to experience faith and meet many new people. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. **Web:** youth2000.ie • **Tel:** 07598 876399

Children in Crossfire – North-West 200 Mile Cycle Challenge. Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September.
Route: Derry - Enniskillen - Donegal town - Derry **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org

Cappagh Badoney CCE – Traditional Music Weekend: Friday 8th and Saturday 9th August in Plumbridge.
Tel: 07704 526 870

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 4th May to Sunday 12th October.
You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year

Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan: Friday 29th August in Greencastle Community Centre. Dancing to *Larry and Co.* Admission is £5.
Organised by Maria Bradley

exploreAway – Explore God's Call for You: A programme which provides the opportunity for single people between the ages of 21 and 40 who are interested in exploring religious life and the priesthood in a reflective and prayerful environment. Join us on Sunday 14th September from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 or on Sunday 12th October from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast, BT13 2RL to find out more about exploreAway. *An informative and relaxed afternoon with some pizza and chat!*
Booking is essential – Please call Sr. Gabrielle Farrell on (087) 358 4447 or Fr. Alan on (085) 766 4480
exploreAway.net vocationsireland.com

Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage: Sunday 14th September 2014.
Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Charles Brown (Papal Nuncio). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.

A Farmer's Prayer

Jesus, you are the Bread of Life,
Food for our journey,
You are the Vine and we are the branches,
Drawing our life from you.
As we seek to make out living from the land,

Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch the
beauty of your creation,
Renew your love in our hearts.
And as we see your plan at work in each season,
Bring your peace to our home and to those we love.

Amen

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

Safeguarding Information for parents of Altar Servers: A Parents' Safeguarding Information Pack, which has been developed by the Derry Diocesan Safeguarding Office, is available for parents of altar servers. In each pack there is an Information Leaflet and Information Booklet for parents and two Leaflets for the children. If you are a parent of an altar server/s, and require a copy, please leave your request for an Information Pack in the sacristy; alternatively, or you can obtain it from the Safeguarding office, Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry (office hours Monday -Wednesday, 1.30pm to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.

Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

The Deep End – Fear and Faith:

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

How often are we motivated by fear? Fear of looking silly, fear of being laughed at or rejected, fear of failure, fear of losing everything we have worked for – some of these fears will be familiar to us.

In the Gospels fear is often the opposite of faith. Peter has enough faith to get out of the boat and start walking on the water, but as soon as he feels the force of the wind he becomes afraid and begins to sink. Sometimes we start out fine but lose motivation or momentum along the way. Events seem to conspire against us, we get tired and fearful, and it is easier to just give up.

Some of the most powerful and consoling words of Jesus are contained in this Gospel passage: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' When we are afraid, Jesus is there to lift us out of our fear. When we lose faith, doubt ourselves, and feel as though we are sinking, Jesus stretches out his hand to us. Next time you are panicking, stressed or fearful, spend some time in prayer. If you struggle to find the words, why not echo Peter's cry, 'Lord! Save me!' Let Jesus lift you back into the boat and help you get back on track.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 24th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October		
Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
 Today's First Reading has God's 'still small voice' tip-toe up to Elijah ears without fanfare.
 The famous American Trappist monk and spiritual writer, Thomas Merton (1915-68) once wrote that 'the inspirations of the Holy Spirit are quiet, for God speaks in the silent depths of the spirit. It does not arouse excitement, but allays it, because excitement belongs to uncertainty.' In another place he cautioned 'If we strive to be happy by filling all the silences of life with sound, productive by turning all life's leisure into work, and real by turning all our being into doing, we will only succeed in producing a hell on earth.'

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 11th August – St. Clare (virgin) [1193-1253] Followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder of the Poor Claires. Patron saint of television. [Not celebrated this year]

Tuesday 12th August – St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious) [1572-1641] At the age of twenty she married Baron de Chantal but after nine years she was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.

Wednesday 13th August – St. Pontian (pope and martyr) and St. Hippolytus (priest and martyr) Pontius became bishop of Rome in 230 but was exiled in Sardinia where he abdicated during persecution in 235. Hippolytus was a Roman priest. Both died of ill treatment and are honoured as martyrs.

Thursday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941] a Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

Friday 15th August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary This feast honours the fullness of blessedness that was Mary's destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. Today is the patronal day of France, India, Malta and Paraguay.

Saturday 16th August – St. Stephen of Hungary [975-1038] The last Grand Prince of the Hungarians between 997 and 1000 or 1001, and the first King of Hungary from 1000 or 1001 until his death. A popular saint in Hungary and the neighbouring territories. In Hungary, his feast day is also a public holiday commemorating the foundation of the state.

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland.
 A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.
Adoption: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.	
NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 14:22-33: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

- The story illustrates the power of faith. Have you noticed that when you believe in someone, or something, you can do things that would not be possible when you are full of doubts? Recall moments when your faith gave you strength and courage? Name for yourself the different kinds of faith that had this effect: belief in yourself, trust in another, faith in God.
- When Jesus got into the boat the winds ceased. Who has been a Jesus person for you and helped to calm a storm that frightened you or made you anxious?
- The experience of Peter gives encouragement to us when we waver in our trust and belief in God. In his doubt and fear Jesus reached out to him. Who has reached out a helping hand to you when you felt you were sinking?
- The story ends with a profession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Have you had experiences of being rescued from some hazard or danger, experiences which deepened your faith in the presence and compassion of God for you?

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.