



**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 A] (10<sup>th</sup> September, 2017)**  
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**Thought for the Week:** "In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance." *St. Thomas Aquinas*

**Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September)**

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Ciaran (abbot)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Lucy McCullagh (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Kay McCrory (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Please note that there will be NO MASSES from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Cornelius (pope and martyr) and St. Cyprian (martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Station Masses in October:** Once more the opportunity is offered to families across the parish to host a Station Mass during the month of October. This year the available dates are as follows:  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> • Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> • Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Station Masses have been booked for the following townlands so far: Muninamale, Aughascribba, Leaghan and Formil  
*To book please approach Fr. Gallagher or call the Parochial House on (028) 8164 8474*

**Weekly Collection:** £985 *Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish*

**Baptisms:** We offer our prayers for the parents, godparents and family circles of **Grace Eabha Mulgrew** who was baptised in Our Lady of the Wayside Church and **Peter Thomas McCullagh** who was baptised in St. Patrick's Church.  
*Both ceremonies occurred on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the repose of the souls of **Kay McCrory (1<sup>st</sup>), Lucy McCullagh (4<sup>th</sup>) Michael Clarke (1<sup>th</sup>) and Brian Hollywood** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**All Ireland Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.  
 Fr. Michael Gaitley, Head of Evangelisation for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception will be touring Ireland to speak about the task and opportunity of setting Irish hearts on fire again with love for Jesus through Marian Consecration. Fr. Michael is a regular speaker on EWTN and he will be speaking in Ireland from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October in preparation for the Nationwide Consecration of Ireland in various places including  
**6<sup>th</sup> October** St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Street, Belfast at 7.30pm • **9<sup>th</sup> October** Knock Shrine at 7.00pm  
**10<sup>th</sup> October** St. Columba's Church, Longtower Church, Derry at 8.00pm.  
 Fr. Michael will be bringing with him nearly 1 million booklets of 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration to Jesus through Mary, all for free so EVERYONE can do this... Spread the word! Get involved!  
*Now is the time to unite in prayer, bear witness and be Missionaries of joy for Jesus and Mary*

**Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. A wonderful opportunity for families to honour the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, family and society in teaching and passing on the faith. Anointing of the Sick will be at 2.30pm, with Mass at 3.00pm followed by the Rosary. Chief Celebrant Archbishop is Eamon Martin with Music by the Ballina School Choir featuring special guest Dana. *All prayers will be blessed*  
**Bus:** £15 (pick-ups can be made along the main route) • **Meals (optional):** €30  
*Call Mona on (028) 8673 7954 or Una on 07743 575 969 to book • Everyone welcome!*

**Children's Prayer Appeal:** Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. The prayers can be brought to Knock on the day or posted in advance to the Catholic Grandparents' Association, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co Mayo.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.  
**Tel:** 01 443 4510 • **Email:** reservations@med-irishcentre.com

**St. Pio Monthly Devotions:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September after 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church. *Everyone welcome*

**Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting:** *There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic at the meeting • Everyone welcome*  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry starting with Mass at 7.15pm.

**Next Week's Readings:** Sirach 27:30-28:7 • Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12, R/ v 8 • Romans 14:7-9  
 Matthew 18: 21-35 • Lectionary 1:699 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b> Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September The family of Clodagh Brogan	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b> Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September The family of Sorcha Hughes
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September The family of Marcus Conway	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September The family of Seán Óg Teague
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September The family of Katie Donnelly	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September The family of Daire Tracey

**If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented**

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Bishop McKeown has invited as many parishioners as possible to attend. In an attempt to meet this request, both Fr. Forbes and Fr. Gallagher have asked Pat McSwiggan to run a bus to accommodate parishioners from both parishes of Badoney Lower and Greencastle. The bus will leave Gortin at 8.00am with a pick-up in Greencastle and Mountfield. The cost of the bus will be £15. There will be a short stop on the way down and a dinner stop in Bundoran on the way home.  
*Pilgrims from neighbouring parishes are also very welcome • If interested, please book with Pat McSwiggan (028) 8164 7099*

**40 Days for Life:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Precious Life is urging all Christians to unite in a focused 40 Day campaign to end abortion. We are asking you to pray, fast and join our prayer vigils outside the Marie Stopes and Family Planning centres in Belfast. *For more info and your FREE Prayer Pack please contact (028) 9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com*

**Attention Farmers:** Anyone affected by recent flooding needs to complete a Force Majeure form in relation to their single farm payment. *Please contact NIAPA (867 65700) or your local form filler / agent to get a form as it must be submitted straight away*

**Tyrone Ancient Order of Hibernians – Hibernian Day Parade:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September in Greencastle Co. Tyrone to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima at 3.00pm. We will be walking up to The Mass Rock on The Green Road, Greencastle for Rosary and Hymns then parading back to Greencastle Community Centre  
 Anyone wishing to take part in this community parade please email tyronecountyboardaoh1@yahoo.com • Everyone Welcome

**Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Day of Renewal:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh  
**Registration:** 9.00am • **Theme:** 'You are the salt of the earth' (Mt. 5:13) • **Speaker:** Sr Josephine Walsh DHS  
**Holy Mass:** 3.30pm • **Celebrant:** Bishop Donal McKeown • **Cost:** £25 (includes lunch and tea / coffee)  
**Booking essential to facilitate catering • Tel:** 028 8224 2092 (office hours) / 028 8224 3973 / 0787 6411 435 / 0759 6609 041

**Family Care Adoption Services:** We are currently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children  
 For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details  
**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

**McCrea's Bar & Lounge, Glenhull – Annual Steak BBQ**  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Food served between 7.00pm and 10.00pm, with music by Gerry Mac. *All proceeds go to Aware NI*

**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*

<b>Institute of Irish Leadership</b>	<b>Creative Writing Workshops:</b> Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> September (10.30am to 12.30pm) <b>Walking Group:</b> Meet every Monday in Pomeroy Forest Car Park (11.00am to 12.00noon)
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**Hike to Croagh Patrick:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October for those aged 16+. Cost £30 includes dinner and bus.  
*To get booking form call the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on +4428 71264087 or email rebecca.odoherty@derrydiocese.org*

**Rouskey Community Cookery Book:** Another new project for Rouskey. We are now looking for homemade cooking and baking; old traditional recipes, new recipes and gluten-free and vegetarian. We invite you to bring all your recipes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Rouskey Community Centre or you can still email them to rouskeycommunity@yahoo.com or give the recipes to members of committee. *Funded by the Fermanagh Omagh District Council*  
**Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma:** Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring. We have a number of people who are interested in this course but we need a few more. *Proposed by Rouskey CDA • Call Bridie on 07591 047 556 for more information*

**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  
*For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com*

**New 24/7 Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):** The mission is to help spread the Gospel message of joy, hope and charity with a mixture of prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies  
**9.15am** Live Morning Prayer • **10.00am** Holy Mass  
**11.00am** Catechesis with Fr. Eamonn McCarthy (full-time director – Angelus and midday prayer)  
**5.00pm** Live Evening Prayer • **5.30pm** News and the Rosary prayed from the studio  
*RMI is available to download FREE by App 'RADIO MARIA WORLD FAMILY' on mobile devices, FREE streaming on radiomaria.ie by clicking [LISTEN LIVE] or can be listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277*

**Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)**

**Parishes:** That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions**

Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month from May to October with the exception of 19<sup>th</sup> August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour  
**Celebrant:** Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown • *All are welcome*

**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*

**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](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)*

**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](mailto:info@ruralsupport.org.uk) **Website:** [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)

To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**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](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Website:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.co.uk)

**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.

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

**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.mcmenamini@derrydiocese.org](mailto:t.mcmenamini@derrydiocese.org) • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** [catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants](http://catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants)

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

Parish Liturgy for September, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McCullagh	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Michaela Gillen	Rosemary McCullagh	Grace Conneely
<b>Collectors</b>	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

**Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:**

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

**Child Safeguarding:** If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI / local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively, if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities. *See poster at entrance*

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership:** Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders.

*For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 7126 4087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)*

**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](http://celticprayergarden.com) • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 18:15-20:** John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions, but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?
2. While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?
3. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?
4. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together?

**Musings – I Will Give You Rest:** Dom Helder Camara, *Essential Writings, Modern Spiritual Masters Series*

Opening ourselves to ideas, including those with which we disagree, this is what the good traveller should do. Happy are they who understand the words, 'If you disagree with me you have something to give me.'

If those who are with you always agree with you before you open your mouth, they are not companions but shadows. When disagreement is not a form of systematic blocking, when it arises from a different vision, it can only enrich us.

It is possible to travel alone. But the good traveller knows that the journey is human life, and life needs company. 'Companion' means, etymologically, the person who eats the same bread. Happy are they who feel they are always on the road and that every person they meet is their companion. The good traveller takes care of his weary companions. He guesses when they lose heart. He takes them as he finds them, listens to them. Intelligently, gently, above all lovingly, he encourages them to go on and recover their joy in the journey.

**The Deep End – Community Living:** Triona Doherty, *Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

No community is without its problems. Wherever two or three are gathered, there will be two or three different opinions!

Today's gospel has a valuable message about community. When we think of our own parish or church community, we might feel uncomfortable with the advice on how to deal with sin. But this passage is just as relevant now as it was to the early Church. First of all, it acknowledges that the Church is not perfect; it is made up of sinners, who will go astray and disagree at different times. It emphasises the importance of dialogue – if a brother (or sister) sins, the first step is to discuss it with them, and then to enlist the help of the community if necessary. Presumably the other members will do the same for you, if and when you need it. We all have a responsibility, as members of the Church, to help those who are struggling or lost.

If you have a spare few minutes, read the passages that come immediately before and after this one in Matthew's Gospel. Before, the parable of the lost sheep tells us that God rejoices when one who has gone astray is found. After, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other as many as seventy-seven times. The context is God's generous love and forgiveness, on which we are expected to model our Church. Jesus is present where two or three meet in his name – even with our human struggles and disagreements and sins. We have a responsibility to be present to each other, and to forgive one another. That's what it means to be Christ's Church.

**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.

Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email [tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com](mailto:tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com)

**Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub**

This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.

We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.

An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.

To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.

*The questionnaire will also be available online*

Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.

We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

**SUSE+ Community Programme:** Are you aged between 16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week? If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid  
If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below

**Address:** SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

**Email:** [conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk](mailto:conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk) • **Tel:** 07834 129 213 *Courses will be run, subject to minimum number interested*

**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@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes:** Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 469 428 or (028) 8164 8706

**Child Care Level 2**  
*Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College in Rouskey Community Centre in September*

Provides learners with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare them for employment or to provide career development opportunities to progress onto a relevant Level 3 programme. As work placement is a vital part of this programme, learners will get the opportunity for both 'learning' and 'doing'.

**Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma**  
*Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College*

Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring.

**Essential Skills Levels 1 and 2 in English and 2 in IT** These September courses are free

**Camowen Farmers Group trip to National Ploughing Championships, Tullamore:** Leaving Carrickmore Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon and returning Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.00pm. £250, this includes luxury coach for 3 days, entry to Ploughing Championships, 2 nights B&B and 2 dinner in 4-star Trim Castle, Co. Meath, Lunch on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> in Glencarn Hotel, Castleblayney and dinner on 21<sup>st</sup> in Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan. £100 deposit by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August to secure booking • Call (028) 8076 1339 / 07789 067 231 for more details

**Pope Francis – 'Vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit'**

The Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations has launched a prayer initiative for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in Ireland. In this centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, parishes, schools and families are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary, for vocations in Ireland, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May until October.

*Those taking part in the prayer initiative are invited to use the social media hashtag #Pray4Vocations*

2016 Parish Statistics		
<b>Baptisms (18)</b> 7 Boys 11 Girls	<b>First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)</b> 10 Boys 6 Girls	<b>Confirmations (21)</b> 10 Boys 11 Girls
<b>Marriages (16)</b> 7 within parish 9 outside parish	<b>Funerals (10)</b> 8 within parish 2 outside parish	<b>Station Masses in October</b> 8
<b>Events</b> The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		

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

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** The discovery of the true cross is dated to 14<sup>th</sup> September, 320. On 13<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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*
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [1542-1621]**  
Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:**

**Rome Pilgrimage:** [Group 1] Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
[Group 2] Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)  
God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;  
To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word,  
To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.  
Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done  
with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*  
Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September for 4 nights. 4 nights full board in Hotel Centro di Spiritulita. The pilgrimage will include visits to of Padre Pio and Monte Sant Angelo – the shrine in the cave where the birthplace St. Michael the Archangel appeared. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Daniel Illhunna MSP • €689  
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