

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (10th November, 2013)
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**The Faith-community of Greencastle parish thank Fr. Donal Bennett
 for being with us to celebrate Mass this weekend**

Liturgical Schedule for Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (10th November 2013 – 16th November 2013)

Saturday Evening (9th November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Michael Conway (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 10th November	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
NOTE: There will be NO MASS from Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November		
Saturday Evening (16th November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Katy Fox (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 17th November	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass:
Solemnity of Christ the King [Year C]	Our Lady of Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)

Sacrament of Confirmation (Sunday 2nd March, 2014): The Diocesan Office has informed us that this will be conferred on the candidates who have been prepared. We hope that a new bishop will be appointed before that date and if so then we can welcome him to our parish for that occasion.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£830**.
Retired Priests' Pension Fund Collection: This will be taken up this weekend as the second collection.
Trócaire Emergency Appeal for Syria: This special collection will be taken up as a second collection on the weekend of 16th and 17th November.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: Originally set for Monday 11th November, this will be postponed.

Pioneer Council Meeting: Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Mick Hollywood** and **Mary Bradley**, whose anniversaries occur at this time and remember **Fr. Vincent MacRory** and **Lucy McCullagh**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Greencastle GAA – Christmas Fayre: Sunday 8th December in the Community Centre.
Anyone who would like to take a stall can contact Leona on 07789 687 564

Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World Retreats – Being Christian in the Neopagan Era:
 Saturday 15th to Monday 17th November in St. Mary's Hostel, Knock. Fr. Giuseppe Cardamone, MSP.
 Email: lambogoddbb@eicom.net Tel: 087 9221 812 Website: msptm.com

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Friday 14th February to Monday 17th February, 2014.
Please contact Eileen at events@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898 / 07840 182 004

PTAA – Month of the Holy Souls: Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrificial act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise! Take the SHORT-TERM pledge for NOVEMBER.
For more information visit pioneerassociation.ie

BADA – Upcoming Events:	Friday 15th November	Card playing at 8.00pm. Refreshments served
Greencastle Youth Club Rota	Monday 11 th November	P4 to P6 Catriona McAleer / Fiona Teague P7 to P10 Siobhan McKenna / Liz Conneely

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38; **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: I • J • S • T • X (2 people with 3 letters winning £25 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,050

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 9 th November The family of Niamh Clarke	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 10 th November The family of Daniel McCrory
Saturday 16 th November The family of Aoibhin Coyle	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 17 th November The family of Micael McCann
Saturday 23 rd November* The family of Ronan Coyle	Solemnity of Christ the King	Sunday 24 th November The family of Shane McKenna

*** Do This In Memory Week 2**

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.
What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community. *We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

Green Elves Playgroup – Parent and Toddler Group: Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm from 14th November. *All welcome just come along. For more information call (028) 8164 8119*

Families Bereaved by Suicide Residential Weekend: From 7.30pm on Friday 15th November until 5.00pm on Sunday 17th November in The Sanctuary, the IOSAS Centre, Muff, Co Donegal.

Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting: Usually on a Monday night, this will now be held on Tuesday 12th November in the Holy Family church, Ballymagroarty, Derry, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two first class relics at the meeting.

Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre Chapel, Larne – Christmas Carol and Song Workshop:
 This workshop is aimed at helping church and school choirs and individuals with material for the Christmas season. £30, including lunch and music.
Date: Saturday 16th November, 10.00am to 4.30pm **Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 **Web:** drumalis.co.uk

Know Your History – Learn What Happened! Next Sunday 17th November a coach tour of sites of interest in Dunamore Ward relating to the 1916-22 War of Independence will take place. Many events in that War happened here ... so we want to find out about them, understand them and learn from them. Pupils / students studying that period of Irish history are particularly welcome. The coach will leave Dunamore Hall at 1.30pm sharp, returning about 4.00pm / 5.00pm. Refreshments will be provided in Broughderg Community Centre as part of the tour. The project is funded by the EU PEACE III 'Decade of Commemorations' programme so it's all free of charge!

Diocesan Mass for Deceased Young People: On Sunday 24th November at 4:00pm there will be a Mass of remembrance celebrated for all deceased young people of the Diocese, remembering in particular those who have passed away this year. During this Mass the Diocesan community will gather together to remember, to pray, and to celebrate the life of loved ones. The Diocese extends an invitation to all who are grieving the loss of a young friend or relative at this time to attend. The Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry and refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?
For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028) 8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
 15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
 Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

Greencastle Community Centre – Card Playing: Sunday 10th November at 7.00pm.

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*

The Dutch Christian, Corrie Ten Boom (1892-1983), who famously sheltered Jews in her watch shop in Haarlem before being taken to Ravensbrück concentration camp, had good reason to consider the problem of evil. Her sister Betsie, who died there, had nevertheless maintained that 'there is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still'. As a little girl, Corrie's father once explained to her that just as he gave little Corrie her train ticket immediately before departure, so too would her Father in Heaven give her the strength needed to cope with a loved one's death when the time came.

Pope Francis' Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Priests Experience Difficulties: That priests experiencing difficulties may be comforted in their sufferings, sustained in their doubts and confirmed in their fidelity.
Missionary – Churches of Latin America: That the Churches of Latin America may send missionaries to other Churches as fruit of the continental mission.

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.

Prayer from the Community at Taize: God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in Syria and elsewhere in the world. So we turn to you - you do not let us give in to discouragement. You bring us to understand that our prayer and our compassion count. Be close to those who are suffering and send your Holy Spirit, that all humans may be inspired to make signs of peace.

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

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.
The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

Parish Liturgy for November, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Barry Maguire
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Seoirse Conway	Rosemary McCullagh	Claire Coyle
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Rosemary, Shauna and Ciara McNally		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			

The Deep End – Will My Body Look Old in This? *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*
 Today's Gospel is difficult. The Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus with questions about resurrection, even though they did not believe in resurrection. They are specifically concerned with childless women marrying their brothers-in-law to keep the deceased husband's name alive. Their case-study is slightly absurd and exaggerated. A situation where women can be 'given' and owned will not exist in the next life, nor will any other instances of slavery or the realities of this world. In a place of peace, justice and freedom, people are not 'owned' or 'given'. We should not be too preoccupied with questions like theirs: 'Whose wife will she be?' or 'Will I look old?' 'Will I have a body?' We can trust in God.
 We could interpret 'taking wives and husbands' as the many projects, titles, schemes we use to promote our own interests as 'children of this world'. 'Children of the resurrection' don't do this. They make huge sacrifices for people they work with, whether on the margins, for the liberation of people around them and those who are oppressed in any way. They 'cannot die' even though they can be condemned by society. You might recall someone who has passed away, but who is very much alive because of their influence on people, their generosity and kindness and the difference they made to those around them. They are 'children of the resurrection'.
 You were born a child of light's wonderful secret— you return to the beauty you have always been.
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The Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2014: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travels to Lourdes every Easter Sunday with young people and children from all over Ireland. The Derry, Tyrone and Donegal groups are currently accepting applications from young people of any religious denomination with:

- A physical disability or illness (aged 9-18)
- Very seriously ill children under 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative
- A learning disability (aged 11-21)
- Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness.

The young person travels without their family but accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. This week is a great experience for the young person as they have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence and often provides respite for parents/carers. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Alice on 086 856 6432 or James on 07989 303 896 for further details and an application form.
Please note closing date for applications is 31st October. If you are interested in volunteering with The Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer please contact either of the numbers above. All volunteers pay their own fare

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 – Luke 20:27-38: John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The question of the Sadducees suggests that our status here in this life influences how we will be in the afterlife. The reply of Jesus affirms that we are important not because of any ‘status’ we might have, but because we are children of God. Recall moments when you saw your worth, or the worth of another, as something other than worldly status.
2. A common tactic in an argument is to make fun of the position of another. Then one does not have to take seriously the view being expressed. Have you ever found yourself doing this? Have you experienced others doing it with you? What were the effects of such an attitude? Is there life here? If not, where have you found a fuller life?
3. Jesus used the phrase ‘Children of the resurrection’ to describe his followers because we believe in something that cannot be proven. Life can sometimes present us with that kind of a challenge – an invitation to believe in things we cannot prove: another person, a cause, the value of a course of action, etc. What has been your experience of believing and acting on this kind of faith?
4. At the heart of our Christian faith is belief that death is not the end. We believe that the relationship we have with God, and that starts in this life, survives death and continues after death. We call this resurrection. In this month of November we recall those we have loved who have died. How has belief in the resurrection helped you in thinking about those you have loved and who are no longer with you?

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 10th November – St. Leo the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church) Taught the two natures of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter. Died in 461. [Not celebrated this year]

Monday 11th November – St. Martin of Tours (bishop) [335-397] Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul and founder of monasteries. Patron Saint of France, soldiers, beggars and inn-keepers.

Tuesday 12th November – St. Josephat (bishop and martyr) [1580-1623] Bishop of Polatz, worked for reunion of Ukrainian Catholics but his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions.

Thursday 14th November – St. Laurence O’Toole (bishop) [1128-1180] Lorcán Ua Tuathail, also known as St. Laurence O’Toole, was born at Castledermot, Kildare, Ireland and died at Eu, Normandy, France, he was canonised in 1225 by Pope Honorius III..

Friday 15th November – St. Albert the Great (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1206-1280] Dominican theologian who taught in Cologne, was called the ‘Universal Teacher’ for the vast range of his interests. Patron Saint of scientists.

Saturday 16th November – St. Margaret of Scotland [1045-1093] Wife of Malcolm III, King of Scotland, helped by her example and influence, the work of reform in the church.
St. Gertrude [1256-1302] A Benedictine nun from the age of 5, she cultivated devotion to the Sacred Heart and advocated frequent Communion.