

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Baptism of the Lord [Year B] (11th January, 2015)
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Liturgy Schedule for the First Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (9th January – 15th January)

Saturday Evening (10th January)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Bernard Keenan (1 st Anniversary) 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Deceased members of Quinn family
Sunday 11th January Baptism of the Lord [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	
Monday 12th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 13th January St. Hilary (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 14th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 15th January St. Ita (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 16th January St. Fursa (abbot and missionary)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday Morning (17th January) St. Anthony (abbot)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (17th January) Do This in Memory (week 5)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 18th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	

If you are a homemaker, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection of **£742** and **£28** in loose change.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **John Haughey, Michsel Kelly, Patrick Tuohey, Mary Hollywood, Charlie Conway** and the **deceased members of the Quinn family that are John, Brigid, Rose, Anthony, Charlie**, whose anniversary occur.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 1st to 6th July. Gift vouchers are available from the Thornhill Centre (028) 7135 1233 and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre (028) 7136 2475. *Vouchers can be used as part or full payment towards the pilgrimage*

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER	<p>Know dear sisters and brothers that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection who is our Saviour.</p> <p>On the eighth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.</p> <p>On the fifth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>On the seventeenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>On the twenty-fourth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.</p> <p>On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.</p> <p>On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. <i>Amen</i></p>
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St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs:
 Saturday 14th March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

Pope John Paul II Award: Tuesday 10th February in the Millennium Forum, Derry. This is the 8th year of the award in the Derry Diocese and it will be launched in several other diocese this year.

Fr. Hasson would like Year 13 students undertaking the award program to offer their gifts for service in our parish

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10, r/v 8, 9; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42; (Lectionary I, page 740) **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

GAA Lotto Results: A • C • D • O • Z (3 with 4 letters winning £35 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,000

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 10 th January The family of Colleen Brogan	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sunday 11 th January The family of Rachael Devine
Saturday 17 th January* The family of Trea Clarke	Second Sunday after Ordinary Time	Sunday 18 th January The family of Tyler Gumley

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.
 Thanks to all who participate in the life and work of our parish faith-community. ***Do This In Memory Week 5**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Give Me to Drink (John 4:7): 18th to 25th January. Chosen by the Christian communities in Brazil. The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman invites us to try water from a different well and also to offer a little of our own. In diversity, we enrich each other. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognise the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity. Resource materials have been prepared by the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Here you will find the outlay of the service and material for each day of the Week. The material this year has been designed so that it can be used throughout the year. *As well as this material other useful resources such as Powerpoint, Irish language etc. can be downloaded at ctbi.org.uk. The Pontifical Council for promoting Christian Unity also has resources through the Vatican website at vatican.va*

Pope Francis: Amid Deceptions of World, We Must Continue to Ask Where is the Star? Vatican City (7th January) [Zenit.org]
On Feast of Epiphany, Pope Calls on Faithful to Analyse Personal Journey of Conversion: By Deborah Castellano Lubov
 Pope Francis is calling on the faithful to consider how they can start to undergo the same journey of conversion experienced by the Wise Men.

During Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, celebrated on 6th January in Rome, the Pope said the Three Kings are models of conversion to the true faith because they believed more in the goodness of God than in the apparent splendour of power. Despite difficulties and temptations, the Pope said, the wise men realised that... **continued in online news sheet →**

Pope Francis made a private visit to the Sistine Chapel on Christmas Day

The Holy Father visited the chapel alone to not only enjoy the new lighting recently installed, but also to have a few moments of prayer, reported the Sismografo. In addition to being Christmas Day, 25th December was a special day for Francis for another reason: it was the anniversary of his Baptism. He mentioned this recently, on a 14th December visit to a Roman parish, where he spoke to a group of families with recently baptised children:

"I should be somewhat curious to ask a question, but I won't do so ... Or I will do so, but I won't ask for an answer ... How many of you know the day of your Baptism? No, don't say anything, don't say anything ... However, if you don't know it, go find out: call your aunt, your mother, your godmother: "When was I baptised?" Because it is a feast day, that is, it is the day that we encountered Jesus for the first time. This is a task for the home. When was I baptised? And this is beautiful, it's beautiful! I was baptised, precisely, on Christmas Day! Eight days after my birth, in fact on that day, because at that time it was the custom – at least in Argentina – to baptize children eight days after their birth. Remember this always. I pray for you. May you have joy, joy with these children, joy in the home, joy in hope, so much joy. And I give you my blessing."

Viatore Christi – Information and Recruitment Session: Saturday 17th January in at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 at 12.00noon For those interested in overseas volunteering and / or joining the VC Training Course on Overseas Development and Mission. We are now in our 55th year and still aim to serve those in need at home and overseas by training and placing skilled people where they are need most. **Tel:** 01-868 9986 **Email:** info@viatorechristi.com **Web:** viatorechristi.com

Couples Preparing to Celebrate Marriage in Northern Ireland: You are asked to note that the period of notice for marriage, which is required by civil law, is increasing from a minimum of 14 days to a minimum of 28 days, with effect from 2nd March. Couples must give at least 28 days notice of marriage to the civil Registrar local to the place where marriage is to be celebrated. *Please note that this is the legal minimum, but longer periods of notification are recommended by the General Register Office*

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. *Please familiarise yourself with the policy by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church*

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Medjugorje Irish Centre celebrating 10 Years – Win 7 Nights Apartment Accommodation in Medjugorje: For 4 people staying in our 4 star Apart Hotel. To enter text the word PILGRIM, your full name, county and your email address to 60777. The winner will be announced every 3rd month during 2015. *See details at med-irishcentre.com or call (028) 8224 1888 – this message was forwarded to us by Darren Mullan*

Camowen Farmers Group – Public Meeting on CAP Reform: Monday 12th January at 8.00pm in Milestone Centre, Carrickmore. This important meeting will provide up to date information on the many changes in Single Farm Payment, Young Farmers Scheme and Business Investment Scheme. *Everyone welcome...please come early to ensure a seat*

Do This In Memory: Our next Sunday gathering will be at the Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (17th January).

<p align="center">Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>Universal – Peace: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.</p> <p>Evangelisation – Consecrated Life: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.</p>

← *Continued from above (Pope Francis: Amid Deceptions of World, We Must Continue to Ask Where is the Star?)*

...God's criteria is quite different from those of men. God "does not manifest himself in the power of this world, but speaks to us in the humbleness of his love."

"What is the mystery in which God is hidden? Where can I find him?" he asked.

There is Jesus in all the realities of today, Francis responded, particularly in those who are enduring difficult situations, such as war, trafficking, and exploitation.

"The crib points us to a different path from the one cherished by the thinking of this world," he said, for "it is the path of God's self-abasement, his glory concealed in the manger of Bethlehem, on the cross upon Calvary, in each of our suffering brothers and sisters."

The 78-year-old Pontiff also said that the conversion of the wise men happened when they passed from human calculations to the mystery. He also exhorted the faithful to examine their own conversion and told them to ask God "to protect and to set us free from the temptations which hide the star."

Amid the deceptions of this world, the Pope said, we are to always feel the need to ask "the troubling question: 'Where is the star?'" whenever we lose sight of it.

The Pope expressed his hope for all faithful to know ever anew God's mystery, and "not to be scandalized by the 'sign' which points to 'a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'"

In addition, he called on those present to find the courage "to be liberated from our illusions and presumptions" and "to seek an encounter with the Light," just like the Wise Men.

Word of God renews our hearts

After the Mass, Pope Francis appeared at the window of his study in the Apostolic Vatican Palace to pray the Angelus with those gathered in Saint Peter's Square.

During his address before the prayer, the Pope stressed how the Magi's experience evokes the journey of every man to Christ. Christians, he said, must seek God, just as the Magi did, which requires "fixing our gaze on heaven and seeing in the visible sign of the star the invisible God who speaks to our heart."

The star that is able to guide every man to Jesus, he said, is the Word of God, which is the light that "directs our path, nourishes our faith and regenerates it," and "constantly renews our hearts."

"We must not forget to read it and meditate it every day," he stressed, "so that it becomes for each one of us a flame that we carry within us to guide our steps and also those of one who walks beside us, who perhaps finds it hard to find the way to Christ."

***Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:** 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (**this will take place in Greencastle on Wednesday 15th February**). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. **Living:** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

Irish Language Class for Beginners: Every Thursday in Greencastle GAA Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Teenagers and adults are welcome. *Call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001*

Warm Homes – Are you entitled to Free Insulation and Heating?
Call 0800 988 0559 or visit warm-homes.com.

Parish Liturgy for January, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Sionhan McKenna	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of the Faithful	-- TBC --	-- TBC --	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Raymond Bradley	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Anne Tuohey, Alice Keenan and Anne Donnelly		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses
St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 13th January – St. Hilary (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [c.315-c.367] 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.

Thursday 15th January – St. Ita (virgin) 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.

Friday 16th January – St. Fursa (abbot and missionary) 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.

Saturday 17th January – St. Anthony (abbot) 'Father of Monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits, died in 356.

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
Being baptised is never a solitary act of "me", but is always necessarily a being united with all the others, a being in unity and solidarity with the whole body of Christ, with the whole community of his brothers and sisters. This fact that baptism inserts me into community breaks my isolation. We must remain aware of this in our being Christian. *Lectio Divina of Pope Benedict XVI on Baptism, Basilica of St John Lateran (Monday 11th June, 2012)*

The Deep End – Water of Life: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*
Water, water everywhere! For a natural resource, water can be very controversial, even a political issue, as we have discovered in Ireland in recent years. After all, we need water to stay alive. And as we know, sadly there are people in many parts of the world for whom clean drinking water is a struggle.
Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Old and New Testament, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life, an opportunity for God to teach us something, as well as a means of cleansing or purification.
Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Water is a powerful symbol in Baptism; when the priest pours water over the child or adult being baptised, it is a sign that our sins are being washed away and that we are entering a new spiritual life. This gift is freely available to us throughout our lives. In today's First Reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015

Sacramental Celebrations	Friday 13th March	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession
	Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	St. Patrick's	2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	Sunday 17th May Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 3rd May	St. Patrick's
	Sunday 30th August	Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Wednesday 11th February • Monday 6th April • Friday 29th May	St. Patrick's
	Sunday 19th July • Tuesday 8th September • Thursday 29th October	Our Lady of the Wayside

Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates

Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4th and 5th July)	Saturday Evening (4th July)	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday Morning (5th July)	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Monday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Saturday 17th January	Third Week in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 7th March	Second Week of Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 13th March	Third Week of Lent	6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 28th March	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 18th April	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 17th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 6th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

2014 Parish Statistics

Baptisms	Confirmations	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation	Marriages	Funerals
8 Boys 8 Girls	4 Boys 7 Girls	7 Boys 8 Girls	5 within parish 5 outside parish	22

Station Masses in October 5	Parish Pilgrimage Sunday: This was marked with our pilgrimage to the Mass Rock at Dorville on Sunday 3 rd August where our special guest and main celebrant was our new bishop, Bishop Donal McKeown on his first visit to the parish. We have now completed our series of pilgrimages to the Penal Mass sites located within our parish boundaries. <i>Thank you for sharing your photographs</i>
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Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 1:7-11: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

- John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He is able to acknowledge that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.
- The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have these been for you?
- 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind memories of experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Bring these experiences to mind with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.
- Let the symbols in the story speak to you:
 - the heavens torn apart;
 - the Spirit coming down;
 - a voice speaking from heaven.

All suggest that barriers between God and us are no more and God is reaching out to us. When have you had that experience of the closeness of God: perhaps watching a sunset, hearing bird-song, or in prayer?