

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year A] – Day of Prayer for Vocations (11th May, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Easter [Year A] (12th May, 2014 – 18th May, 2014)

Saturday Evening (10th May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass 8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary
Sunday 11th May Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year A] <i>Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) then the opening of Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass 4.30pm Concluding Prayers – Solemn Annual Exposition
Monday 12th May Fourth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass <i>Sick and housebound visitations</i>
Tuesday 13th May Our Lady of Fátima	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass: Peter Donnelly (2 nd Anniversary)
Wednesday 14th May St. Matthias (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Thursday 15th May St. Carthage (bishop)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Friday 16th May St. Brendan (abbot)	St. Patrick's	7.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary 8.00pm Mass
Saturday 17th May St. Paschal	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (17th May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 18th May Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,080**.
Diocesan Purposes Collection: A very kind total of **£565** was raised, thank you.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Peter Donnelly, Dan Bonner, Bridget Fox and Maureen Fox**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for **Bernard Keenan, Peter Clarke, Peter Coyle, Michael Keenan and Bridget (Tish) Ward**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Sick and housebound: These will be attended **Monday 12th May**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Baptisms: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Aoibheann Catherine Teague** who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised and her parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

St. Eugene's Cathedral – The Little Way Novena 2014 – Upcoming Events:

Sunday 11th May	6.00pm Devotions Speaker: Bishop Donal McKeown
Monday 12th to Friday 16th May	6.30am and 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Evening Devotions Speakers: Mr. David Quinn (Mon), Mrs. Majella O'Donnell (Tue), Mrs. Jenny Sinclair (Wed), Archdeacon Robert Miller (Thur) and Alan and Angela Hayes (Fri)
Saturday 17th May	10.00am Mass for the Dead
Sunday 18th May	3.00pm Closing of the Novena with the Blessing of Roses

Derry Youth Community: Are you a young person of faith aged between 18 and 25 who is interested in a 10 month 'time-out' period where you will come together with 5 other young people and live in community? You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be expected to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities. Closing date for applications is Friday 16th May.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7; Psalm 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R/V 22; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12; (Lectionary I, page 511)
Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]

Lotto Results: C • G • J • J • Y (10 with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,300

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle this weekend. Please feel welcome to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings as well as those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named townlands to take responsibility to ensure presence at specific times. **Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us**

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
10.00am	Glenhull / Aughmacrory	1.30pm	Benefreaghan
10.30am	Muniamaile / Alworries	2.00pm	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan
11.00am	Crock / Coneyglen	2.30pm	Teebane / Carnanrancy
11.30am	Aughascribba	3.00pm	Crockanboy
12.00pm	Broughderg / Evishession	3.30pm	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
12.30pm	Formil East	4.00pm	Sheskinshule
1.00pm	Formil West	4.30pm	Concluding Prayers and Benediction

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 10 th May The family of Eoin Bradley	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 11 th May The family of Tiarnan Teague
Saturday 17 th May The family of Cara-Rose Brogan	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 18 th May The family of Caitlin Warnock

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.

Drumalis Retreat & Conference Centre Chapel, Larne – Making our Faith Flesh and Blood: Being Christ's Body Today:
 With Timothy Radcliffe OP on Saturday 17th May. The day begins with registration at 9.30am and ends at 4.30pm. £35 per person, including refreshments and lunch. (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 • drumalis.co.uk • drumalis@btconnect.com

Sponsored Walk: Sunday 11th May at 3.00pm. 6 & 3 Mile Routes in Coneyglen starting from McCrea's Pub, Glenhull, Greencastle. Proceeds to Polycystic Kidney Disease Charity (PKDC). Registration £10 or Sponsor Sheets available from Roisin Hood - 07789 697 238. Refreshments afterwards. *A lovely walk and all support would be appreciated*

Greencastle Retirement Club – Annual Fundraising Dance: Friday 23rd May in Greencastle Community Centre, 10.00pm to 12.30am. Music by Larry & Co. *Admission is £5 including supper*

Prayer to implore favours through the intercession of the Servant of God Saint Pope John Paul II
 O Blessed Trinity, we thank you for having graced the church with Pope John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your fatherly care, the glory of the cross of Christ, and the splendour of the Holy Spirit, to shine through him. Trusting fully in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with you. Grant us, by his intercession, and according to your will, the graces we implore, hoping that he will soon be numbered among your saints. Amen.
karol-wojtyla.org

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.

Annual Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalité Collection: The Weekend of 17th and 18th May. This fund is very dependent on the money raised from this one collection to support people from throughout the diocese who are sick and in need of medical care and who wish to travel on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1st to 6th July): £599. The new Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown, is delighted to be able to lead the Pilgrimage this year. *As many pilgrims as possible is appreciated*

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage 2014: Monday 26th June to Saturday 3rd July. We will embark on a 100km journey to Santiago de Compostela.
For more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 3rd May to Sunday 9th October.
Check out knock-shrine.ie and consider a trip for your family this summer

Enrich Your Faith with a Day of Prayer at Knock Shrine Basilica – Called to be a Light to the Nations: Saturday 31st May (Feast of the Visitation) from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The day will include talks (including *Consecration – The Way Forward and Ireland – Where to Now?*), stations, Rosary and Holy Mass. *For more info and Buses call (086) 1678 027 or visit foyerofcharity.ie/*

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Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)			
Universal: That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.			
For Evangelisation: That Mary, Star of Evangelisation may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.			
Parish Liturgy for May, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Nuala Glass	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Seoirse / Kevin Conway	Peter Fox	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Eugene Tracey Brendan Conway	Sean Clarke Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Kathleen Tracey and Maria Morris		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make yourself known Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community			

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*

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
A priest serving in Point Barrow, Alaska, was once asked 'What's the most difficult aspect of ministry in these parts?' to which he answered 'There's no sheep here'. What he was getting at, of course, was the weakened impact, if not utter redundancy, of images such as the Good Shepherd among those who had not experienced this in their environment. This would not have been such a problem in Jesus' own day, in a culture where sheep and shepherding were commonplace, even if shepherds were not always regarded as 'good'. What images of Jesus are most powerful for you?

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, 1.30 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

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The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)	The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)	The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls us to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist

Following our recent parish finance committee meeting we publish today our annual summary financial statement Greencastle Parish Summary of Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December, 2013						
	INCOME	2013	2012	SPECIFIC EXPENSES	2013	2012
Routine income (envelopes etc.)		50,461	52,207	Light and Heat	6,066	7,342
Investment Income		105	3,101	Maintenance	10,632	12,174
Exceptional Items (Ins. Claim, Special Donations)		906	7,649	Normal Requisites	2,420	4,012
		51,472	62,957	Insurances	3,689	3,689
	EXPENDITURE			Rates	1,077	827
Property Expenses (Rates, Insurance, Maintenance etc.)		23,884	28,044		23,884	28,044
Administration Expenses (Salaries etc.)		25,434	23,196	Telephone etc.	1,791	1,299
		49,318	51,240	Accountancy	1,920	1,008
	NET PARISH INCOME	2,154	11,717	Bank Charges	322	423
				Bank Interest	664	---
					4,679	2,730
				Pass Through	5	(30)
					4,702	2,760
				Diocesan Assessment	6,787	7,196
					11,489	9,897
Prepared by Patrick Friel (Accountant) - High Street, Omagh, Co. Tyrone						

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.

Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3rd August): For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith. *Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it*
Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1st June to 13th August): Check out the Lough Derg website for details.

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 13th May – Our Lady of Fátima The title based on apparitions to three shepherd children at Fátima, Portugal, on the thirteenth day of six consecutive months in 1917, beginning on 13th May. The three children were Lúcia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

Wednesday 14th May – St. Matthias (Apostle) Like all apostles was chosen to become 'a witness to Christ's resurrection'. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now Turkey), where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans back to faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St Helena.

Thursday 15th May – St. Carthage (bishop) Hailed from a rich family in Kerry. As he loved the chanting of the psalms the local king arranged for him to become a priest. Having spent a year, possibly at Bangor, he founded his own monastery at Rahan in 595. It grew rapidly. But opposition made him move southwards around 637. He, with hundreds of monks and patients from their leper colony, finally arrived at Lismore, where he made a foundation. Died in 638.

Friday 16th May – St. Brendan (abbot) [468-578] A Kerryman who studied at Clonard under Finian. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly areas beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert and later died there.

Sunday 18th May – St. John I (pope and martyr) The first bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople. Was involved in Arian controversies and imprisoned at Ravenna, where he died in 526.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 10:1-10:

John Byrne OSA (john@ortagh.ie)

1. In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this?
2. Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience?
3. We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book, an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?

his call to priests and bishops that they should know their flock, which he brought to life with the phrase: priests need to be 'shepherds living with the smell of sheep' – a truly evocative way of describing the relationship between shepherd and flock.

While in the Old Testament the image of God as shepherd is prevalent, shepherds were in fact often looked down upon, perhaps because they did in fact have the smell of sheep. They were outsiders, who lived with the sheep in the hills and for this reason were seen as unclean, not people who followed the laws of Moses.

Yet, the bond between shepherd and sheep was strong, so close in fact that sheep were able to recognise their master's voice. Moreover, the shepherd did not drive the sheep from behind, but led from the front, with the sheep following. And at night, while the sheep slept in the pen, the shepherd lay across the opening or gate to protect them from what was outside. For this reason the image of God as shepherd is apt and something to aspire to for those who follow a vocation today.

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

Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference Marriage and Family at the Heart of the Parish:

Saturday 14th June at the Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin. The conference will explore how parishes can support families in their calling to live, pass on and share their faith, given the pastoral challenges that affect families today. The day will involve an opening address by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, input from Dr. Tony Fahey of UCD and from Ms. Colette Furlong (Sligo Parishes Cluster Catechist) and drama presentations followed by reflection and discussion.

The three conference aims are:

- To explore the 'pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelisation' (Pope Francis)
- To explore how the parish community supports families in their Christian calling to share their faith
- To inform the work of the Council for Marriage and the Family

Participants:

This conference is offered to leaders in parishes and dioceses, and others exercising faith and pastoral leadership, including parents, grandparents, teachers, members of Parish Pastoral Councils as well as other groups and organisations serving the Church's mission.

Further information is available from Ms. Trish Conway at Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co Kildare, Tel: 087 6220 349 and bookings can be made to cmfconference@iecon.ie.

The Deep End – The Smell of the Sheep:

Francis Cousins (Editor – Columba Centre, Maynooth)

Perhaps you have seen the photo of Pope Francis with a lamb draped around his shoulders. It certainly brings to life

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Sacramental	Sunday 1st June	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
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Celebrations	Feast of the Ascension		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 11th May	St. Patrick's	
	Sunday 24th August	Our Lady of the Wayside	
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Thursday 29th May • Saturday 19th July		St. Patrick's
	Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October		
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5th and 6th July)	Saturday 5th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 6th July	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
Sunday 1st June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion	
Saturday 22nd June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass	