

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (11th August, 2013)

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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we make the most of it.
You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (12th August, 2013 – 18th August, 2013)

Saturday Evening (10th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 11th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 12th August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 13th August Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 14th August St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 14th August Thursday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's	8.00pm Vigil Mass for Feast Day 11.00am Mass
Friday 16th August St. Stephen of Hungary	St. Patrick's Nazareth House Chapel, Bishop Street, Derry	10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass to celebrate the work of the Sisters of Nazareth over the past 120 years
Saturday Morning (17th August) Our Lady of Knock	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (17th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 18th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to register by filling out a parish census form Forward to Parochial House
Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£760**.

Year of Faith Parish Pilgrimage to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Crouck: On Sunday 4th August the Parish Faith community of Greencastle parish in Co. Tyrone, numerically the smallest and physically the highest in the Diocese of Derry gathered with visitors and friends at a local Mass Rock in the townland of Crouck to celebrate 'The Year of Faith' initiated by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Thursday 11th October, 2012. The Mass rock at Crouck is one of three in this mountain parish – the others being in the townlands of Formil and Dorville. The Eucharist was led by Fr. Eugene Hasson, parish priest in this community and con-celebrated by Fr. C. Kevin Gillespie SJ, President of Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia who in his homily paid tribute to the inheritance of faith this generation has received from previous generations, celebrated the faith of those who had come together on this mountainside in the Sperrins and gave encouragement to all for the journey that lies ahead and Fr. Mark Monaghan SMA, a native of neighbouring Drumragh parish, ministering in Nigeria. A huge dark cloud greeted the pilgrims to this sacred site as they gathered but it moved on and was replaced by warm sunshine that added to the joy-filled spirit of all who had gathered. When the tunes of the final hymn 'Thanks Be To God' filtered down the valley towards Glenhull a sending-out liturgy took place in which a lighted candle, symbol of faith was passed from a parishioner in his ninth decade of life, through eight further generations to an eight year old parishioner who earlier this year had received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. Each 'passing' was accompanied by a prayer of thanksgiving and of joyful hope. While this took place the whole gathering of around three hundred people gently descended the hillside until they reached the place where their pilgrimage had begun – a metaphor for the journey of faith in this special year. I wish to pay tribute to everyone who helped prepare for the occasion and everyone who participated in even the slightest way. Going together on a physical pilgrimage of this kind culminating in a celebration of the Eucharist is a call for deeper involvement and commitment to faith and parish life and it is my prayer that we as a parish faith-community will continue to mature and grow from last Sunday's experience. Fr. Eugene Hasson

Next Sundays Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 39:2-4, 18; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53;
 Lectionary I, page 895 **Sunday [Year C] Weekday [Year 1]**

Lotto Results: A • L • Q • V • Z (1 person with 3 letters winning £50) **Next Jackpot:** £4,300

Sisters of Nazareth – Derry 1892 – 2013: You will be aware from a press release in June the Sisters of Nazareth announced that their Residential Care Home in Bishop Street will close on Saturday 7th September. The Sisters have managed residential care in Derry for 120 years and are saddened at the closure. They would like to thank you for your support and generosity which has enabled them to serve the residents for that length of time. A Mass will be celebrated to mark the contribution of the Sisters of Nazareth in the Diocese of Derry over the last 120 years on Friday 16th August at 6.00pm at Nazareth House Chapel, Bishop Street, Derry. This work would not have been possible without the co-operation and generosity of the Priests and people of the Diocese.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

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

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

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

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

Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 3 and 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) // email@familycaresociety.org // familycaresociety.net

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle but neighbouring groups have asked for our support with a 'Clothing Bank' near to St. Patrick's Church for a period of time. Please support them in any way you can

Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough, Co. Donegal:
 Tel: 00353 7491 38909 Email: info@ardsfriary.ie Website: ardsfriary.ie

Youth 2000 Summer Festival (Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly): The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place at the Cistercian College, Mount St. Joseph Abbey, Roscrea in Co. Tipperary. The Festival is for young people aged 16 - 35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 15th – Sunday 18th August. The weekend promises to be an opportunity for young people from all over Ireland to explore their Catholic faith and have some craic! This is a donation-only retreat. FREE buses are available throughout Northern Ireland – just bring a sleeping bag – and a pair of wellies! (Over 18s may like to bring their own tent). For more information see the poster at the back of the church or contact 07514 820 572 (from NI), or check youth2000.ie.

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry: For information call (028) 7126 2512 during office hours.

Medjugorje Irish Centre: Find us online at med-irishcentre.com. Tel: (028) 8224 1888.

Greencastle Retirement Club – Annual Fundraising Dance: Friday 23rd August from 10.00pm to 1.00am in the Greencastle Community Centre with music by Larry & Co. Admission is £5.00 including supper

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
 11th & 12th October, 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.

BADA Events: **Sunday 11th August** Dancing to Sprig of Heather **Sunday 25th August** Music by Tory Sound

Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Parents and Teachers: That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life
Missionary – Africa: That the local churches in Africa, faithful to the Gospel proclamation, may promote the building of peace and justice.

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Derrivane, Muff, Co. Donegal – Summer Serenity: Wednesday 14th August / 21st August 2013. Join us for an afternoon of food, faith and fun in the beautiful Celtic Garden and IOSAS Centre. Hot lunch at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the Celtic Garden and a short healing service and blessing. Music and story-telling until 4pm. Cost €10 / £8 per person. Individuals and groups welcome. Call the IOSAS Centre to book (00353) 74 93 84866.

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Rd, Muff, Co Donegal – The Soul Spa: A spirituality retreat for young women (16+). Chill the mind & body. Fill the spirit and soul. Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th August. There is no charge for this event but places are limited and must be booked in advance.
For further info call Columba House on (028) 7126 2407 or email columbacommunity@hotmail.com

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy (Monday 26th August – Monday 2nd September):
 With Father Francis Bradley. Staying four nights at the Irish College, Rome taking in the sights of the Eternal City and an Audience with the Holy Father, and three nights at the Shrine of Padre Pio, taking in the shrine of Manoppello and the Abbey of Montecassino. Price £850, including all coach transfers to/from Dublin and whilst in Italy, flights with Aer Lingus, accommodation on a half board basis in Rome and full board in San Giovanni, and the assistance of a Travel Representative throughout (single supplement at £20 per night).
For more info call Fr. Bradley on (028) 7136 2475 [W] / (028) 7135 1718 [H] or email fbradley@derrydiocese.org

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 11th and 12th October 15th and 16th November 6th and 7th December 10th and 11th January
 7th and 8th February 7th and 8th March 4th and 5th April 9th and 10th May 6th and 7th June

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts.
Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 **Fax:** 00-353-94-9388295 **Email:** info@knock-sh.rine.ie **Website:** knockshrine.ie

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Monsignor Danny Monaghan (Wednesday 4th – Wednesday 11th Sept.):
 Price including half board, all taxes and insurance: £499. *For further details contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357*

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

Parish Liturgy for August, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling Donaghy	Catriona McCullagh	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Emma Clarke	Patrick Clarke	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Sean Clarke Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs, Mary McCullagh and Joanne Beggs		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead
Altar Servers: Please notice the important role of altar servers in the prayer life of our faithful community, we currently need new volunteers to strengthen the teams already serving so if you will commit, please do so soon.

Derry Diocesan One-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: As part of its Year of Faith initiatives, the Derry Diocese will lead a One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Tuesday 20th August, 9.15am - 4.30pm. It is hoped that as many people as possible will participate in the pilgrimage. Price: €40 (£36) includes boat fare, refreshments, services & lunch.
*Contact Lough Derg on: 00353 71986 1518 or email info@loughderg.org
 Places are limited to 150, so book in advance*

Songs of Praise: The BBC's Songs of Praise will be recording two programmes later this summer for transmission on the 15th September and St Patrick's Day next year. The venue is The Guildhall in Derry and the date of recording is Saturday 31st August. We would like to invite the members of your choir to join us as part of a larger Congregational Choir for the recordings. This would require those taking part to attend a rehearsal a few days before the recording. This will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed. On Saturday 31st August we will record 10 hymns in two sessions between 10.30am and 1.30 pm and then at 3.00pm until 6.00pm music will be provided on the day for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass parts. We would be delighted if you could let us know if your choir would be interested in joining us in August and also indicate the numbers wishing to attend please. Please note that we would require this information by Monday 22nd July at the absolute latest. Members of the public also wishing to take part in the recordings will be able to apply for tickets through the BBC Ticket Unit later in July.

*Tickets are now available from bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/shows/songs_of_praise_31aug13
 All choirs who have booked must confirm numbers this week, specifying the number of male and female singers*

National Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage: Sunday 8th September at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock with guest speaker Sr. Briege McKenna.

Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome: 26th and 27th October.
For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877

Lough Derg Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage: The last date for entering the island is Friday 13th August. This pilgrimage attracts people of all ages and walks of life, from different cultures and social backgrounds. Stepping outside their ordinary lives and routine, they leave behind many of the trappings of the modern world. Pilgrims will have begun their commitment by fasting from the previous midnight: they follow a set routine of prayers and actions, hallowed by centuries of practice, all the while fasting and walking barefooted. Pilgrims make nine 'Stations' during their time on the island. The Station is a mantra-type prayer; allowing pilgrims to get in touch with their real inner selves in a most authentic way. The challenging nature of the fasting vigil and Stations is complemented by excellent communal celebrations in the Basilica.

Foyle Hospice – Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning: Thursday 19th September. As a registered charity, care to patients and their families is free of charge and we depend on the generosity of our local community to raise the £2.3 million that is currently required annually to maintain our essential services.
 We are looking for supporters to hold coffee mornings in schools, colleges, homes, churches, halls, workplaces just about anywhere to help us raise much needed funds for the Hospice.
 We will supply the coffee (sponsored by Bewleys) and also all of the publicity / promotional material to help you run your event – Your coffee morning does NOT need to be on 19th September, you can have it any date in September. It also does not need to be held in the morning – SO, the date and time is up to you.
*If you would like any more information please call (028) 7135 9888 / 07808 807 998
 Thanks so much for your attention to this request and I hope to hear from you soon*

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 12:32-48:John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The opening verses of this Gospel passage invite us to ask ourselves: what do we see as our purpose in life? What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success?
2. At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone: 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.' When have you found that being alert enabled you to grasp a moment of opportunity that you might easily have missed, e.g., when a child or friend gives a hint that they would like to talk and a very meaningful conversation ensues.
3. Another consideration that adds to the sense of urgency in the words of Jesus is that we only have one life, and we do not know how long that will last. So Jesus calls us on us to live in the now and to treasure our time. Sometimes we can drift aimlessly through a day and on other occasions use a day purposefully. What difference does that make, if any, to how you experience the day?

Questions people ask:Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

- Q. Is it possible to fear God and love God at the same time?
- A. One must distinguish between unhealthy fear which causes terror and healthy fear which breeds humility and reverence. The terrifying sort of fear fails to recognise God's love and mercy. Reverential fear is part of true faith which humbly recognises one's unworthiness before God's holiness. This humble fear is the beginning of wisdom. Reverential fear is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Deep End – My Freezer is Too Full:Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

It sometimes takes a major disaster to put the spotlight on the ever-ready nature of the emergency services. The aftermath of the recent Boston Marathon bombings showed how quickly paramedics, doctors and emergency medical staff can spring into action to aid people in distress. When on call, fire-fighters and paramedics are 'dressed for action', ready to run when the call comes.

Jesus talked to his disciples about being 'dressed for action'. He told the disciples to 'have their lamps lit', and to be awake when the master comes – just like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding feast.

How can we 'dress for action', so that we are ready when Jesus calls us from this life? We do not have the luxury of knowing when that day will come. It can be easy to fall into the trap of thinking 'My master is taking his time coming' and postponing our good behaviour for another time. If we knew when our time was going to be up, we could arrange our lives accordingly – culminating perhaps in a dramatic death-bed confession and conversion! But that is not the life Jesus calls us to.

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***

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 25th August Our Lady of the Wayside	
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	
Friday 30th August and Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick's
	Sunday 7th April Our Lady of the Wayside
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's 6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough, Co. Donegal – Retreats in 2013:Tel: 00353 7491 38909 Email: info@ardsfriary.ie Website: ardsfriary.ie

Ards Friary is open throughout the year for individuals and groups whether lay, religious, clerical, ecumenical or anyone who wishes to have some quiet time, rest and prayer in beautiful relaxed surroundings. The following retreats are available for 2013:

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th August	John Pridmore <i>Healing the Wounds of your past</i>
Sunday 11th – Sunday 18th August	Association of Iconographers – Learning to Write an Icon
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd August	Course for priests in the Latin Mass
Monday 26th August – Thursday 1st September	The Foyer of Charity – Five Day Silent Retreat (directed by Fr. Kilian Byrne) <i>If you but knew the gift of God</i>
Thursday 3rd – Sunday 8th October	CURSILLO (men)
Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th October	CURSILLO (women)
Saturday 30th November – Sunday 1st December	Advent Retreat (directed by Fr. Kieran Shorten, OFM Capuchin)