



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

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (11th September, 2016)

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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 22)
"Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. Thus God is always ready to forgive, and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising."

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (11 th September, 2016 – 18 th September, 2016)			
Saturday 10th September Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions	
Sunday 11th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Lucy McCullagh (Anniversary)	
	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
		10.30am – 10.45am Confession	
		11.00am Mass	
Monday 12th September Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Tuesday 13th September St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass	
Wednesday 14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass	
Thursday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Friday 16th September St. Cornelius (pope and martyr) and St. Cyprian (martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Imelda Tracey (15 th Anniversary)	
Saturday 17th September St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions	
		6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 18th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)	
	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am Confession	
		11.00am Mass	

Parish Collection: Thank you for your generosity to last week's parish collection of **£1,000.**

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Bishop Edward Daly** whose Month's Mind occurs at this time. We also pray for the repose of the souls of **Lucy McCullagh, Michael Clarke** and **Imelda Tracey** whose anniversaries occur at this time

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday 1st October after 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. *More details in later bulletins*

Station Masses: One of the highlights of my first year here in the Parish of Greencastle was the celebration of Station Masses during the month of October. It is a great way for the priest to get among the people of the parish in both a liturgical and social context. Last year there were seven such masses in seven different townlands. I would now like to offer the following dates for Station Masses this year and I will print in the bulletin which dates have been taken and in which townland the mass will be offered over the coming weeks. Book with me either by telephone at (028) 8164 8474 or personally either before or after mass.

The following dates are available in October: *Fr. E. Gallagher PP*
 Mon. 3rd • Fri. 7th • Mon. 10th • Thurs. 13th • Fri. 14th • Mon. 17th • Fri. 21st • Mon. 24th • Thurs. 27th • Fri. 28th

Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage: Sunday 11th September. Chief Celebrant will be Archbishop Michael Neary, Patron of the CGA with a refection by Catherine Wiley, the founder of the CGA. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with music and song will be at 2.30pm and the Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary will be at 3.00pm. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their grandparents which will be blessed at the pilgrimage (please send prayers to our office at the following address) **Address:** Castlebar St, Westport, Co Mayo • **Tel:** 098 248 77 **Email:** info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com • **Web:** catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting: Monday 12th September in the Holy Family church, Ballymagroarty, Derry starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting. *Everyone is welcome*

Rouskey Community Centre – Children's Living Classes: Friday 23rd September for 5 weeks from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for P3 to P10. £4 per child and £10 for family of 3. *To reserve a place call Donna on 07845 391 778*

Next Week's Readings: Amos 8: 4-7 • Psalm 112: 1-2, 4-8, R/ cf. vv 1,7 • 1 Timothy 2: 1-8
 Luke 16: 1-13 • Lectionary I, page 910 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 10 th September The family of Tadhg Clarke	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 11 th September The family of Eoin Bradley
Saturday 17 th September The family of Charles Conway	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 18 th September The family of Nicole Cahill
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.		

Lough Derg Parish – Upcoming Retreats: Advance booking essential
Tel: Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861 518 • **Email:** info@loughderg.org • **Website:** loughderg.org
 Few months remain of this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* and one of Ireland's oldest places of pilgrimage
 Lough Derg, offers One Day Retreats on 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th and 24th September
 Take time out in the nurturing peace of the Island and cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Patrick's Basilica
A Day of Friendship and Prayer Wednesday 14th September
Guest speaker is Most Reverend Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare

Derry Catechetical Centre – Hike to Croagh Patrick: Do you fancy a trip to Westport, Co. Mayo combined with a hike of one of Ireland's most famous mountains? The trip will be on Friday 7th October for those aged 16 or over.
Cost: £30 inc. dinner and bus • **Tel:** (028) 7126 4087 • **Email:** ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering your services please visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or freephone 0800 912 1200

Blessing of Motorbikers: Sunday 11th September at 1.30pm in St. Aengus' Church, Burt. This year, we are having a short prayer service and blessing for all bikers and their bikes. There will be a collection taken up for the RNLI at the church and a Motorbike Run to the RNLI Station at Ned's Point, Buncrana. *All are very welcome*

Pomeroy Forest Walk: Monday 12th September (11 00am to 12 00noon) in Pomeroy Forest. *Meet in Car Park*
 Now taking bookings for light refreshments after wedding mass and prior to travelling on to hotel for wedding celebrations
Email: kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com • **Tel:** (028) 8775 7800

Celebrating 10 Years of IOSAS Centre, Celtic Prayer Garden and White Oaks Acorn Project: There will be an Open Day on Saturday 24th September, 11.00am to 2.00pm - we'll have stalls of our own produce as well as local businesses; tours of the Projects, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts. On Sunday 25th September at 3.00pm there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin in St. Canice's Oratory, Celtic Garden. *All are welcome to these events*

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Foyle Hospice – 'Yer Man's' Male Walk / Run: Sunday 25th September – starting at 1.30pm from Sainsbury's. Register now!
For more info call the Foyle Hospice Fundraising Centre on (028) 7135 9888 or email noelmcmonagle@foylehospice.com

Strule Arts Centre – Irish language Activities: Resumes Wednesday 14th September for 12 weeks. *Call Kevin on 07747 899 249*
Sean-nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm – £20 • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm – free
Irish Language for Beginners, Improvers and Advanced Level 8.00pm to 9.30pm – £20

Perinatal Hospice Care Conference: Wednesday 21st September, 6.00pm-8.40pm at the Riddel Hall, Belfast. Learn more about various adverse prenatal diagnoses and perinatal hospice care. Open to healthcare professionals in general practice, obstetrics, neonatology, nursing, midwifery, bereavement care. 2 CPD points awarded by RCP UK.
To register / for more info email phconference16@gmail.com

Greencastle's First Blood Donation Clinic: Wednesday 14th December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and again from 5.15pm to 8.00pm at the local community centre. *For more info call Darryl McCullagh on 07979 378 732 or Fiona Teague on 07813 935 996*
Handball Registration: Monday 12th September from 7.15pm to 8.00pm in the handball alley for 2nd year to 5th year. Registration is £10 for one child, £15 for 2 children and £20 for 3+ children. Goggles will be on sale on the night for £11 and are compulsory to play. It will run on Thursday nights from 7.00pm to 8.00pm for 2nd and 3rd years and from 8.00pm to 9.00pm for 4th and 5th years starting Thursday 22nd September. *For more info call Darryl McCullagh on 07979 378 732*

Our Lady of Lourdes PS – Living Classes: Begins Tuesday 13th September commencing at 7.30pm. These are of course number dependent so we would be keen to get an idea of the interest level before we finally commit to the program. The lessons will run for 8 weeks under the tutelage of Christopher Cross and will cost £3.00 per person per night. *For more info call (028) 8164 8732*

Tuition Slots for Elocution Lessons: Caters for all ages to help improve public speaking, presentation and acting techniques - Improve pronunciation and read with ease - Speak confidently, correctly and effectively. *For more info call 07821 583 866*

Irish Dancing Classes: Resume Monday 5th September at Our Lady of Lourdes PS (3.00pm to 4.00pm) and Greencastle Hall (4.15pm to 5.45pm). *New Members Welcome • Patricia Wilson ANCRG*

Children in Crossfire – Ben Nevis Climb: Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October flying from Derry Airport.
Tel: (028) 7126 9898 • **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Website:** childrenincrossfire.org

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Centrality of the Human Person: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre.
Evangelisation – Mission to Evangelise: That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelise.

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Living With Suicide Wednesday 21st September
 For those who have been affected by suicide in any way, an opportunity for deeper understanding and support to 'make sense of it all'.
Guest Speakers are Conor McCafferty, ZEST - Healing the Hurt - and Geraldine Kennedy, a personal experience

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest.
 The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: *prayerforpriests.com*
Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.co.uk
Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

The Net – September Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:
 Tributes to Bishop Edward Daly • Melmount Ordination • Limavady and Templemore HOPE Camps
 Holy Family - Ballymagroarty • Faith Story • Newtownstewart Church Re-Opening
 Claudy pilgrim shares Lough Derg experience • Clonmany celebration for Fr. Farrell,
 Drumragh celebrates gift of priesthood • Greencastle parishioners enjoy Fr. Ryder's Diamond Jubilee
 Wee House of Malin Mass • Tyrone Deanery Mercy Pilgrimage • Search Summer Scheme
 Great World Youth Day experience for Derry pilgrims • Youth focus on faith • Children's Catechism Club
For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call / text 07809 292 852

Dún Uladh Music Classes: Returns Tuesday 27th September. Registration is open by calling (028) 8224 2777, there will also be a registration night on Tuesday 20th September from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Spaces are available for various instruments, including:
 Fiddle • Flute • Tin Whistle • Concertina • Button Accordion • Harp • Uilleann Pipes • Banjo • Bodhrán • Guitar

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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Parish Liturgy for September, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	---	---	Colleen Brogan
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Lawrence McBride	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Maria Morris and Kathleen Tracey		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events: Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706
Computers Classes Essential Skills: Beginners level 1 and level 2. Anyone interested in any of these free classes in September call one of the numbers above.

Pilates with Bredda Turbiitt: Tuesday 13th September at 7.00pm. Free training and new training programme facilitated by South West College. A 12 week programme of training and personal development available to anyone aged 16-65 years who is not working or working 15 hours or less per week, or not in full time education / training.

Rouskey Respiratory Support Group: Rouskey Community Centre considering setting up a Respiratory Support Group facilitated by Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke. Respiratory conditions include illnesses like COPD, asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. A respiratory condition is not always obvious to others, and is often referred to an 'invisible illness'. NICHs's Respiratory Groups meet often to offer support to people living with respiratory conditions and their families and carers.

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

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 • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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 • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:
 If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us. Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor.
 Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St. Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 2407

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. *See poster at entrances*

ACCORD – Marriage Preparation Courses: Each year over 20,000 people marry in the Catholic Church in Ireland. Despite the recession, numbers getting married have only fallen slightly in recent years. ACCORD Omagh provides Marriage Preparation Courses for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. Feedback from participants is very positive. Courses take place at the address below and can be booked via the following information.

Address: Accord Suite, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre • **Website:** accord.ie **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439
Dates (Fridays and Saturdays): 9th and 10th September - 7th and 8th October - 4th and 5th November

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are as follows.

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 Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com
 Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com *prayerforpriests.com*

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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass

Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass

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 • **Web:** kindercareni.co.uk

The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees: The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*

Website: tuesdayschild.ie • **Email:** info@tuesdayschild.ie • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362
Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g.TUES75 £5)

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 • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@iecon.ie

Craft Training Ltd: A leading training organisation that provides 16-18 year olds with the opportunity to fulfil their potential in a vocational area, through the Training for Success programme. Gain the skills you need to kick start your career free of charge and earn £40 per week, range of qualifications include ICT, Hairdressing, Joinery, Painting & Decorating, Hospitality & Catering, Retail and much more.

Tel: (028) 8225 9377 • **Office:** Kelvin Avenue, Omagh • **Email:** joincraft@hotmail.co.uk

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

2015 Parish Statistics			
Baptisms 6 Boys 8 Girls	Confirmations 8 Boys 8 Girls	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation 10 Boys 9 Girls	Marriages 10 within parish 5 outside parish
Station Masses in October 7	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
Funerals 13	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

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The Deep End – The Lost Parables: *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found.

In the third parable of the Prodigal Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses'. We might pray today that God shows us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to 'come to our senses'.

As with all parables, we are left thinking and wondering, disturbed even. A sheep and a coin we can rejoice over, but when it is a person who has done us harm, hurt us in some way, it is a much deeper and more painful process. The elder brother in the third parable feels hard done by, is deeply hurt, full of anger and resentment. Luke, being the excellent storyteller that he is, does not tell us the outcome of the story; it is for us to finish for ourselves. The elder brother has two options: he can walk away full of resentment or he can try to let go of the anger he feels towards his brother. The latter is a more difficult path but it is the only one that leads to life, no matter how painful the journey may be. The father stands there pleading for the elder brother to come in.

'Forgiveness isn't about releasing someone from accountability for his actions. It is about us letting go of our anger and resentment.'

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 13th 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.

Wednesday 14th September – *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross* The discovery of the true cross is dated to 14th September, 320. On 13th 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.

Thursday 15th 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*

Friday 16th 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.

Saturday 17th 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.

Sunday 19th September – *St. Januarius (bishop and martyr)* While no contemporary sources on his life are preserved, later sources and legends claim that he died during the Diocletianic Persecution, which ended with Diocletian's retirement in 305.
[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Musings *Siobhain Tighe (Parish Pastoral Worker of the Archdiocese of Dublin with responsibility for Youth Evangelisation)*

Misfits welcome!

Jesus is being judged, by the authorities, to be mixing with the wrong sort of people – tax collectors, people who have made mistakes or indeed happen to be poor. Jesus welcomes the outsiders, the people who don't fit in, and shares a meal with them – the best way to build a relationship.

Jesus explains that God's love is limitless. He uses the Prodigal Son image, the shepherd searching for his lost sheep and the woman carefully looking through her house in search of a lost coin to demonstrate how eagerly God wants to seek us out and welcome us.

At times we can feel like the misfit – recognising that we may have had a period of ignoring or avoiding God, trying to live on our own strength. It takes courage to trust in the love of God, who like the father in the gospel is always unreservedly and lovingly looking for us to come home.

Essentially, Jesus' message is of radical welcome; not just to those who it is easy to welcome but all. We are called to imitate.

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Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 15: 1-32.

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. There are three figures in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way?
2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.

3. Do not neglect the older son. In contrast to his father, he was very judgemental towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you, or for others?

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