

GREENCASTLE (G)

SAT 10 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Vigil Mass <i>Patrick O'Hagan, RIP</i>
SUN 11 DEC	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Mass <i>Laura McGuigan, RIP</i>
TUE 13 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	12.30pm	Mass followed by Adoration to 4.00pm
SAT 17 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Vigil Mass <i>Michael McGarvey, RIP</i>
SUN 18 DEC	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Mass <i>Peter Daly, RIP</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

SUN 11 DEC	12.30pm Broughderg	3.30pm	Glenock
SUN 18 DEC	3.00pm Greencastle	5.00pm	Gortin / Rouskey 7.30pm Plumbridge

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – ARDSTRAW EAST, BADONEY LOWER, BADONEY UPPER, GREENCASTLE

SAT 24 DEC <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	6.00pm Greencastle	7.30pm Gortin	9.00pm Plumbridge	9.00pm Glenock
SUN 25 DEC <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	8.30am Greencastle 10.00am Cranagh	8.30am Plumbridge 11.30am Broughderg	10.00am Rouskey 11.30am Glenock	

SUN 11	3 rd Sunday of Advent – Mt. 11:2-11 'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'
SAINTS DAYS OF THE WEEK	TUE 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe – Appeared to Juan Diego, near Mexico City in 1531 St. Finian of Clonard, Co. Meath (470-549)
	WED 13 St. Lucy: Early Christian martyr who died in persecution in Sicily in 304
	THUR 14 St. John of the Cross – Doctor of the Church (1542-1591)

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD (GREENCASTLE): Pray for Patrick O'Hagan, Laura McGuigan, Bridie Tuohey, Patrick Devlin, Michael McGarvey and Peter Daly.

REPAIRS TO ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GORTIN: At the recent open meeting on Tuesday 29th November in St. Patrick's Church, at invitation of Fr. Donnelly and Fr. Colhoun, to discuss the state of St. Patrick's Church, Mr. Michael Hegarty of FM Corr & Associates provided a detailed report based on the extensive survey he carried out. The church, which is approx. 130 years old has now reached a point where it needs substantial remedial work. The main areas of concern are the slates on the roof and the front doorsteps, both of which require complete removal and reinstatement in order to make the building safe and secure. In addition, there is urgent need to attend to woodworm throughout the roof, pews and the interior, and to storm glazing of windows. An estimation of costs to carry out these required works was mentioned to be around £600,000.

The outcome of the meeting was the request made by the attendees for Mr. Hegarty to carry out a survey on St. Mary's in Rouskey to establish if any major repairs are needed there. This will give us a full picture of the state of both of church buildings and help inform judgements as to the best way forward. A further meeting will take place in mid-January when the outcome of St. Mary's survey becomes available. In the meantime, we are invited to reflect and pray for discernment as a parish. Please call on the Holy Spirit to guide us, through the gifts of wisdom and courage to make that right decision for the future.

FLAXMILL CENTRE DRUMDUFF, SIXMILECROSS – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

Sunday 11th December at 5.00pm

BADONEY LOWER (BL)

SAT 10 DEC	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm	Vigil Mass
SUN 11 DEC	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am	Mass
SAT 17 DEC	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm	Vigil Mass
SUN 18 DEC	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am	Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Greencastle: £1,535 Badoney Lower: £1,229 *Thank you*

FR. DONNELLY <i>ATTENDING SICK</i>	SUN 11 DEC	Broughderg: After Confessions
	WED 14 DEC	Gortin: Morning / Rouskey: Early afternoon

ARCHBISHOP EAMON MARTIN'S STATEMENT ON ABORTION LEGISLATION

Westminster seems determined to impose, against the clear will of a majority of people here, the undermining of the right to life of unborn children including an abhorrent and indefensible prejudice against persons with disabilities, even before they are born. The abortion regulations being introduced by Westminster are predicated on the assumption that the unborn child in the womb has no right to love, care and protection from society, unless the child is wanted. Nothing could be further from the truth. None of us acquire our humanity, or our fundamental right to existence, on the basis of whether or not we are wanted. I therefore appeal once more to all people of goodwill to publicly defend the rights of all children in the womb to be treated equally and to have their right and that of their mothers to love, care and protection by our society respected and upheld.

ADVENT is a sacred season, offering us the God-given gifts of waiting, watching, and reflecting. Advent looks at the THREE COMINGS of Christ, the first Coming in Bethlehem, the Second Coming at the end of time and the daily coming into our hearts. Advent points us towards repentance, renewal, and joy-filled hope. It's an opportunity to find time for prayer and Confession, to read Scripture, to focus on spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. *We pray for God's grace to open our hearts on the Advent journey*

ROUSKEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION – UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Draw Ticket Sale: Sun. 11th December, 10.30am to 11.30am. *Money raised goes to running costs*

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop: Using willow with Karley – Mon. 12th December at 11.00am. £5

To book your place call 0759 104 755

Christmas Baking and Floral Demonstration: With Teresa and Meave – Mon. 12th December at 7.00pm. £10

ST. PATRICKS PS, GORTIN – P1 ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS: The way in which parents apply for P1 places has changed. Children born between 2nd July, 2018 and 1st July, 2019 will be due to start school in September, 2023. Information on the procedures for P1 school admissions

in September will be available at eani.org.uk/parents/admissions on Tuesday 13th December.

Open: Tuesday 10th January at 12.00pm Close: Friday 27th January at 12.00pm

JOB – CLEANER – ST. PATRICK'S PS, GORTIN: 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

For a full job description and application form visit tinyurl.com/4nehvjr

ST. PATRICKS PS, GORTIN – CAROL AND NATIVITY SERVICE: Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas in St. Patrick's Church, Gortin on Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm. *All are invited to come*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS 'THE CHRISTMAS STORY'

Monday 19th December at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church. *Everyone is welcome to attend*