

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord [Year A] (12th January, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the First Week after in Ordinary Time [Year A] (13th January, 2013 – 19th January, 2014)

Saturday Evening (11th January)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: John Tuohy (9 th Anniversary) 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 12th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Rose Quinn (2 nd Anniversary)
Monday 13th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 14th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 15th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 16th January St. Hilary (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 17th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 18th January St. Ita (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (18th January)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Eileen Carson (2 nd Anniversary) 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 19th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£870**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **John Haughey** and **Mickey Kelly, Rose Quinn, Anthony Quinn** and **Brigid and John Quinn** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Ami May McBride** and **Chloe Catherine Tracey** who were baptised recently. May we, as a faith-community offer our newly baptised and their parents and god-parents prayerful support and good example in their commitment to Christian living.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Has Christ Been Divided? Begins Tuesday 18th January and continues through to Tuesday 25th January. Use the Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide to join with Christians around the world praying "that all may be one... that the world may believe" *John 17:21*

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 fifth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.</p> <p>On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>On the first day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>On the eighth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.</p> <p>On the twenty-second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the thirtieth 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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Rouskey Community Centre – Crocheting Classes with Mary Kelly: £30 for 6 weeks depending on weather. Begins Tuesday 28th January at 7.00pm. *10 people are needed to begin*

Greencastle Youth Club Rota	Monday 13 th January	P4 to P6 P7 to P10	Caroline Coyle / Declan Tracey Noel McElhatton / Fiona Teague
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Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-13; John 1:29-34; Lectionary 1 (page 641)
Sunday Scripture Readings cycle [Year A] • Weekday Scripture Readings cycle [Year 2]

Lotto Results: C • J • M • S • Z (1 drawn with 4 letters, winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £1,450

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 11th January The family of Ronan Coyle	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sunday 12th January The family of Micael McCann
Saturday 18th January The family of Orla Morris	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 19th January The family of Daniel McCrory
Saturday 25th January* The family of Caelum Tracey	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 26th January The family of Leah McGuigan
Saturday 1st February The family of Eoin Bradley	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Sunday 2nd February The family of Shane McKenna
Saturday 8th February The family of Cara-Rose Brogan	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 9th February The family of Michelle O'Brien
Saturday 15th February** The family of Nicole Cahill	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 16th February The family of Catherine O'Connor

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.
***Do This In Memory Week 4 **Do This In Memory Week 5 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life**

2013 Parish Statistics			
Baptisms	Confirmations (Sunday 10th April)	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation (Friday 1st March and Sunday 12th May)	Marriages
7 Boys 4 Girls	7 Boys 4 Girls	10 Boys 10 Girls	6 within parish 4 outside parish
Funerals / Burials 7 / 9	Station Masses in October 2	Year of Faith: Marked at diocesan level in different ways and at parish level with our pilgrimage to the Mass Rock at Crouck on Sunday 4 th August where our guest preacher was Fr. C. Kevin Gillespie, SJ President of St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia.	
<i>Thank you for sharing your photographs with us on the parish website</i>			

If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI/local Health and Social Care Trust (Northern Ireland). If contacting the local Health and Social Care Trust, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively, if you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wishes to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will, in turn, report this concern to the relevant statutory authorities.
See poster at church entrances

Greencastle Community Centre – Caretaker Position Available: The suitable candidate must be 50+ years, be on any benefits (JSA / ESA etc.) for at least 6 months and be currently economically inactive. The duties will include opening and closing facilities and cleaning / maintenance duties, 30 hours per week. *Anyone who may be interested can contact Fiona on 07813 935 996*

Western Health and Social Care Trust – Information Evenings: If you are interested in fostering a child two Information Evenings are being held on Tuesday 28th January at 7.30pm in the Fir Trees Hotel in Strabane and Thursday 30th January at 7.30pm in Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry. *For more information call the Rossdowney Fostering Recruitment Team on (028)7131 4200*

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1st to 6th July, 2014) – £20, £30 and £50 Gift Vouchers: Now available from Rosemary at The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. **Tel:** (028) 71362475

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.
Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium, 127)

First General Audience of 2014 – Baptism is Not a Formality: *Vatican City (Wednesday 8th January, 2014) [VIS]*
 In his first general audience of 2014, Pope Francis began a new series of catechesis on the Sacraments, starting with Baptism and recalling that by a fortunate coincidence, next Sunday will be the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
 Baptism is the Sacrament "on which our faith is based, and which grafts us to Christ and His Church, as living members. Together with the Eucharist and Confirmation it forms the so-called 'Christian initiation', which constitutes a single, great sacramental event that aligns us with the Lord and makes us into a living sign of His presence and His love".
 However, the Bishop of Rome observed, we might ask, "Is Baptism truly necessary for us to live as Christians and to follow Jesus? Is it not fundamentally a simple rite, a formal act of the Church, for naming a child?" To answer this, he repeated the words of the apostle Paul: "Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life".
 "Therefore, it is not a mere formality! A baptised child is not the same as an child who is not baptised; a baptised person is not the same as one who has not received baptism. It is an act that touches the depth of our existence. We are immersed in that inexhaustible fount of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love of all history; and thanks to this love we are able to live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, sin and death, but rather in communion with God and with our brothers".

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Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Economic Development: That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.
For Evangelisation – Christian Unity: That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

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

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
 7th and 8th February • 7th and 8th March • 4th and 5th April • 9th and 10th May • 6th and 7th June
 Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
 Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

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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.

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.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Friday 14th February to Monday 17th February, 2014.
Please contact Eileen at events@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898 / 07840 182 004

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

Parish Liturgy for January, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling Donaghy	Monica Coyle	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Aileen Tuohey	TBC	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Gary McDermott Noel McElhatton	Patrick Tuohey Michael Bradley	Pat McGuigan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Eileen McKenna, Anne McAleer and Maria Bradley		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcomed – contact Sinead			

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

The Deep End – The Word: *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*
 John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' Baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave in to him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.
 Pope Francis recently set us some homework: to find out the date of our baptism. He added: 'We are all part of the Church. If you say you believe in God, and if you say you believe in God but not in the Church, you're saying you don't believe in yourself, and that's a contradiction. We all are the Church, all of us. From that little child recently Baptised to the bishops and Pope, all of us'. He is reminding us to think deeply about what our baptism means for us, that moment when we were sent out to be part of God's mission in this world, in our local communities and sent out to minister to those around us, even if we feel unworthy of such a task. Take example from John the Baptist today and don't forget your homework!

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
 A preacher addressing an audience in Hyde Park, London, on the virtues of the Christian life, became aware of some heckling from near the front of the crowd. A rather disheveled man remonstrated with him: 'If Christianity is so worthwhile', he began, 'how can you explain the fact that, despite being around for two thousand years, Christianity has done nothing for a world blighted with suffering, hatred and war?' Looking squarely at the man, the preacher replied: 'My dear man, soap has been around for a lot longer – and look at the state of your neck!' Let's live our baptism.

Omagh Volunteering Centre: Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and make a real difference within your local community. There are a wide range of volunteering opportunities currently available across the Omagh District area. Volunteer Befrienders, Coaches and Mentors are required by organisations including Mencap, Guide Dogs NI and Action on Hearing Loss, to enable them to deliver vital services for people with a learning or sensory disability. Organisations such as RNIB and NI Hospice need local volunteers to help set up local Support Groups, raise vital funds and awareness of their work in the Omagh area. Training and support is provided for all of the Volunteer roles.
Tel (Michelle): (078) 5444 6821 or (028) 8224 0772 **Email:** omatghvc2@yahoo.co.uk **Office:** First Floor of Community House

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 3:13-17: John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.
2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shape your sense of who you are?
3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God and one on whom rests the grace of God?
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us in an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?

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

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Monday 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.
- Wednesday 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.
- Thursday 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.
- Friday 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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Sacramental Celebrations	Sunday 2nd March Temperance Sunday	St. Patrick’s	2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation
	Friday 28th March	St. Patrick’s	6.30pm First Confession
	Sunday 1st June Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick’s	11.00am First Holy Communion

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	Tuesday 11th February • Tuesday 8th April • Thursday 29th May	St. Patrick’s
	Saturday 19th July • 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

Saturday 25th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 22nd February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 22nd March	Third Sunday of Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 28th March	Third Week of Lent	6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)
Saturday 12th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 3rd May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
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

← **Continued from above** The Pope again commented that many of us do not know the date when we were baptised and, as before, asked, those present in St. Peter’s Square to find out the date of their baptism, as “it is a happy date”. “Obviously we do not remember the ceremony, especially if we were baptised soon after birth, but it is a pity not to recognise the importance of this day, as we thereby “risk losing sight of what the Lord has done for us, of the gift we have received. We end up considering it merely as an event that took place in the past – and not even by our will, but rather by that of our parents – that has no effect on the present”. Instead, “we are called to live out our Baptism day after day, as a current fact of our existence. If we succeed in following Jesus and remaining in the Church, even with our limits and our frailty, it is precisely because of the Sacrament in which we became new creatures and were re-clothed in Christ. It is by Baptism, indeed, that we are freed from sin and enter into Jesus’ relationship with God the Father, that we become bearers of new hope, that nothing and nobody may extinguish; the hope of taking the road to salvation; that we are able to forgive and love even those who offend us or harm us; and that we are able to recognise in the marginalised and the poor the face of the Lord who visits and draws close to us”. Another characteristic of Baptism, concluded the Pontiff, is that “no-one can baptise himself; we can ask for baptism, wish for it, but we always need someone to confer this Sacrament in the name of the Lord. This is because Baptism is a gift that is given in a context of care and fraternal sharing. Throughout history, one person baptises another, who baptises another, and another ... it is a chain. A chain of grace. But I cannot baptise myself; I have to ask another person to baptise me. It is an act of brotherhood, an act of affiliation to the Church. In the celebration of Baptism we recognise the truest features of the Church, who is like a mother who continues to generate new children in Christ, in the fecundity of the Holy Spirit”. Following his catechesis and speaking in Italian, the Pope greeted those present, including the members of a circus company which will travel to Latin America this year; he encouraged them on their travels from city to city to “be messengers of joy and brotherhood in a society that greatly needs these qualities”.