



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

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

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord [Year C] (12th May, 2013)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Seventh Week of Easter [Year C] (13th May, 2013 – 19th May, 2013)

Saturday Evening (11th May) Vigil Mass for Sunday	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Public Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions
Sunday 12th May Feast of the Ascension of the Lord [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	6:00pm Mass
		8.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions
		9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass: First Holy Communion
Monday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary
		10.00am Mass
Tuesday 14th May St. Matthias (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary
		10.00am Mass
Wednesday 15th May St. Carthage (bishop)	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary
		10.00am Mass
Thursday 16th May St. Brendan (abbot)	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary
		10.00am Mass
Friday 17th May St. Paschal	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary
		10.00am Mass
Saturday Morning (18th May) St. John I (pope and martyr)	St. Patrick's	9.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary
		10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (18th May) Vigil Mass for Sunday	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Public Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions
Sunday 19th May Pentecost Sunday [Year C]	St. Patrick's	6:00pm Mass: Peter Donnelly (1 st Anniversary)
	Our Lady of the Wayside	8.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions
		9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
		10.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary and Confessions
		11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,205**.

Diocesan Purposes Collection: Thank you for the contribution, which amounted to **£450**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Fr. John McCullagh**, whose Requiem took place in Gortin on Friday. We also pray for **Francis Myles McCullagh, Bridget Fox, Paddy McElhatton** and **Gareth McNamee**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Congratulations to our young parishioners who will receive **Holy Communion** for the first time on Sunday 12th May (Feast of the Ascension of the Lord). Our thanks to the parents, families, to the Year 4 teacher Mrs. McElroy and all the teachers, the 'Do This In Memory' liturgy leaders and everyone who supported these young people on their faith journey. May they continue to grow faithfully every day.

Micheal Clarke • Alana McGuigan • Cathal Keenan • Chloe McGurk • Ryan Coyle • Kayleigh McCrory
Cathair McAleer • Cayla Donnelly • Aidan Morris • Eimear Tracey • Ciaran Warnock
Kerrie McLaughlin • Eoin McCullagh • Claire O'Brien • John McGlinchey • Molly Clarke
Ciaran Morris • Laoise Teague • Shea McAleer • Caitai Warnock

Dalradian Gold – Coffee Morning: In aid of the company's chosen charity, the MS Society (Omagh Branch). This will be held on Thursday 23rd May from 10.00am to 12noon in the company's Gortin office (67, Main Street). All are invited to come along and purchase some home-baked goods and meet the team. Cakes etc. will also be available to take-away.

PTAA – Committee Meeting: Tuesday 14th May at 7.00pm.

ICMA: The Irish Church Music Association are running the Annual Summer School to offer support, new music, skills – workshops, coral training to anyone involved in music in Churches / parishes.

For more information contact Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 // thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org

Next Sundays Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13;
John 20: 19-23; Lectionary I, page 601 **(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 1)**

Lotto Results: A – J – K – T – Z (5 people with 3 letters – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,650

6.00pm Saturday Vigil <u>Saturday 11th May, 6.00am</u>	Offertory Gifts Rota Feast of the Ascension of the Lord <i>First Holy Communion</i> 11.00am Mass in St. Patrick's 9.00am in OLW, Broughderrg	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 12 th May, 11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes PS Year 4 Class
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<u>Saturday 18th May</u> The family of Eimear Tracey	Pentecost Sunday	<u>Sunday 19th May</u> The family of Serene Morris
<u>Saturday 25th May</u> The family of Ciaran Warnock	Feast of the Holy Trinity	<u>Sunday 26th May</u> The family of Luke O'Connor
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important.		

A Song for Columba: The year 2013 has been designated as the "Year of Faith", as well as the city of Derry celebrating its year as the "City of Culture". This year also marks the 1,450th Anniversary of the Departure of St, Columba from Derry to Iona. The Parish of Templemore is organizing a series of events to celebrate this anniversary. One of the central events is "A Song for Columba" – composers and musicians are invited to set to music a text attributed to or connect with Saint Columba. The winner will be awarded a prize of £500 and the performance of the winning entry at a special concert on Sunday 2nd June in St. Cecilia's College, Derry.

Poster in church porch notice board / entry form in sacristy. Musicians and composers should respond

The Holy Father speaks to Children – *Your First Holy Communion:*

Pope John Paul II speaks directly to children about the solemn importance of First Holy Communion in this excerpt from his "Letter to Children" written in 1994 during the "Year of the Family".

Dear friends, There is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus is First Holy Communion, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful.

The Eucharist, instituted by Christ at the Last Supper on the night before His passion, is a sacrament of the New Covenant -- the greatest of the sacraments. In this sacrament, the Lord becomes food for the soul under the appearances of bread and wine.

Children receive this sacrament solemnly a first time -- in First Holy Communion -- and are encouraged to receive it afterward as often as possible in order to remain in close friendship with Jesus.

To be able to receive Holy Communion, as you know, it is necessary to have received baptism: this is the first of the sacraments and the one most necessary for salvation. Baptism is a great event! In the Church's first centuries, when baptism was received mostly by grownups, the ceremony ended with receiving the Eucharist, and was as solemn as first Holy Communion is today. Later on, when baptism began to be given mainly to newborn babies -- and this is the case of many of you, dear children, so that in fact you do not remember the day of your baptism -- the more solemn celebration was transferred to the moment of First Holy Communion.

Every boy and every girl belonging to a Catholic family knows all about this custom: First Holy Communion is a great family celebration. On that day, together with the one who is making his or her First Holy Communion, the parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, godparents, and sometimes also the instructors and teachers, generally receive the Eucharist.

The day of First Holy Communion is also a great day of celebration in the parish. I remember as though it were yesterday when, together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town. This event is usually commemorated in a family photo, so that it will not be forgotten. Photos like these generally remain with a person all through his or her life. As time goes by, people take out these pictures and experience once more the emotions of those moments; they return to the purity and joy experienced in that meeting with Jesus, the one who out of love became the Redeemer of Man.

For how many children in the history of the Church has the Eucharist been a source of spiritual strength, sometimes even heroic strength! How can we fail to be reminded, for example, of holy boys and girls who lived in the first centuries and are still known and venerated throughout the Church? Saint Agnes, who lived in Rome; Saint Agatha, who was martyred in Sicily; Saint Tarcisius, a boy who is rightly called the "martyr of the Eucharist" because he preferred to die rather than give up Jesus, whom he was carrying under the appearance of bread. *John Paul II*

An Bruach Derg Community Centre (BADA) – *Upcoming Events:*

Every Friday Night at 8.30pm	Card playing	Every Wednesday Night at 8.30pm	Local History
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<p>Pope Francis' Intentions for May (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>General – The Administrators of Justice: That those who administer justice will always act with integrity and upright conscience.</p> <p>Missionary – Seminarians: That seminarians especially from mission Churches, may always be pastors according to the heart of Christ, fully devoted to the proclamation of the Gospel.</p>
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<p>Lough Derg Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage: €70, inc. boat, accommodation, services and Lough Derg meals 31st May to 15th August with boats between 11.00am and 3.00pm daily until 13th August.</p> <p>Lough Derg One Day Retreats (9.15am to 4.00pm): €40, inc. boat, tea and coffee, services and lunch</p> <p>11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 25th, 26th and 27th May</p> <p>17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 31st August</p> <p>1st, 3rd, 7th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September</p> <p>Langfield to Lough Derg Walk (Saturday 1st June): This 20 mile walk is being organised by Drumquin GAA Club in conjunction with The Gathering. Walkers will use the old pilgrim route proceeding along the Smugglers Pad from Sloughan Glen to the Donegal border at Scraghey and then via Lettercran to St Patrick's Purgatory, Lough Derg. Walkers will receive a blessing on the shore of the lake. By kind invitation of the Prior those wishing to celebrate Mass will be ferried to the Island and return to Drumquin will be by bus.</p> <p><i>To register (or for information) call John O'Kane on (0044) 07743 760 140 // langfieldtoloughderg.com</i></p>

<p>Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.</p>
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<p>Year of the Gathering: When Irish people are being invited home. The Columba Community is inviting Christian missionaries to a special celebration at the IOSAS Centre, Lenamore Road, Muff 7th to 9th June. Please contact us if you have a family member who is a missionary. We would be delighted to invite them.</p> <p><i>For further details contact Fr. Neal Carlin (00353)7493 84866</i></p>

<p>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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. <p><i>The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>
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<p>Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:</p> <p>1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. Privileges of members: Deceased: 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (this will take in Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg on Sunday 7th April at 11.00am). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. Living: 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.</p>

Parish Liturgy for May, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Aileen Tuohey	Ciaran Tuohey	James McCullagh
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Lawrence McBride	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Sean McKenna Francis Keenan
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Mary McCrory and Patta McDermott		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

<p>New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead</p> <p>Altar Servers Needed: 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.</p>
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<p>ACCORD Marriage Preparation Course: 7th and 8th June. (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btpopenworld.com</p> <p>Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD</p> <p>Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding.</p>
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<p>Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Monday 1st – Saturday 6th July): The cost is £575. An application form is available from Rosemary at The Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ – (028) 7136 2475 (Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 1.30pm). Special forms for registered sick, youth and helpers are also available. Gift vouchers are also available for whatever amount you wish to give, contact Rosemary. The office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm.</p>
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<p>Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.</p> <p>We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)</i></p>
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<p>Omagh Volunteer Centre Supports Volunteering in the Omagh Council Area: We are based at Community House in the town. Current opportunities include Promotional and Fundraising roles (Foyle Hospice) and Volunteer Mentoring (Include Youth). For further information on these and other volunteering opportunities, contact us on (028) 8224 0772. If you have a little spare time and think you might like to volunteer, or if you have volunteering opportunities that you would like us to promote for you, please get in touch.</p>
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<p>Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy (Monday 26th August – Monday 2nd September):</p> <p>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). A £200 deposit before Thursday 31st January will secure you a seat.</p> <p><i>For more info call Fr. Bradley on (028) 7136 2475 [W] / (028) 7135 1718 [H] or email fbradley@derrydiocese.org</i></p>

<p>Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider <i>The Mystery of Work</i>: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon.</p>
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013

Sacramental Celebrations

Sunday 12th May Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
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Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 5th May	St. Patrick's
Sunday 25th August	Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish

Wednesday 22nd May Thursday 11th July Friday 30th August Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick's
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Sunday 7th April	Our Lady of the Wayside
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Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (6th and 7th July)

Saturday 6th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7th July	Our Lady of the Wayside	Directly after 11.00am Mass
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Saturday 1st June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass
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This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 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.
Wednesday 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.
Thursday 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.
Saturday 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.

Questions people ask:

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

- Q. Ages ago you wrote in our Newsletter that Mass is a rehearsal of heaven. I have often meant to ask you to say more about what you meant.
- A. It is only in the full beatific vision of God in heaven that the perfect praise of God can take place. The wonder of the Eucharist is that we are invited to 'do this in memory of Jesus', that is, to lift up our hearts in joining with him in his return to the Father through the door of death, into his resurrection and ascension. We offer all honour and glory to the Father through Jesus (as the Mediator between earth and heaven), with him (as brother in our humanity) and in him (as members of his Body). Therefore, what happens at Mass is an anticipation of the perfect praise which belongs to heaven.

I always see advertisements for Bullying Prevention and We Teach Bully Prevention. Bullying, or the perception of bullying cannot be prevented as long as people interact with each other; the only possible way would be to stay isolated, forever. However, you can teach kids how to handle and deal with people who they feel are bullying.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 24:46-53:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you know similar transition points in your own life?
2. Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?
3. In particular Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life? In v.49 Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, birth of a baby etc.)?

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 17th – Sunday 19th May	Joe Dalton Healing and Renewal Weekend. Joe suffered depression for 31 years and tried everything medically to be cured. He was though, miraculously healed by God, Joe will share his gift of healing with others, on their journey to knowing God better
Sunday 2nd – Thursday 6th June	Inter-Diocesan Priests' Retreat (directed by Monsignor John Armitage, Brentwood Diocese). <i>To love you is to serve you</i>
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June	Cursillo Renewal Weekend (directed by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn, OFM Capuchin) <i>Christ is counting on You</i>
Monday 10th – Friday 14th June	Transformation Retreat (directed by Fr. Donal Dorr and Dr. Noel Bradley D.Theol)
Friday 21st – Thursday 27th June	Open Retreat (directed by Fr. Francis Maple, OFM Capuchin) <i>Living with Christ through the main events of his life</i>
Monday 1st – Saturday 6th July	Friends of Francis Hogan Reunion
Friday 12th – Saturday 13th July	One Day Silent and Guided Retreat for Women guided by Benedictine Monks of the Abbey of Saint Joseph, France. This retreat reflects Ignatian Spirituality by centering on Jesus with conferences, spiritual guidance and confessions.
Saturday 14th – Friday 19th July	Five Day Silent and Guided Retreat for Men guided by the Benedictine Monks of the Abbey of Saint Joseph. These five-day retreats are a shortened form of the full Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The Exercises are a synthetic and practical presentation of the central truths of the Catholic faith.
Saturday 20th – Wednesday 7th August	Christendom College, USA
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)

Celebrations to mark the Tercentenary of the death of Dean Bryan Maguirc

To mark the occasion a number of events are being organised which hopefully will bring home to all of us the immense contribution Dean Maguirc made to the life of the Catholic Church in Ireland during the worst ravages of the Penal Times in the 17th and 18th centuries. He was born in the parish of Termonmagurk, probably in 1635. According to a local tradition Aughnacreggan was the townland of his birthplace. He received a thorough education in Ireland where many of the old Gaelic families cultivated a high standard of learning and in 1660 he was ordained priest. In the early years of his priesthood he ministered as parish priest of Termonmagurk, Errigal Ciaran and Aghaloo. Ten years after Dean Maguirc's ordination, St Oliver Plunkett arrived in Armagh as Archbishop in 1670 and within two years he appointed Bryan Maguirc Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Armagh. Two years later St Oliver Plunkett appointed Dean Maguirc, whom he described as a 'learned and exemplary man', Vicar General of the Diocese of Raphoe and within a few years in 1679 he was appointed Vicar General of Derry. On the 13 February 1713, Dean Bryan Maguirc died in Armagh Gaol.

*There's a story of a martyr At the church they built a monument
Back in the Penal times To that great man and his work
Who gave his life for his belief And every Christian passing by
Like many of his kind Remembers Dean Maguirk*

July Tour of local sights associated with Dean Bryan Maguirc
August Festival of celebration involving clubs and societies