

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer) General – Prisoners: That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity Missionary – Youth Witness to Christ: That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth.	
Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 1 st September. Travel 1,300ft across a 170ft drop at 35mph. Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org Online: childrenincrossfire.org	
Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy: Campsie Playing Fields, Omagh from Monday 20 th to Thursday 23 rd August from 10.00am to 3.00pm daily for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years. <i>For bookings and further details call Sean Davis FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach on (028) 7126 3044</i>	
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.	
ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com 12 th and 13 th October 9 th and 10 th November 1 st and 2 nd December 11 th and 12 th January 8 th and 9 th February 8 th and 9 th March 12 th and 13 th April 10 th and 11 th May 7 th and 8 th 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	
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: <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 style="text-align: right;"><i>The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>	
Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: (028) 8225 1116 Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.	
War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. <i>Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)</i>	
Rouskey Community Centre Children/Young People Art Classes with Martin Mc Grinder: Tuesday 14 th , Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th August. Ages 4 to 8 from 11.00am to 1.00pm and 1.15pm to 3.15pm, and ages 9 to 14 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. £15 per child/young person. Family of 4 or more £50. Re-registered your child/ young person times now available. Only limited number of place available. <i>Contact Bridie for more information on (028) 8164 8706 / 07847 459 428 or my new number 07591 047 556 (leave message on phone). Hire of centre or equipment. Any donation is appreciated for hire of equipment.</i>	
Prayer knows no distances or separation. Wherever we are it makes us a single heart and a single soul. And on the subject of departures, I take this occasion to reiterate once again everyone's obligation to drive carefully and to respect traffic regulations. It is from this that a happy holiday starts! <i>Pope Benedict XVI in Rome (Sunday 12th July, 2009)</i>	

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 under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you? <i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net</i>	
Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.	
IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012 Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday 2nd September Our Lady of the Wayside Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish Thursday 30 th August Friday 19 th October Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed Friday 2nd November St. Patrick's 8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)	
Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29 th April – Sunday 14 th October. <i>See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295</i> Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28 th July. <i>Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival</i>	
This Week's Calendar of Saints and Feasts: Sunday 12th August – St. Jane Frances de Chantal [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. [not celebrated this year] Monday 13th August – St. Pontian (pope) and St. Hippolytus (priest) (both martyrs) Pontius became bishop of Rome in 230 but was exiled in Sardinia where he abdicated during persecution in 235. Hippolytus was a Roman priest. Both died of ill treatment and are honoured as martyrs. Tuesday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941] A Conventual Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz. Wednesday 15th August – Feast of 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. Thursday 16th August – St. Stephen of Hungary [975-1038] First King of Hungary and its patron Saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity. Friday 17th August – Our Lady of Knock	
The Deep End – An Uphill Struggle: <i>Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)</i> Earlier this year the following reflection was read out at a First Communion I attended: 'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles? 'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm? 'Why is it, Lord that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?' Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty, magic or meaning. Where we see only practicalities, others see possibilities. The people who speak to Jesus in today's Gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus accuses them of failing to look for anything deeper; they are really only there because they have been fed! They will only be convinced if Jesus can give them some physical sign. 'Our fathers had manna to eat in the dessert,' they remind him. But Jesus offers something more: bread from heaven; food that endures to eternal life. The disciples need to look beyond the obvious.	

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 6:41-51:*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We have to be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?
2. One thing which closes our minds to what another is saying is when we label them disparagingly, as the Jews did to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what s/he was saying?
3. 'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love today is mediated to us through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of a sacrament?
4. The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?

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

- Q. Is there any basis in the Bible for the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary into heaven?
- A. While there is no specific reference to her assumption, the Bible provides the basis for the doctrine. 'Just as all die in Adam, so in Christ all will be brought to life; but all of them in their proper order; Christ the first fruits, and next, at his coming, those who belong to him' (1 Cor. 15:22). First in those who belong to him was surely his blessed mother. The liturgy celebrates her Assumption as 'the beginning and pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of sure hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way.' The story in Revelation, Chapter 12, about the woman clothed in the sun, whose child crushes the head of the serpent may be understood as referring to Mary's Assumption into heavenly glory.

Sit Down and Talk, Pope Urges Married Couples*Brasilia, Brazil, 23rd July, 2012 (Zenit.org)***Sends Message to Teams of Our Lady By Junno Arocho**

Benedict XVI sent greetings to participants of the 11th International Gathering of the Teams of Our Lady, which is currently being held in Brazil. The message was sent through the Pope's secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. Founded in 1939 in Paris by Father Henri Caffarel, the Teams of Our Lady is a movement of married spirituality in the Catholic Church and aims to help couples discover the riches of the sacrament of marriage and to live out a married spirituality. In his statement, Cardinal Bertone conveyed the Holy Father's well wishes to the participants and lauded the "far-sighted pastoral intuition of the Servant of God Henri Caffarel..." The cardinal also expressed the urgency of the problems faced by married couples in an increasingly secularized society. "In this context, the couples of the Teams of Our Lady proclaim, not so much with words but above all with their life, the fundamental truths about human love and its most profound meaning: 'A man and a woman who love one another, the smile of a child, the peace of a home: here is an exhortation without words, but extraordinarily persuasive, in which every man can already anticipate, as by transparency, the reflection of another love and its infinite appeal,'" the statement read. The papal message lauded the movement's commitment to encouraging its members to be strengthened by the sacrament of marriage and of the Eucharist. He urged them to "cultivate this valuable habit of sitting together to talk and to listen to each other, to understand one another again and again in face of the surprises and difficulties of the long journey." Cardinal Bertone also conveyed the Holy Father's wish that members of the movement continue to be witnesses of the Catholic faith in the world. "His Holiness Benedict XVI invites Christian couples to be 'the smiling and sweet face of the Church,' the best and most convincing messengers of the beauty of love sustained and nourished by faith, gift of God offered with abundance and generosity to all, so that every day they can discover the meaning of their life," the statement read. The cardinal concluded the message by imparting the Holy Father's Apostolic Blessing to participants at the gathering in Brazil.