



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (12th August, 2018)
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Thought for the Week: "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."
St. Mother Teresa

Liturgy Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (12th August – 19th August)

Saturday 11th August St. Clare (virgin)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 12th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Monday 13th August	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 14th August St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 15th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Our Lady of Wayside	8.00pm Vigil Mass <i>Holy Day Assumption</i>
Thursday 16th August	St. Patrick's	11.00am Holy Day Mass 12noon - 7.00pm Adoration then Rosary
Friday 17th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 18th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Sunday 19th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass: Fr. Seamus Shields (30 th Anniversary)

Remembering Our Dead: We remember and pray for all our deceased relatives, neighbours, fellow parishioners and friends at this time in particular those who died in Omagh bomb on Saturday 15th August, 1998.

Greencastle Parish Bus to World Meeting of Families Mass: The Closing Mass, celebrated by Pope Francis will take place at the Papal Cross in the heart of the Phoenix Park in Dublin on the afternoon of Sunday 26th August. The Mass will begin at 3.00pm. It is proposed that transport will be available from outside St. Patrick's Church that morning, the cost of which will be £10 per person. The parish has also obtained 54 tickets for the mass along with a bus. Please note that buses will be sent to a parking facility and passengers will have to walk a distance to the Phoenix Park and back again and all tickets are standing only. *If interested contact Fr. Gallagher at (028) 8164 8474, at the sacristy before or after mass or by emailing greencastlepp@yahoo.com*

Annual Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan: £6 entry • Refreshments served Friday 24th August in Greencastle Community Centre • Music by Cascades from 9.30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person
 Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service
To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by
 Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt
 Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action
Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk
 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

Next Week's Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6 • Psalm 33:2-3, 10-15, R/ v 9 • Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58 • Lectionary 1:788 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 12th August – St. Jane Frances de Chantal (religious) [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.

Tuesday 14th August – St. Maximilian Kolbe (priest and martyr) [1894-1941] A Conventional Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

Wednesday 15th August – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Sunday 19th August – St. John Eudes (priest) [1601-1680] From Normandy France, he spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory then left to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock.

For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019?

Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows:
 7th and 8th September • 28th and 29th September • 5th and 6th October • 2nd and 3rd November • 7th and 8th December

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:

Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

We are Spiritual Beings on a Human Journey: Summer Retreat to help look reflectively at life's experiences –10th to 15th August.
'Immersed in Heaney': Includes 'Essence of Heaney' workshop and visit to Homeplace, Bellaghy – 31st August / 1st September.

Holy Land Retreat: 11th to 20th October.

Rouskey Community Development Association – Trip to Moynalty Steam Fair, Co. Meath:

Sunday 12th August. Leaving Gortin at 8.45am, Rouskey at 9.00am and Greencastle at 9.15am.
 See a wide range of vintage and modern vehicles and country music acts. *Call Lucy on 07827 016 520 to book place*

Owenkillew Credit Union – Closure: Monday morning in Greencastle office for the months of July and August.
 Normal hours for a Monday evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Gortin Office Saturday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.
If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

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

Amoris Laetitia: In preparation for the World Meeting of Families later this month we include a quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street'."

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love.
 Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Universal – The Treasure of Families: That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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 • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour: Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.
Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
 All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness
For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

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

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall
 For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent
Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

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

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Cherish the Ladies Concert: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel.
Tickets (£15) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

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

Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service?
Applications are invited from individuals wishing to join for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship) Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth.
For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday
Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

Parish Liturgy for August, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Orla Scullion	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Erin Hood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Francis McLaughlin	Michael Clarke Patrick Tuohy	Brian Donnelly Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary and Paula Meenan, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna	Ann McDermott, Carmel McCrory, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris	

Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.
Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011

Family Care Adoption Services *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*
 For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
 us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
 To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.
Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

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 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.
If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes:
 Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018?
For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2018-2021 – God is Love: Bishop McKeown has announced the publication of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018-2021 in the diocese, 'God is Love'. The Plan is the result of a two-year programme of work by the Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of 14 men and women - laity from across the diocese, Religious and clergy. It is a first step in developing a co-responsible Church at parish and diocesan level, identifying paths that might lead to solutions to the many challenges we face, including the practical need to plan for the times when priests will not be present in the way that they have been up to now. A number of printed copies of the Plan have been received for the parish and a PDF version of it is also available to view and download on the diocesan website – derrydiocese.org – you are invited to read it. The main work of implementing the Plan will begin after the summer break. Bishop McKeown asks for your prayers and support, in the knowledge that everything done in faith and love will bear fruit in God's own good time.

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

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 / 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 entrance

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 6:41-51: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

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. When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about them to listen to what they were 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?

Musings: 'Here too, we can ask: How do we keep our faith as a family? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank account, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often 'racing' from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this 'racing' could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families ... They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith! Keeping the faith in families and bringing to everyday things the salt and the leaven of faith.' *Pope Francis, homily at Mass in St. Peter's Square (Sunday 27th October, 2013)*

The Deep End – Under the Bush:

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

When a prophet sits under a bush, it's usually a sign that things are not going well! At a particularly low moment in his relationship with God, the prophet Jonah sits, in an angry sulk, under a bush. While there he encounters God and learns a valuable lesson about mercy.

In today's first reading, it is the prophet Elijah who sits under a bush. He is on his last legs, having escaped into the desert to avoid capture and death. At this low point, a day's journey into the wilderness, he has had enough. He finds himself begging God to take his life.

It is a moment that will speak to many of us, particularly those of us facing struggles. Things can get on top of us. We sometimes feel alone, that our road is all uphill, that we are in the wilderness and there is nothing to do but give up. Yet when Elijah is at his lowest point, even getting ready to die, he finds he is not alone. The comforting presence of God is with him, offering sustenance to help him on his journey.

Elijah's response to God is at first reluctant; he lies straight back down again. But with a second round of encouragement (and some more food) he is on his feet and able to continue his journey, replenished and renewed. At the moment he felt the most abandoned and alone, God was closer than ever.

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 all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick's Church		