



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

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

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (11<sup>th</sup> September, 2021)**

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**Thought for the Week:** "If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself." *St. Augustine*

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: Brian Hollywood (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Kay McCrory (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> Our Lady of Sorrows	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Cornelius (pope and martyr) and St. Cyprian (martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Imelda Tracey (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Baptisms:** We offer our prayers and congratulations to the families of **Ciarnán Cahir McCullagh** and **Conán Martin McCullagh** – Ciarnán was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August in Our Lady of the Wayside Church and Conán Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September in St. Patrick's Church.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Kay McCrory (5<sup>th</sup>)**, **Brian Hollywood (20<sup>th</sup>)** and **Michael Clarke (15<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all who have died due to Covid-19.

**Weekly Collection:** £565 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

**Holy Hour for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September in St. Eugene's Cathedral, beginning with Mass at 7.30pm followed by a Holy Hour. Bishop Donal McKeown will lead an evening of prayer and intercession for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry. *All are welcome*

**Walk with Zest in Remembrance of Imelda** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September.  
Leaving Greencastle Hall at 3.00pm and walking over Mullydoo Road, onto Crockanboy and up via Chapel.  
*Donations welcome as we carry our buckets • Everyone welcome*

**Priory Institute – Online Theology Courses (to degree level):** Is this for you? Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Autumn, 2021.  
*For more info visit [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)*

**SUSE+ New Courses Starting in September:** Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can offer help and support to get into further education, training and employment. We complete job searches, CV building, interview preparation.  
Mentors work 1-to-1 with participants to help secure opportunities in the local area.  
New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success and Wellbeing, Digital Skills, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management and Business Administration.  
*For more information email [tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk](mailto:tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk) or call 074 3653 3475*

**Next Week's Readings:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 • Psalm 53:3-6, 8, R/ v 6 • James 3:16-4:3  
Mark 9:30-37 • Lectionary 1:802 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Townland Mass Rota			
Some changes to the townland groupings have been made, please check below to see if your townland (or part of it) has been changed. Mass for Broughderg is not broadcast so you may need to follow either the mass on YouTube from either the Vigil Mass from Greencastle or Gortin. Please note that the 11.00am mass time may be changed later in the month to 11.30am. <i>Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South now with Formil • All of Aughascribba Road now with Aughascribba, Binnefreaghan now with Sheskinshule and Crockanboy.</i>			
<b>Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacrorry, Alworries Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
<b>Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
<b>Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>6.00pm</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
<b>Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b>	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacrorry, Alworries

**Greencastle / Badoney Lower Parish Proposals:** Following our meetings with the Pastoral Councils of both parishes we can now move forward with some of our proposals. These are provisional arrangements which will be trialed until next January when they will be reviewed. *Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated*  
For the next few weeks the Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same. If and when the new schedule is required its commencement will hopefully be announced a week or two in advance. However some of the proposals need to be started from next week. For most weekdays the schedule for the two parishes will be as follows except when any announcements are made to the contrary. *Fr Eddie Gallagher PP*

Week Beginning Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September (please check bulletin weekly)			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays	
St. Patrick's, Gortin at 10.00am	St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 10.00am	St. Mary's, Rouskey at 7.30pm	
Thursdays	Fridays		
St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 10.00am	St. Patrick's, Gortin at 10.00am • St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 7.30pm		
Months Mind / First Anniversary Masses			
Wednesdays St. Mary's, Rouskey, 7.30pm • Thursdays St. Patrick's, Gortin / Our Lady of the Wayside, 7.30pm Friday St. Patrick's Greencastle 7.30pm • Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses are also available, but as it is the Parish Sunday Mass, readings and Prayers of the Faithful for the particular Sunday will be used, if there is a Parish Choir due to sing at the mass they will come before any singers brought in by the family. .			
Baptisms Beginning the First Weekend of October			
<b>First Saturday of Month</b> Greencastle, 3.00pm	<b>First Sunday of Month</b> Broughderg, 12.30pm	<b>Second Sunday of Month</b> Greencastle, 12.30pm	
<b>Third Saturday of Month</b> Gortin, 3.00pm	<b>Third Sunday of Month</b> Rouskey, 12.30pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Month</b> Gortin, 12.30pm	
A fuller version of these proposals are available on the Parish website and Facebook page. Please see there or in next week's bulletin further information			

**Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October with Mass outdoors (weather permitting).  
The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential.  
**Email:** [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) **Telephone:** 0(0353) 71 986 1518 **Website:** [loughderg.org](http://loughderg.org)  
**Address:** Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

**Strule Arts Centre – Irish Language Activities:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.  
**Sean-nós and Set Dancing Class:** 6.00pm to 7.00pm. £25  
**Singing in Irish Group:** 7.00pm to 8.00pm. £20  
**Irish Language Classes (beginner, intermediate and advanced):** 8.00pm to 9.30pm. £25  
**Irish language classes in the Castle, Enniskillen:** Commencing Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7.30pm to 9.30pm.  
*To book visit [fermanaghmagh.com/services/arts-and-culture/irish-language/](http://fermanaghmagh.com/services/arts-and-culture/irish-language/)*

**Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Universal – Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle:** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**Accord Counselling Services:** Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email [omagh@accordni.com](mailto:omagh@accordni.com)*

**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](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Website:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.co.uk)

**Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):**  
Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies  
*Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on [radiomaria.ie](http://radiomaria.ie) or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)*

**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*

**Eucharistic Adoration** Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration  
**12noon – 1.00pm** Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life  
**1.00pm – 2.00pm** Married couples and those preparing for Marriage  
**2.00pm – 3.00pm** Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people  
**4.00pm – 5.00pm** Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth  
**6.00pm – 7.00pm** The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

**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](http://towardspeace.ie) • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** [towardspeace@jecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@jecon.ie)

**The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility:** This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.  
*Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email [lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk](mailto:lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk)*

**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](mailto:info@ruralsupport.org.uk) **Website:** [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)  
To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**A Prayer for Now:** God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**Epilepsy Action NI:** Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?  
Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham**  
**Masters in Catholic School Leadership:** This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Applications for the Autumn intake close Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.  
*For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)*

**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*

**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***

**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*

**Prayer for the End of the Virus:** Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

**Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster?** Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.  
*To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit [barnardos.org.uk/foster](http://barnardos.org.uk/foster)*

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection:** O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**What Is Spiritual Communion?** It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

#### Deanery of Tyrone Statistics

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.  
8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000  
6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people  
3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people  
The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics  
7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?  
In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.  
The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.  
Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s  
The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

**Radio Maria Ireland:** An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.  
You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:  
*Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)*  
*Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"*  
*Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)*  
*'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)*  
*Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).*

#### The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.  
"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

**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](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)*

**Certificate in Christian Thought:** Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more.  
*Full details are available at [derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought](http://derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought)*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:** *John Byrne OSA ([jpbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jpbyrneosa@gmail.com))*

1. 'Who do you say that I am?' Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?
2. Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?
3. There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour, we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, 'carry your cross' for a while to achieve some goal that was important to you?

**The Deep End – 'By my words, I will show you my faith':** *Jane Mellett ([mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:mellettj@gmail.com))*

In the second reading today from St James we read, 'What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?' And in our Gospel reading we hear: 'The way you think is not God's way but man's...'. These are challenging texts which remind us to reflect on what path we are walking as followers of Jesus. Jesus' path was radically different to what people of his time expected of a Messiah. It was a path that would lead to much sacrifice. Being a Christian today means following Jesus' example, being counter-cultural and making sacrifices for a greater good.

Today is also the second Sunday in the Season of Creation, a time we are called to explore our relationship with nature, God's creation. Pope Francis reminds us in Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home that 'We are not God' (LS, 67). He challenges us to re-examine our vocation to care for creation. In the past we misinterpreted God's words in Genesis to mean that we could have dominion over all of creation, own it and plunder it for our own use. Pope Francis invites us instead to explore our role as carers of creation and reminds us that the very first commandment we were ever given was to be protectors of this beautiful world. Yet, we know the earth cries out to us and that we are living through the sixth mass extinction of life on this earth due to human activity. Ecosystems are collapsing; biodiversity is in crisis. Laudato Si' is a hope-filled document, reminding us that we can set out on a new path, that we are capable of turning things around. One key action each of us can take this Season of Creation is to plant a native Irish tree. Each parish, diocese, family, school, university can engage in this symbolic action to help Restore Our Common Home. This week, gather two or three people and explore what can be done, mindful that our Gospel today urges us to walk God's ways not man's.

**Mid Ulster Agewell:** Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.  
*For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email [marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org](mailto:marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org)*

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	8

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September –</b>	<b><i>St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church) [347-407]</i></b> One of the four great Greek Doctors, and 'Golden-Mouthed preacher'. He was archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September –</b>	<b><i>Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows</i></b> Mary standing by the cross, "suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her," whom she also offered to the Eternal Father' <i>Marialis Cultus</i>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September –</b>	<b><i>St. Cornelius (pope and martyr)</i></b> Became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron of cattle and domestic animals. <b><i>St. Cyprian (martyr) [210-258]</i></b> Bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyr.
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September –</b>	<b><i>St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [1542-1621]</i></b> Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September –</b>	<b><i>St. Januarius (bishop and martyr)</i></b> While no contemporary sources on his life are preserved, later sources and legends claim that he died during the Diocletianic Persecution, which ended with Diocletian's retirement in 305.