

Pope Francis' Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer) Universal: That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence. For Evangelisation: That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.	
Book by Fr. Neal Carlin of Columba Community – <i>They That Wait on the Lord: An Uncharted Journey:</i> Having recently celebrated 50 years in the priesthood this new book reveals Fr. Carlin's journey of both joy and pain. From ministering in the Maze prison during the troubles to establishing a rehabilitation centre for those in the despair of addiction, this is a story of hope and trust in the Lord for those who wait in faith. <i>Available from Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry, IOSAS Centre, Derryvane, Muff and Veritas bookshops • (028) 7126 2407</i>	
Scor Na nOg: The first round will take place on Saturday 18 th October in Dun Uladh at 6.30pm. <i>All support will be greatly appreciated for our competitors</i>	
Jiving Lessons from Experienced Jiving Instructor Christopher Bradley: Wednesday 22 nd October from 8.00pm to 9.30pm in Greencastle Community Centre. £5.00 per person per night	
Annual Christmas Fayre: Scheduled for Sunday 30 th November in the Greencastle Community Centre. <i>Anyone interested in having a stall can call either Leona on 07789 687 564 or Caroline on 07733 114 210 for more details</i>	
Comhaltas Concert Tour of Champions: Macalla na hÉireann will perform at Dun Uladh, Omagh on Tuesday 14 th October. Tickets will be £10.00. <i>For details call (028) 8224 2777</i>	
Derry Diocesan Society Mass in our Parish	Wednesday 29th October St. Patrick's
Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)
Jack and the Beanstalk: Monday 22 nd December at 3.00pm. A relaxed performance designed to create an enjoyable atmosphere for young people with learning and sensory difficulties and their families to experience theatre. <i>Early bird offer £10 before 31st October</i>	
Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk	
Musings	<i>Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)</i>
The First Reading from Isaiah today will be familiar to many, as it is often the reading chosen for funeral Masses. It promises a time of feasting when the tears of mourning will be wiped from our faces and death will be no more. When Gaelic Irish bardic poets spoke of heaven, they loved the idea of the wine-feast where 'cup-bearer never fails' and the hostess (the Virgin Mary) quickly fills up empty wine vessels. At that feast the only thing missing would be a bouncer at the door, for a hospitable God would not want to keep anyone away.	
Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults: A new resource from the Irish Episcopal Conference, designed to complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It has been adapted for an Irish audience and is written in accessible, easy to understand language. Whilst it can be used as an Individual private resource for reflection, it is also particularly useful for Parish Study Groups, Liturgy Groups, Parish Pastoral Councils and any individuals/groups working in parishes to promote catechesis / deepening of adult faith formation. A Study Guide to complement the Catechism has also been published. The Catechism is available from Veritas bookshops, at a cost of £19.99 / €24.99 and the Study Guide costs £11.00 / €12.99. Good discounts are available for multiple purchases. Tel: 02871 266888 or E-mail: derryshop@veritas.ie	
ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015 St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com 14 th and 15 th November • 5 th and 6 th December • 9 th and 10 th January • 6 th and 7 th February 6 th and 7 th March • 10 th and 11 th April • 8 th and 9 th May • 12 th and 13 th June Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date	

Parish Liturgy for October, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Nuala Glass	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of the Faithful	Seoirse Conway	- - -	Claire Coyle
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Cathal Keenan Patrick Tuohey	Brian Gillen Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Caitriona McCullagh, Siobhan McKenna and Ciara McKenna		Anne McDermott Martina McBride
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 4 rd May to Sunday 12 th October. <i>You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year</i>

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:	
Tuesday 14th October – St. Callistus I (pope and martyr) After a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences he was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus. Later died at the hands of a mob in 222.	
Wednesday 15th October – St. Teresa of Avila [1515-1682] Established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lacemakers, and headache sufferers.	
Thursday 16th October – St. Gall Monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. Died around 630. St. Hedwig [1174-1243] Wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted herself to charitable works. St. Margaret Mary [1647-1690] Visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was exemplary in her patience and trust.	
Friday 17th October – St. Ignatious of Antioch (bishop and martyr) Died a martyr in Rome c.107. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.	

The Deep End – Black Tie Only:	<i>Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)</i>
Weddings can be a stressful time. Have you ever seen the TV show 'Bridezilla', which pokes fun at the demands certain brides place on their families and wedding guests? Inevitably the bride ends up falling out with family and friends in her quest to organise the 'perfect' wedding.	
Admittedly the wedding industry can be mind-boggling. Some wedding invitations even come with a dress code for guests. But it is difficult to imagine what sort of bride or groom, or their parents, would evict a wedding guest just for wearing the wrong style of clothing.	
Yet here is Jesus telling us that the kingdom of heaven is just like that. Those who are not prepared for this banquet will find themselves 'thrown out'. It is hard to reconcile a loving, merciful God with such a heavy-handed approach. Except, it's not really up to God, is it? Look again at the reaction of the different groups to the king's generous invite. The first group were a no-show. The second group were not interested despite a reminder of the hospitality on offer, and some were openly hostile. And of those who accepted the invitation, some did not embrace the experience wholeheartedly. The guest who had no wedding garment was unprepared, and unappreciative of the gifts on offer. Perhaps his heart just wasn't in it.	

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *Matthew 22: 1-14*:

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1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?
2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?
3. As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.
4. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?