



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord [Year C] (13th January, 2013)
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Liturgy Schedule for the First Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (14th January, 2013 – 20th January, 2013)

Saturday Evening (12th January) Vigil Mass for Sunday	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass: John Tuohey (8 th Anniversary)
Sunday 13th January Baptism of the Lord [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 14th January First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 15th January St. Ita (virgin)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 16th January St. Fursa (abbot and missionary)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 17th January St. Anthony (abbot)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
NOTE: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held from Wednesday 18th to Friday 25th January		
Friday 18th January First Week in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	8.00pm Mass: Peter Daly (Month's Mind)
Saturday Morning (19th January) First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (19th January) Vigil Mass for Sunday	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass
Sunday 20th January Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£970**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Nellie Tracey** whose funeral took place last Sunday. We also pray for **John Tuohey, Mary Hollywood, Michael Kelly** and **John Haughey** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Ella Rose McAleer** who was baptised at the Vigil Mass. May our adult community offer our newly baptised and her parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living. We also celebrate the **3 girls and 5 boys** who received the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish in 2012 and their families.

In life we do many things, say many things, but the voice of suffering offered out of love - which is perhaps unheard by and unknown to others - is the loudest cry that can penetrate Heaven. *Chiara Lubich*

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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2013: For information contact (028) 8224 1888 or Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Monsignor Danny Monaghan and Maria Bradley from Sept. 4th - 11th. Price £499 which includes Half Board and insurance. *Call Maria at (028) 8164 8357 for further details*

Pro-Life Vigil: To be held in Dublin on Saturday 19th January. Join thousands of people from across Ireland to stand up for unborn children at this critical time. Book your seat now on the Coach travelling to the Vigil from your area. *For details contact Moira on (028) 9027 8484 or visit preciouslife.com*

Next Sundays Readings: Isaiah 61:1-5; Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11;
 (Lectionary I, page 838) **(Sunday: Year C) (Weekday: Year 1)**

Lotto Results: E – F – G – H – I (8 people with 5 letters – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,550

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 12 th January The family of Ciatari Warnock	Offertory Gifts Rota Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 13 th January The family of Jamie Wilkinson
Saturday 19th January The family of Michael Clarke	Second Week in Ordinary Time	Sunday 20th January The family of Sean and Tara Conneely
Saturday 26th January* The family of Molly Clarke	Third Week in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27th January The family of Matthew Conway
Saturday 2nd February The family of Ryan Coyle	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Sunday 3rd February The family of Eoin McCullagh
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task. *Do This In Memory Program (week 5)		

Baptism – The Door of the Church: The Sacrament of Baptism is often called the “door of the Church” because it is the first of the seven sacraments not only in time (since most Catholics receive it as infants) but in priority, since the reception of the other sacraments depends on it. It is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation, the other two being the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Once baptised, a person becomes a member of the Church. Traditionally, the rite (or ceremony) of baptism was held outside the doors of the main part of the Church to signify this fact.

The Necessity of Baptism: Christ himself ordered his disciples to preach the Gospel to all nations and to baptize those who accept the message of the Gospel. In His encounter with Nicodemus (John 3:1-21), Christ made it clear that baptism was necessary for salvation: "Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." For Catholics, the sacrament is not a mere formality; it is the very mark of a Christian, because it brings us into new life in Christ.

Camowen Farmers Meeting: Monday 14th January at 8.00pm milestone carrickmore. The speaker will be Seamus McCaffery accountant, topic, tax planning and inheritance issues also alex cromie,mentor with countryside services...£250 towards professional costs available.

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs and their Families and Friends: Saturday 9th March at 3.00pm. Bishop Lagan will celebrate. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 15th January – St. Ita (virgin) Was one of the early Irish women saints whose name is remembered in many place-names. A native of Co. Waterford, in the 6th century she founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland.' Died in 570.

Wednesday 16th January – St. Fursa (abbot and missionary) Was born in Ireland and became one of the great missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left Foillan as abbot and sought refuge in a hermitage given to him by a patron at Lagny on the Marne in France. He died about 650 while on a journey. His body was buried at Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

Thursday 17th January – St. Anthony (abbot) 'Father of Monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits, died in 356.

Friday 20th January – St. Fabian (pope and martyr) Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius in 250. **St. Sebastian (martyr)** May have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials. [Not celebrated this year]

Greencastle Youth Club Rota	Monday 14 th January	P6 and P7	Lucy Conway
	Tuesday 15 th January	P4 and P5 Years 8 and 9	Anne Warnock Sean McCann

BADA An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:
Monday 14th January from 7.00pm to 9.00pm NITB Mountain Biking Seminar // Darvagh Forest Seminar
Every Friday Night at 8.30pm Card playing with light supper served

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – The Year of Faith: That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.
Missionary – Christians of the Middle East: That the Christian communities of the Middle East, which frequently suffer discrimination, may receive the strength of fidelity and perseverance of the Holy Spirit.

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy (Monday 26th August – Monday 2nd September):
 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.
 For more info call Fr. Bradley on (028) 7136 2475 [W] / (028) 7135 1718 [H] or email fbradley@derrydiocese.org

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?
 For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net

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.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time
 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. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. 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. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
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.
 Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change:
 Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.

London Marathon (Sunday 21st April): Why not join team Foyle Hospice for a thrill of a lifetime running/walking one of the world's most exciting marathons, the Virgin London Marathon which takes place Sunday 21st April? This run takes in all the major sites and attractions in London with thousands of spectators all along the course. Places in this event will be difficult to get, but Foyle Hospice has some guaranteed entries for the marathon.
 For further information contact Noel McMonagle, Community Fundraising Manager noel@foylehospice.com, (028) 7135 9888

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
 8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th 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

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half-Marathon: Sunday 17th February, £100 deposit secures your place.
 For more information please contact events@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898
 Thank you for your time on this it is greatly appreciated

Parish Liturgy for January, 2013	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 Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Megan McKenna	Patrick Clarke	Emmett Bradley
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Mickey Beggs Cathal Keenan	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Brendan Conway and Mary Meenan		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead			
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 as soon as possible.			

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.
The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider The Mystery of Work: 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. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org

Oíche Oscailte / Open Night Coláiste Chineál Eoghain, Bunrana - Meánscoil Ghaeilge/Irish medium secondary school - Dé Céadaoin/Wednesday, 16.01.2013, 7.00-9.00 - Eolas Breise/More Information 074 93 22350
 cce@donegalvec.ie

Cappagh Badoney Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann: This month's session will be held on Friday 18th January in Plumbridge Hall. All musicians are invited to take part.
Everybody is welcome to come along for a good night's craic and entertainment

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

Q. Is it true that Jesus did not know that he was the Son of God until he heard the voice from heaven saying 'You are my Son, the Beloved' on the occasion of his baptism?

A. This theory is strongly rejected by Pope Benedict XVI in his book Jesus of Nazareth. Such theories, he says, belong to the category of a 'Jesus novel', a book which attempts a psychological story while using a very liberal reading of the words of scripture and a lot of conjecture. The mysterious union of divine and human natures in Jesus is beyond our psychological explanations.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013

Sacramental Celebrations

Friday 1st March	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession
Sunday 21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter	Our Lady of the Wayside	2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Monsignor Eamon Martin)
Sunday 12th May Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion

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

Friday 8th February Wednesday 22nd May Thursday 11th July	St. Patrick's
Friday 30th August Saturday 19th October	
Sunday 7th April	Our Lady of the Wayside

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 26th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 23rd January	Second Sunday of Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 23rd March	Sixth Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Thursday 28th March	Holy Thursday	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Saturday 13th April	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 1st June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes:

Pilates with Breda	Monday 14 th January at 7.00pm for 5 weeks at £25 (money must be paid in full). I will be in Centre Thursday 10 th January from 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Zumba	Begins Monday 14 th January at 8.15pm. £4 per night for all age groups. Classes for over 50s and people with physical conditions will start Friday 18 th January at 10.00am
Crocheting and Knitting with Mary	Begins Friday 18 th January at 2.00pm for £5. For beginners and amateurs. Open to all and a great opportunity to learn new stitches and patterns.
Drama / Dance with Clodhna	Academy classes will return Wednesday 16 th January, £2.50. P1, P2 and P3 (6.00pm to 7.00pm) // P4 upwards (7.00pm to 8.00pm).
Contact Bridie on (028) 8164 8706 or 07847459428 / 07591047556 or leave and message on phone. For the hire of the centre or equipment contact Sheena on (028) 8164 8186.	

Viatores Christi Overseas Volunteering: Seeking skilled people in good health who are interested in working as lay missionaries with Irish missionary priests, brothers and sisters in their work in areas of need overseas
Information and Recruitment Sessions on Sunday 16th December at 2.00pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164, Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ.

For more details contact colette@viatoreschristi.com Tel. 00353 1868 9986. viatoreschristi.com

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

The Deep End – Be a Signpost:

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

John the Baptist was a man whose life was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus. We may think today of all of those people in our lives who have inspired us, strengthened our faith and pointed us to Jesus. Luke places a special emphasis on Jesus at prayer in his Gospel. Jesus prays at the most important moments of his life. In today's Gospel, while Jesus is praying we hear that the heavens opened. That doesn't mean it started lashing rain but in Jesus' time it meant that the barrier between this world and the next had been opened. We get an image of the Trinity as God's voice is heard and a dove descends. These are all signs to show us that Jesus is the Beloved Son of God, and that this is the beginning of his mission.

We can think of our own Baptism today and what that means. We are all sons and daughters of God and have been moved into the life of God at our Baptism and at our Confirmation. That means that we have a responsibility to be part of God's mission. We are called to take on that responsibility in our parishes, communities, families and in society. We have a responsibility, like John did, to point the way to God.