



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

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (13th July, 2014)

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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (14 th July, 2014 – 20 th July, 2014)			
Saturday Evening (12th July)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 13th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]		St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
		Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Pat Tracey (5 th Anniversary)
Monday 14th July St. Camillus de Lellis (priest)		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 15th July St. Bonaventure (priest and doctor of the Church)		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 17th July Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 18th July Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time		St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 19th July Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time		St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: DDS Members and benefactors
Saturday Evening (19th July)		St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]		St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
		Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Fr. Vincent McCrory and his brother Francis

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£923** and **£87** in the loose plate..

Peter's Pence – Pope's Collection: A further **£25** was realised.

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith-community we offer our prayerful support to the families of **Peter Fox** and **Celia Strausa** whose Requiem Masses took place in the parish this week. We also pray for **Rose McCullagh, Pat Tracey, Seamus McDermott** and **Peter and Annie McAleer** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3rd August):
For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith.
A meeting for anyone wishing to volunteer to help prepare will be on Monday 14th July at 8.00pm in St. Patrick's, Greencastle.
Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it

Annual Pioneer and Venerable Matt Talbot Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 20th July. Principal Celebrant is Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown. Price which includes bus, breakfast and evening meal is £40. To book please contact Ray on (028) 8164 8119, Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or any Committee Member. *Names must be in before Sunday 6th July*

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Sunday 1st June to Wednesday 13th August. Cost includes boat fare and accommodation.
Web: loughderg.org • **Email:** info@loughderg.org • **Tel:** (028) 6863 2391 • **Address:** Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co. Donegal

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/or 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 Church entrances).

Next Sunday's Readings: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8: 26-27; Matthew 13: 24-43;
(Lectionary I, page 679) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

GAA Lotto Results: C • E • G • N • P (10 with 3 letters winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,750

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 12 th July The family of Odhran Hughes	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 13 th July The family of Shane McKenna
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. NOTE: During the summer organised rota will not be followed, instead families are invited to perform this role for us What can you volunteer? Thanks to all who participate		

St. Patrick's Church Cemetery: We have asked a local architect to draw up a plan for our cemetery with the information that you shared with us last year. Please look carefully at the plan which is now available online at the parish website and also in the church porch at St. Patrick's Church. Our intention is to create pathways through the cemetery as on the drawing and lay out the space available for future burials in an orderly way. *We intend to get this project finished as soon as we can afford to get it done*
Your comments are much appreciated (a period of five weeks will be set aside for this from Saturday 21st June).
If you wish to share your ideas or offer your support, please put your comments in writing to Fr. Hasson or any member of the Parish Maintenance Committee before Friday 24th July

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th August. An opportunity for young people to experience faith and meet many new people. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland.
For more information and to book online visit youth2000.ie or call 07598 876399

The official prayer of World Youth Day 2016, which entrusts humanity and the young to divine mercy, asks the Lord for the grace of a merciful heart, and asks the intercession of the Virgin Mary and St. John Paul II, patron of World Youth Day.

<p>God, merciful Father, in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, We entrust to you today the destiny of the world & of every man & woman We entrust to you in a special way young people of every language, people and nation: guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day. Heavenly Father, grant that we may bear witness to your mercy.</p>	<p>Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt, hope to those who are discouraged, love to those who feel indifferent, forgiveness to those who have done wrong and joy to those who are unhappy. Allow the spark of merciful love that you have kindled within us become a fire that can transform hearts and renew the face of the earth. Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us. St. John Paul II, pray for us.</p>
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Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests: 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (**this will take in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle on Saturday 19th July at 10.00am**). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. **Living:** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

Are Catholics and Protestants willing to reconcile? Take part in this research study and tell us your opinion
Take part in our 10-minute survey on attitudes towards reconciliation in Northern Ireland, contribute to this research project and get the chance to win a £50 or £20 Amazon voucher. To participate you must be *over 18 years old, brought up either in a Catholic or a Protestant family and currently living in NI*. Your responses are anonymous. The research project is carried out by 'Freie Universität Berlin' (Germany) and is approved by its ethics committee. It is completely independent from any other party.
Survey: unipark.de/uc/recresearch/ • **Facebook:** facebook.com/recresearch/ This came by email from *Raphael Cuadros*

Croagh Patrick National Pilgrimage 2014 – Reek Sunday: Sunday 27th July. Confessions begin on the summit at 7.30am and continue until 2.00pm. The first Mass on the summit will be at 8.00am and every half-hour thereafter until the last Mass which commences at 2.00pm.

Fr. Michael Collins Book Signing – Life, Death and the Bits in Between: Veritas Bookshop, Shipquay Street, Derry, on Thursday 17th July from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. For those who would like a copy of the book but cannot make it to the Veritas bookshop on that day, orders for a signed copy can be placed by contacting Veritas on (028) 7126 6888. *All are welcome*

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Accompanied by Fr. Mark Monaghan SMA. *For details from Maria Bradley call (028) 8164 8357*

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

Let go of your plans. The first hour of your morning belongs to God. Tackle the day's work that he charges you with, and he will give you the power to accomplish it. *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)*

An Bruch Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Sunday 10 th August	Dancing to <i>Larry & Co.</i>	Sunday 24 th August Dancing to <i>Cascades</i>
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Pope Francis' Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal: That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.
For Evangelisation: That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

Parish Liturgy for July, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Catriona McCullagh	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Fox	TBC	Claire Coyle
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Mary Bradley	Patrick Tuohey Michael Clarke	Pat McGuigan Francis Keenan
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known
 Thanks for everything you do in our parish-faith community

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***

Safeguarding Information for parents of Altar Servers: A Parents' Safeguarding Information Pack, which has been developed by the Derry Diocesan Safeguarding Office, is available for parents of altar servers. In each pack there is an Information Leaflet and Information Booklet for parents and two Leaflets for the children. If you are a parent of an altar server/s, and require a copy, please leave your request for an Information Pack in the sacristy; alternatively, or you can obtain it from the Safeguarding office, Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry (office hours Monday -Wednesday, 1.30pm to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 24th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Saturday 19th July • Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October		
Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)	

Dalradian Gold Limited (DGL) – Student for a Summer Internship Wanted: To assist the company with various tasks as it commences work at its Curraghinalt project. The post, which is remunerated, would ideally suit a final year A-level student. Good knowledge of the local area where the Curraghinalt project is located is also essential. The post will be split between the company's Gortin and Omagh offices.

For a copy of the job description, please email Angela Coney at aconey@dalradian.com or call (028) 8164 8012

Now that school is out, it's fair to ask, *What's in?*

By Fr. William J. Byron SJ (Catholic News Service)

That's a question parents should be considering. They have to be concerned with how their youngsters are occupying themselves during the summer vacation. The vacationing students have to be concerned as well. Parents and their offspring should work together on summer plans; otherwise valuable time will be lost and so will opportunities for personal growth.

Sports, travel, summer jobs and summer camp, in some combination, are capable of making June, July and August speed by. Camp and travel will be out of reach for some, and jobs are often hard to find.

However, no youngster has more hours or days in a summer week than any other, and all have an equal opportunity to engage in some form of volunteer or community service. Boredom is not an option for those who have a pulse and even a modest measure of ambition.

Any productive, growth-producing summer should begin with a reading list — at least five good, age-appropriate, mind-stretching books to be read by summer's end. Librarians are always willing to assist parents in putting a good list together; the kids should have a say in making the selections.

The trick is first to make the list, then post it in the kitchen, check off what has been read, and schedule a dinner-table report opportunity for the young reader for each book read. Family conversations will ensue and passive television viewing will decline. Reading can be a good alternative to TV for children in the summer. (Thinkstock)

As a matter of fact, summer reading can ease the grip that television often has on the minds and time of the young. Summer writing is not out of the question. Let the kids try their hand at short stories. There could be neighbourhood competitions, if parents are resourceful enough to organize them.

Inexpensive daytrips can be planned for the out-of-school young by imaginative parents. There are museums, gardens, libraries, factories, city halls, fire houses, police stations, airports and lots of other interesting places to be visited.

Summer offers time for performance in plays or concerts, if adults provide organizational support as they so often do in organizing summer leagues for young athletes.

Large metropolitan areas offer the opportunity for foreign-language immersion experiences for the young, if only some interested adults are willing to get the kids — particularly Hispanic and Anglo — talking.

It can be fun and it need not be at all expensive. It is really just a question of letting a community become what it was intended to be: a collection of people communicating with one another. Summer provides the time it takes to get the conversations going.

You may have noticed that there is an opportunity in all of this for the church to get involved. Pastors cannot be expected to do it all, but resourceful pastors can ask their parishioners to step up to the challenge.

Much of what I'm suggesting here could happen on church property and that might have the indirect benefit of bringing the kids closer to all of the other good things the parish has to offer year-round.

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Musings

Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)

The First Reading today beautifully depicts the Word of God as a life-giving word going forth from heaven to water and give life anew to the earth, making it fruitful once more. How often in our daily lives do we silently wish that we could be replenished, rejuvenated, renewed? The ancient monastic practice of Lectio Divina encourages us to take a word or line of Scripture which speaks to us and make it our own, returning to it for nourishment during the week. It also speaks of repeatedly 'chewing' the Word. Which line of Scripture will be your oasis over the coming days?

The Deep End – The Parable Experience • Engage:

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

Parables are not simply a 'story with a moral'; they are much more than that. Parables speak to the heart and command an alertness to all that is said and all that is unsaid. We need to pay attention to the detail, but must also be careful not to miss the hidden meaning in the parable experience. And it is an experience. The parable does not end once we are finished hearing or reading it. It stays with us; disturbs us; forces us to ponder. Parables should awaken our senses.

Today's parable highlights the various ways that we do not allow God's word to penetrate deep into our hearts and minds. Jesus tells the disciples: 'The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen".' Jesus emphasises the enormous harvest that is waiting for those who really 'open their ears'. Recently, I saw a YouTube clip of a 40 year old woman who was able to hear for the first time thanks to cochlear implants. It was an emotional clip to watch and she cried and laughed and shouted with joy. She explained how 'the switch-on was the most emotional and overwhelming experience of my life'. If we are open to the parable experience, if the soil is truly receptive, perhaps the Word can affect us in the same way. In the coming Sundays we hear the parables of Matthew 13. Perhaps we can hear them again for the first time.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 14th July – St. Camillus de Lellis (priest) [1550-1614] Rough tempered and a gambler in his early life as a soldier was converted at the age of twenty-five. Guided by Saint Philip Neri he became a priest and worked for the sick with two companions. His Servants of the Sick prospered and founded hospitals especially where others would not go. Patron of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

Tuesday 15th July – St. Bonaventure (priest and doctor of the Church) [1221-1274] Born in Tuscany, Minister General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop of Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons, known as the Seraphic Doctor.

Wednesday 16th July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel The Carmelite Communities inherit the early hermits' devotion to Elijah and his solitary prayer, and to Mary under this title of Mount Carmel.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time

Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

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.

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland.

A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.

Adoption: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 13:1-23:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?
2. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?
3. 'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world