



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderrg  
**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (13<sup>th</sup> November, 2016)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheshkinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis**      Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 25)  
 "In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us. The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God's mercy. Her life is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy. She knows that her primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God's mercy by contemplating the face of Christ."

Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016)			
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm – 5.45pm</b>	Confessions
St. Josephat (bishop and martyr)		<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass:
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>			Mickey, Mary and Mick Hollywood (Anniversary)
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am – 10.45am</b>	Confession
		<b>11.00am</b>	Mass

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON MONDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER			
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass
St. Albert the Great (bishop and Doctor of the Church)			
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mass
Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time			
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
St. Elizabeth of Hungary (religious)			
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass
Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, Rome			
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm – 5.45pm</b>	Confessions
<i>Do This in Memory (week 3)</i>		<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass:
			Charlie Donnelly (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Solemnity of Christ the King [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am – 10.45am</b>	Confession
		<b>11.00am</b>	Mass

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Rose Conway, Mary and Mick Hollywood** and **Brendan Morris** whose anniversaries occur now. Throughout November we pray especially for all our faithfully departed.

**Buildings and Maintenance Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 8.15pm in Parochial House.

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017  
 £619 for half-board (£499 if paid by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December) • *Price increase due to falling rate of sterling*  
 For more information call (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

**Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – MA in Catholic School Leadership:** In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. 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 who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.  
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**Annual Pioneer Retreat:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Termonbacca.      *Contact any Committee Member to book*

**Next Week's Readings:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3 • Psalm 121:1-5, R/ v 2 • Colossians 1:12-20 • Luke 23:35-43  
 Lectionary 1:936      **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

*Check out greencastleparish.com/newsheetarchive.htm for extra notices not printed here*

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Francis McNamee</b>	Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November The family of <b>Cody McAleer</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November*	Solemnity of Christ the King	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
The family of <b>Shane Molloy</b>		The family of <b>Mollie McCullagh</b>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November
The family of <b>Mary-Jo Morris</b>		The family of <b>Brian McDermott</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
The family of <b>Cira McLaughlin</b>		The family of <b>Ryan McGlinchey</b>
<b>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</b>		
<b>*Do This in Memory Programme (Week 3)</b> We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

**The Net – November Edition:** Now on sale, with coverage including:

- Station Mass in Badoney Lower • Triple celebration for Bellaghy • Claudy Mercy Talk
- Clonmany welcome for pioneers • Creggan celebrates 60 years of Holy Child PS, Dungiven
- Service of Light, Errigal • Faughanvale, Greenlough-Lavey, and Coleraine welcome new PPs
- Galligh Faith Story • Glendermott and Strathfoyle fund mission wells • Long Tower Novena
- Maghera Harvest Thanksgiving • Newtownstewart YUCCAT study • Omagh Day of Renewal
- Powerful Mission in Three Patrons • Urney and Castlefinn pilgrimage
- St. Cecilia's girls conquer Croagh Patrick • Meet the Derry Youth Community
- Mercy theme explored by post primary schools • Good Shepherd Centenarian Celebrates,
- Bishop Daly Memorial • Legion of Mary in Knock • Time of prayer with Thornhill Ministries
- Children's Catechism Club • Parish Post-its

*For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852*

**Thornhill Ministries – Living with Grief Seminar:**  
**Tel:** (028) 7135 1233 • **Email:** thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • **Website:** thornhillministries.co.uk  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30 pm in Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road, Derry. A two-part seminar to explore the spiral of grief. We can be drawn back into the pain of loss in unexpected ways and are often ambushed by our emotions. This seminar allows us to touch into that reality.  
**Facilitator:** Bairbre Cahill • **Donation:** £10 per evening

**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*

**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

**Colum Sands Returns to Rouskey Community Centre:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm. £10 including refreshments. Colum Sands is a universal storyteller who draws on a long Irish tradition of poetic musicality to weave songs for the world.  
**Bridie:** 07591 047 556 / 07847 459 428 / (028) 8164 8706 • **Clare Ann:** 07798 941 452  
**Email:** rouskeycommunity@yahoo.com

**Prayer Request from Trócaire for Syria:** The world stood by in 1994 as genocide was unleashed on Rwanda. One year later, we again stood aside as thousands were massacred in Srebrenica. When is 'never again' going to finally mean never again? The United Nations special envoy to Syria, Staffan De Mistura, has warned that Aleppo will be "totally destroyed" by Christmas. We can't let this happen. We can't let Aleppo become another Srebrenica.  
 Pope Francis has called us to urgently pray for peace. We ask you to pray in your homes communities and parishes for peace. Please find here this prayer that you can use  
*Lord our God, Father of all humanity; change the hearts of all peoples and their rulers, so that peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, love and righteousness. May the Spirit of Peace descend upon the people of Syria and upon our world until all conflicts cease and peace reigns on earth. AMEN*

<p><b>Pope Francis' Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayers)</b></p> <p><b>Universal – Countries Receiving Refugees:</b> That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.</p> <p><b>Evangelisation – Collaboration of Priests and Laity:</b> That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.</p>
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<p><b>ACCORD – Relationship Counseling:</b> 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.</p> <p><i>An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
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<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>St. Patrick's:</b> 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</p> <p><b>Our Lady of the Wayside:</b> Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass</p>
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<p><b>St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests:</b> The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest.</p> <p>The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: <i>prayerforpriests.com</i></p> <p><b>Rosemary Johnson</b> 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • <b>Ethna Hill</b> 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com <b>Siobhan Sweeney</b> 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • <b>Eamon Cassidy</b> 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com</p>
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<p><b>Towards Peace:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> towardspeace.ie • <b>Tel:</b> 01 505 3028 • <b>Email:</b> towardspeace@iecon.ie</p>
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<p><b>Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Address:</b> IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal <b>Tel:</b> (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • <b>Website:</b> celticprayergarden.com • <b>Facebook:</b> IOSASCentre • <b>Twitter:</b> IOSASCentre</p>
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<p><b>MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas):</b> 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.</p> <p><i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
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<p><b>Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption?</b> We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.</p> <p><b>Rachael (Belfast Office):</b> (028) 9069 1133 • <b>Julie or Brian (Derry Office):</b> (028) 7136 8592 <b>Email:</b> email@familycaresociety.org • <b>Website:</b> familycaresociety.co.uk</p>
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Parish Liturgy for November, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Slane	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Ryan Clarke	Rosemary McCullagh	Cayla Donnelly
<b>Collectors</b>	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Eugene Tracey Brendan Conway	Pat McGuigan Francis Keenan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Nuala Glass and Rosemary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

<p><b>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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);</li> <li>Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p><i>From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>
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<p><b>Child Safeguarding:</b> 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. <i>See poster at entrances</i></p>
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<p><b>Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack:</b> Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.</p> <p><b>If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office</b> <b>Email:</b> t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • <b>Tel:</b> (028) 7126 2302 • <b>Website:</b> catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants</p>
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<p><b>Family Care Society:</b> We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)</p> <p><b>Tel:</b> (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • <b>Email:</b> email@familycaresociety.org • <b>Website:</b> familycaresociety.co.uk</p>
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2015 Parish Statistics			
<b>Baptisms</b> 6 Boys 8 Girls	<b>Confirmations</b> 8 Boys 8 Girls	<b>First Holy Communion / Reconciliation</b> 10 Boys 9 Girls	<b>Marriages</b> 10 within parish 5 outside parish
<b>Station Masses in October</b> 7	<b>Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE</b> Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
<b>Funerals</b> 13	<b>Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson</b> Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

#### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 21: 5-19:

John Byrne OSA ([john@orlagh.ie](mailto:john@orlagh.ie))

1. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet, capable of reading the signs of the times, and one who offered wise and insightful advice on how to cope with difficult times. Who are the people you see who act like this in the troubled times we live in today? Maybe you yourself have been a calming influence in the face of turmoil within your family, parish, church, workplace, or elsewhere. Can you claim that gift and give thanks for being such a person?
2. Jesus alerts his listeners to the transitory nature of human grandeur and splendour. How have you been reminded of this truth? What lessons has this given you about life?
3. In any walk of life troubles will come. Jesus encourages his listeners to stand firm in such circumstances, telling them 'your endurance will win you your lives'. When you are in the midst of inner turmoil and / or outer trouble or opposition, what have you found gives you the strength and ability to endure?

#### Musings – Endurance:

Jane Mellett ([mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:mellettj@gmail.com))

At some point we have all seen and heard someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing. We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited having seen how magnificent the Temple is, having come 'up from the country' and Jesus is trying to calm them down. The time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings'. These things do not last.

Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crisis that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's Gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is affirming people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid

Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements.  
Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: it is by endurance that we win our lives

*Michel de Verteuil*

#### The Deep End – Not a Hair On Your Head:

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon ([trionad@gmail.com](mailto:trionad@gmail.com))

I remember a cartoon from my childhood. An angel counts the hairs on the head of a child – the figure is already up in the thousands. 'He was always good at maths!' whispers an angelic bystander. It was cute, a lovely image of how intimately God knows and cares for each one of us.

Today's Gospel is not so 'cute'. There is talk of plagues and famines, persecution and imprisonment, betrayal and death, as Jesus alerts his followers to the dangers ahead. It is an intense monologue, and no doubt an upsetting one for his disciples.

But it culminates with a reassuring image. In spite of all this hardship, Jesus promises a reward for our patience and endurance. In fact, he puts it like this: 'Not a hair of your head will be lost.' Though we worry that we may not be strong enough to stand up to opposition, Jesus promises to be with us in times of trial, and to give us 'eloquence and a wisdom' to deal with whatever is thrown at us. That's quite a promise. Do we believe it? If we truly believe that God knows us so intimately that he knows exactly how many hairs we have on our heads, we must believe that he cares enough to give us the strength to face whatever obstacles we encounter.

#### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – **St. Laurence O'Toole (bishop) [1128-1180]** Lorcán Ua Tuathail, also known as St. Laurence O'Toole, was born at Castledermot, Kildare, Ireland and died at Eu, Normandy, France, he was canonised in 1225 by Pope Honorius III..
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – **St. Albert the Great (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1206-1280]** Dominican theologian who taught in Cologne, was called the 'Universal Teacher' for the vast range of his interests. Patron Saint of scientists.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – **St. Elizabeth of Hungary (religious) [1207-1231]** Queen at 14, widowed and exiled at 20, Franciscan tertiary until her death at 24. A woman of prayer and service of the poor.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – **Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, Rome** This feast celebrates the dedications of two of the four major basilicas of Rome. These two churches continue to draw millions of faithful pilgrims each year as well as many visitors from other faiths.