

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

  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Third Sunday of Advent [Year B] – Gaudete Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> December, 2020)**  
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**Thought for Advent:** "A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes...and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1943*

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St. Finian (bishop) and Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacroy, Coneyglen
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent [Year B]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: Sheskinshule
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Gortin Parish (YTube)	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration <b>7.30pm</b> Mass: Seán McCrory (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>7.30pm</b> Do This in Memory Enrolment Mass
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>7.30pm</b> Mass: Bridie Tuohey (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: Broughderg, Crock Peter Daly (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba Road

**COLLECTIONS**      **Weekly:** £755 • **Graveyards:** £1,130      *Thank you for your generosity*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Patrick O'Hagan (Brackagh South)** and **Maggie Mullen (nee O'Neill) (Luton formerly Coneyglen)** who died recently and for the souls of **Sean McCrory (1<sup>st</sup>), Bridie Tuohey (1<sup>st</sup>) and Gerard, Mary and Gerry McCrory** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all who have died due to Covid-19.

**Do this in Memory Enrolment Mass:** The families of the 16 children of Primary Four of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School who will make their First Confession and Holy Communion next year are invited to join us on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church for this year's Mass of Enrolment.  
*Please bring your candles for blessing and your Track and Trace Forms*

**December Townland Mass Rota**

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacroy, Coneyglen
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Sheskinshule
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Broughderg, Crock
	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba Road

**Greencastle Community Association – Virtual Bazaar:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
 Many fantastic prizes including a 40" 4K Smart TV with Alexa and oil, food and drink hampers  
*Tickets are £20 and available in Centra Greencastle or by visiting [paypal.me/greencastlecommunity](https://www.paypal.me/greencastlecommunity)*

**Children in Crossfire Christmas Raffle:** Centra Greencastle are very kindly sponsoring a raffle for a Christmas hamper, proceeds of which will go towards the Children in Crossfire Advent Appeal. £1 per strip of tickets. Please look out for the raffle in Centra Greencastle Facebook Page and in the store itself. The draw will take place in the few days before Christmas.

**Next Week's Readings:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 • Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29, R/ cf. v 2 • Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38 • Lectionary 1:70      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Summary of Christmas Eve / Day Mass Arrangements:**

- No system will satisfy everyone. We will continue to use the townland system which has been successful these past few months.
- People cannot choose which mass they want to attend or which seat they sit in. If you wish to attend it must be with your own townland unless you have been asked to provide the music or other service for a different mass.
- You can always choose to watch your townland mass either live or on repeat on the Greencastle Parish YouTube Channel.
- Face coverings are required to be worn in church unless you have a medical exemption. They must be worn properly during services including covering of the nose. It should only be removed to receive Holy Communion.
- Sadly only the designated singers and the Mass celebrant should sing. This year just listen and quietly pray the words of the Carols as they are sung.
- Please use Track and Trace form to be found on the parish website and church porches. These can be filled out at home and placed in a basket on entrance at the porch or filled out in your seat with a small pencil which you take away with you, after which the form is placed in a basket on the way out.
- Hopefully with the extra space available there will be no overflow. If there is an overflow you will have to follow mass either on the loudspeaker from your car or follow it on YouTube in your car or at home. Sheskinshule View will be placed with Binnefreaghan / Crockanboy Townlands for Christmas only. Maryville will remain with Sheskinshule Townland.
- No public mass will be celebrated on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December. Mass can be followed on the Parish of Greencastle Facebook Page.

Please see below the Timetable for Christmas Mass in Greencastle Parish

<b>Thursday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b> Christmas Eve	St. Patrick's	<b>4.00pm</b>	Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy Sheskinshule View
	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b>	Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacroy, Coneyglen
	St. Patrick's	<b>7.00pm</b>	Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>8.30pm</b>	Broughderg, Crock
<b>Friday</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> Christmas Day	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Sheskinshule (minus Sheskinshule View)
	St. Patrick's	<b>10.30am</b>	Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba Road
	St. Patrick's	<b>12 noon</b>	Formil

**PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO OTHERS**

**The Net – December Edition:** For inclusion of your faith news in future editions email [editorthenet15@gmail.com](mailto:editorthenet15@gmail.com)  
 Coverage in this month's edition includes  
 Bishop Donal looking forward to World Youth Day 2023 • Online youth activities for Advent  
 Strabane Holy Cross College 'Footprints' competition by Hollie Frystal • JP11 Reflections  
 Youth writers share thoughts on...Celebrating Christmas; Inspirational Garvan Byrne story; and Drawing God  
 Advent reflections by Hollie & Filip, Derry Youth Scholarship Ministry  
 Sr. Clare devotees gathered in heavy rain to pray birthday Rosary • Bishop Donal launches Columban Year  
 Melmount Prayer for Deceased by Hollie Frystal • Creggan Eucharistic Blessing  
 Clonleigh Pilgrimage of Remembrance by Fr Colm O'Doherty • Ardmore marks 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
 Newtownstewart gets a new relic by Fr. Roland Colhoun • Fr. Roni Zacharias arrives from India  
 Dungiven celebrates doctoral success of Fr. Joseph Varghese • Remembering Fr. Stephen Kearney  
 Pat Carlin shares thoughts on 'Connecting Generations' campaign  
 Following the stone by Fr. Oliver Crilly • Françoise Henry – Irish section by Fr. Oliver Crilly  
 And much more

**SUSE+ New Courses in January:** Have you recently been made redundant or are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support to gain qualification and employment. We run Job Searches, CV Building, Interview Preparation. Mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in local area. New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success & Wellbeing, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management, Retail, Business Administration, Barista and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy.  
*For more information email [tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk](mailto:tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk) or call 074 3653 3475*

**Pope Francis' Intention for December (please remember this in your personal prayers)**

**For a Life of Prayer:** We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**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 courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**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

**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*

**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)

**Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers:** To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.

*If you are interested in volunteering visit [trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer](http://trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer) or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info*

**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*

**Online Youth Programmes:** To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit:

**Facebook:** [DerryDiocesanYouth](https://www.facebook.com/DerryDiocesanYouth) **Instagram:** [derryyouth](https://www.instagram.com/derryyouth)

**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)*

**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)*

**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.

**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)*

**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*

**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*

**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).*

**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.

**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 service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

**Community Coordination Hub:** Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Covid-19 Community Coordination Hub will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline to assist residents who may have become isolated and vulnerable due to the impacts of Coronavirus and the associated mitigation measures. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure those most at risk will have access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. **Access to Food Parcels** provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who can't leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, don't have support through family, friends or access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. Please complete the Food Parcel Request Form and a member of the Council's Community Coordination Hub will contact you. We aim to respond to requests within 24 hours. Referrals to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Coordination Hub for other support services are directed through the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline:  
**Freephone 0808 802 0020 Text ACTION to 81025 Email covid19@adviceni.net**  
Support and advice is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week.

**Trócaire:** Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. As with your parish envelope please leave at Broughderg Post Office, St. Patrick's Church Sacristy outside door postbox or the Parochial House. No boxes please.

Please also fill in Gift Aid details on envelope. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg GAA / Greencastle Community Association:** Like all communities at the minute Greencastle is about to enter into unfamiliar territory as we face the influx of the Covid-19 coronavirus. No one knows what the incoming days and weeks bring, however, what we are sure of, is that we as a community will be supporting each other. We have a number of volunteers within our community who have already put their names forward to help where needed. If you, your family or someone you know is currently in self isolation and require some help please contact any of the individuals below. We would encourage everyone to make a call to your neighbour as they may need help and again please contact any of the individuals below. We have a team of volunteers willing to help where required, it may be something like picking up some shopping, posting some mail, lifting a prescription or just a friendly phone call.  
*For up to date info and advice visit [www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus)*  
Collie Touhey: 07970 379 741 Fiona Teague: 07813 935 996 Briege Beggs: 07799 058 273

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:** *John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

1. 'There is one among you whom you do not know'. We can know about Jesus but do we know him. What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting God as he did, and seeing other people as he did?
2. John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to you of the good news of the gospel that God loves you – a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have you borne that witness?
3. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of loud and aggressive people. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been able to be yourself, even in the face of criticism from others?
4. John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' – announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness? Do these questions have any special relevance to you in the midst of the current situation in our country?

**The Deep End – Finding Our Feet:** *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again but this time from the fourth Gospel. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth Gospel and in its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. As our world continues to battle this pandemic, there is much fear about. People might not feel like celebrating or being joyful. But nature shows us that Spring always follows Winter. Like John, we are called to be light-bearers. To carry Christ's love and light to those we meet in our daily lives. Our world needs light-bearers, especially in these Winter months. It might be a good opportunity to ask today 'Who have been the light bearers for me in these past months?' And also, 'To whom can I carry light to this week?' In this way we observe Christ's ongoing incarnation in the world today.

Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light ... teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend ... they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome. *Michel de Verteuil*

**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%

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

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – St. Lucy (virgin and martyr)** Suffered much for her desire to remain consecrated to Christ alone. She was martyred in 304 in Sicily in the persecution of Diocletian. Her name means *light* and her intercession has been sought for eye trouble.

**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 **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk

To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**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)*

**ASPIRE:** Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's employability service, is currently active with new ways of working. ASPIRE staff are ready to help people apply for and secure jobs; support from the initial search through to the application and with interview prep. Also provide training courses and arrange work experience placements. Omagh (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen 028 6632 6478 • Mobile 07799 471 448 • [aspire@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:aspire@fermanaghomagh.com)

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Can't stop? There is a solution.

Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email [csoofaa@btinternet.com](mailto:csoofaa@btinternet.com). [alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://alcoholicsanonymous.ie).

**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*

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

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2019
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	1 within parish • 6 outside parish
10	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	11