



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

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (14th August, 2016)

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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis

Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 21)

"Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe."

Liturgy Schedule for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (14th August, 2016 – 21st August, 2016)

Saturday 13th August	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions
St. Pontian (pope and martyr) and St. Hippolytus (priest and martyr)		6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 14th August	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am Confession
		11.00am Mass
Monday 15th August	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass:
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		Kathleen Gillen (2 nd Anniversary)
	Our Lady of the Wayside	8.00pm Mass
Tuesday 16th August	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time		
Wednesday 17th August	NOTE: There will be no Mass every Wednesday throughout August unless stated otherwise	
Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time		
Thursday 18th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time		
Friday 19th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. John Eudes (priest)		
Saturday 20th August	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions
St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church)		6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st August	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am Confession
		11.00am Mass

Death of Bishop Edward Daly (Tuesday 5th December, 1933 – Monday 8th August, 2016): *In Loving Memory*

This weekend we as a parish and diocesan community give thanks to God for the life and pastoral ministry of Bishop Edward Daly who died on Monday of this week. We pray that the Lord may reward him for his generous self-giving and that he may now rest in peace and be around the table at the heavenly Banquet. For the next few weeks we will include a few of his words at the end of the bulletin. May we all take encouragement from his life and example of service and perseverance in the face of difficulties. *Ar dheis De go raibh a anam*

Fr Gallagher's homily at his memorial mass on Thursday morning past will be available on the parish website

Baptism: We congratulate the parents, family and friends of **Coleen Clare McLaughlin** who has received the Sacrament of Baptism and was welcomed into the family God on Sunday 7th August in St. Patrick's Church.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Jimmy Daly (Binnefreaghan)** who died recently, may God give comfort and strengthen all who mourn him and for **Kathleen Gillen** whose anniversary occurs now.

Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage: Sunday 11th September. Chief Celebrant will be Archbishop Michael Neary, Patron of the CGA with a refection by Catherine Wiley, the founder of the CGA. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with music and song will be at 2.30pm and the Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary will be at 3.00pm. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their grandparents which will be blessed at the pilgrimage (please send prayers to our office at the following address **Address:** Castlebar St, Westport, Co Mayo • **Tel:** 098 248 77 **Email:** info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com • **Web:** catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Annual Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan: Friday 19th August in Greencastle Community Centre. Dancing from 10.00pm to *The Cascades*. Admission including refreshments is £5. There will be a short meeting in the hall on Tuesday 16th August at 9.00am regarding this. *Anyone who can help is welcome*

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 66: 18-21 • Psalm 116, R/ Mark 16:15 • Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Luke 13: 22-30 • Lectionary I, page 898 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Wednesday 31st August to Wednesday 7th September.

Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 for details

Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Auction: BADA are now accepting lots for our upcoming auction on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd September. All donations are greatly accepted plus items which you may want to sell. To enter anything in this auction please contact us on one of the following numbers.

Broughderg Post Office (028) 8675 1633 • **Committee members** (028) 8675 1570 / (028) 8164 8180

Items can be collected if required and include household items, furnishing, kitchen essentials, antiques and collectibles

Rouskey Community Centre – Pilates with Breada Turbiitt: Tuesday 13th September at 7.00pm. Free training and new training programme facilitated by South West College. Patricia is a 12 week programme of training and personal development is available to anyone age 16-65 years who is not working or working 15 hours or less per week, or not in full time education/ training. Participants have the opportunity to gain accredited qualification in ICT and Understanding Business. Included within the programme is the unique opportunity of have active job roles within a "simulated virtual enterprise "virtual" firms. This programme facilitated by South West College. We are hoping to start this programme in September. Need 10 people to start programme.

Contact Bridie to book on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706 (leave message on phone)

Children in Crossfire 7 County Cycle Derry • Tyrone • Fermanagh • Cavan • Sligo • Leitrim • Donegal
3 day Challenge • 200 miles • Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September

Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 • £60 deposit secures place

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 entrances*

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ACCORD – Marriage Preparation Courses: Each year over 20,000 people marry in the Catholic Church in Ireland. Despite the recession, numbers getting married have only fallen slightly in recent years. ACCORD Omagh provides Marriage Preparation Courses for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. Feedback from participants is very positive. Courses take place at the address below and can be booked via the following information.

Address: Accord Suite, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre • **Website:** accord.ie **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439

Dates (Fridays and Saturdays): 9th and 10th September - 7th and 8th October - 4th and 5th November

Family Care Society: 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)

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: 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.

The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: *prayerforpriests.com*

Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com

Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm: 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.

Address: IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal

Tel: (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • **Website:** celticprayergarden.com • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

Bishop Edward Daly Quote

Taken from the Preface of a Troubled See Memoirs of a Derry Bishop

It has been a privilege and a wonderful experience to have served as a Catholic priest for more than five decades. I have had the opportunity to meet and serve remarkable people, and to witness and experience some extraordinary events... I have had great friends, colleagues as priests and bishops. Most of all I have been sustained by the prayers and friendship of many lay people, men and women, to whom it has been my privilege to minister.

<p>Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>Universal – Sports: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.</p> <p>Evangelisation – Living the Gospel: That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour.</p>
<p>Rouskey Respiratory Support Group: Rouskey Community Centre considering setting up a Respiratory Support Group facilitated by Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke. Respiratory conditions include illnesses like COPD, asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. A respiratory condition is not always obvious to others, and is often referred to an 'invisible illness'.</p> <p>NICHs's Respiratory Groups meet often to offer support to people living with respiratory conditions and their families and carers.</p> <p>Computer Classes Essential Skills: Beginners level 1 and 2. Anyone interested in these free classes in September get in touch.</p> <p>Contact Bridie for more information on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706 (leave message on phone)</p>
<p>National Pope John Paul II Award Coordinator</p> <p>The National Committee of the Pope John Paul II Award is seeking an enthusiastic and highly skilled candidate to coordinate the Pope John Paul II Award at a national level. The successful candidate will also help implement the Diocesan Plan for Parish Youth Ministry in the Derry Diocese. The suitable candidate will have:</p> <p>A relevant 3rd Level qualification in education, youth work or pastoral ministry Evidence of work on a paid / voluntary basis in the Catholic Church Evidence of leadership qualities • Be proficient in ICT</p> <p>Application Form and Job Description may be obtained by emailing ddcc@derrydiocese.org or by calling (028) 7126 4087 during normal office hours</p> <p>Completed applications must be returned to Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, Gate Lodge, 2 Francis Street, Derry, BT48 7DS no later than 4.00pm on Friday 5th August with interviews held on Thursday 18th August.</p>
<p>ACCORD – Relationship Counseling: 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>
<p>Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? 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>Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • Julie or Brian (Derry Office): (028) 7136 8592 Email: email@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk</p>
<p>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.</p> <p><i>For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org</i></p>
<p>The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees: The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. <i>Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid</i></p> <p>Website: tuesdayschild.ie • Email: info@tuesdayschild.ie • Tel: (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362 Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g.TUES75 £5)</p>
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Parish Liturgy for August, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Rosemary McCullagh	Shauna Morris
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Mary Bradley	Frank Keenan Patrick Tuohey	Pat McGuigan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Rosemary and Ciara McNally		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

<p>Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: 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>If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • Tel: (028) 7126 2302 • Website: catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants</p>
<p>White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:</p> <p>If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us. Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor.</p> <p>Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St. Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 2407</p>
<p>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. <i>See poster at entrances</i></p>
<p>St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are as follows.</p> <p>Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmail_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com <i>prayerforpriests.com</i></p>
<p>Craft Training Ltd: A leading training organisation that provides 16-18 year olds with the opportunity to fulfil their potential in a vocational area, through the Training for Success programme. Gain the skills you need to kick start your career free of charge and earn £40 per week, range of qualifications include ICT, Hairdressing, Joinery, Painting & Decorating, Hospitality & Catering, Retail and much more.</p> <p>Tel: (028) 8225 9377 • Office: Kelvin Avenue, Omagh • Email: joincraft@hotmail.co.uk</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: 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>St. Patrick's: 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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass</p> <p>Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass</p>
<p>ACCORD – Fertility and Wellbeing Service: An educational service, offering instruction / counseling in Fertility Awareness and Natural Family Planning (NFP) for women / couples who wish to achieve a pregnancy or plan their family. ACCORD Fertility and Well Being practitioners are people who have been specifically selected and trained to deliver this service. These practitioners use this knowledge and training to inform, educate and support individuals and couples with regard to their fertility.</p> <p><i>Appointments are held in the Omagh centre and can be made by calling (028) 8224 2439</i></p>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd November Mass for the Dead	Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 25th December Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)
Year of Mercy – Local, National and International Pilgrimages as Arranged by the Diocese		
Long Tower Thursday 11 th September (begins 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass) Rome and Assisi Friday 2 nd to Thursday 8 th September		
Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy: Monday 22 nd August to Thursday 25 th August (10.00am to 3.00pm daily) in Campsie Playing Fields, Omagh for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years. <i>For bookings and further details call Sean Davis FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach on (028) 7126 3044</i>		
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 • Web: kindercareni.co.uk		
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 • Tel: 01 505 3028 • Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie		
MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas): 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. <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i>		
Drink Wise Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use? <i>For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240</i>		
Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 12: 49-53. <i>John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)</i> 1. The commitment of Jesus to his mission is shown in his desire to undergo the baptism that awaits him. Have there been times when there was something you greatly hoped for, even though you knew there would be a baptism of fire along the way? What was it like for you to undergo such a baptism of fire and then arrive at 0 what you desired? 2. Jesus recognised that the message he proclaimed would meet with a mixed reception. This did not hold him back from proclaiming the Reign of God. When have you seen this kind of courage in yourself, or in others? 3. Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members. When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage? What was it like for you when you were able to follow that courageous road?		
Musings <i>Fr. Bernard Cotter (Bandon, Co Cork)</i> Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the people. <i>Jeremiah 38:4</i> Telling the truth can be a dangerous business: ask the prophet Jeremiah. He 'spoke truth to power', as prophets are supposed to do, and the person in power, the king, didn't like it one bit. Getting rid of the prophet seemed easier than heeding the warnings. Jeremiah was lucky to escape with his life. Jesus knew quite a bit about the hazards of speaking the truth too. He saw John the Baptist beheaded for annoying Herod. His enemies built up quite a file of 'subversive' words spoken by Jesus. His death on Calvary proved that his words had gotten through. Unlike Jeremiah, Jesus could not escape paying the ultimate price. His words from today's Gospel wouldn't have helped Jesus. People in power love to see people praying for peace, rather than examining the causes of war. Jesus acknowledges that conflict is part of life, even among believers. There is no magic potion to prevent discord. Lord, help me to speak the truth as you did, regardless of consequences.		

2015 Parish Statistics			
Baptisms 6 Boys 8 Girls	Confirmations 8 Boys 8 Girls	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation 10 Boys 9 Girls	Marriages 10 within parish 5 outside parish
Station Masses in October 7	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
Funerals 13	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

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.

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The Deep End – *Peace On Earth?*

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

It is only a few short weeks since Jesus was advising his disciples to greet people with the words 'Peace to this house!' We certainly like to associate Jesus more with peace than division. When Jesus later appears to the disciples after his resurrection, his first words are 'Peace be with you'. And now here he is talking about division!

At the time that Luke was writing his Gospel, the early Christian community was experiencing division. Households were divided over what to believe. It is not that Jesus was encouraging division; rather, not everyone was ready to accept his teachings. Jesus remains a divisive figure today. People either run towards him or run from him. Division is a natural consequence of Jesus' work, and those who follow him must be willing to sacrifice everything.

This is a challenging Gospel for us. It's almost as if Jesus is asking us what we are willing to do in his name, if we are truly ablaze with love for him. We may at times face ridicule or rejection from the world. We may have to change the company we keep, or leave old ways of life behind, in order to truly follow him. In this sense there may well be division.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Friday 19th August – St. John Eudes (priest) [1601-1680] From Normandy France, he spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory then left to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Saturday 20th August – St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church) [1090-1153] Became a Cistercian monk at Cîteaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a strong grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. He is patron of Gibraltar and bee-keepers.

Sunday 21st August – St. Pius X (pope) Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and then Pope from 1903, he encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

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