

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross [Year A] (14<sup>th</sup> September, 2014)  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 – 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2014)**

<b>Saturday Evening (13<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> Exaltation of the Holy Cross [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> Our Lady of Sorrow	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Cornelius (pope) St. Cyprian (bishop) (both martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Rose McGurk (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Januarius (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Kathleen Gillen (Month's Mind)
<b>Saturday Morning (20<sup>th</sup> September)</b> St. Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (20<sup>th</sup> September)</b>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£807** and **£23** loose change.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Sean Daly** whose Requiem took place in Dunamore last Sunday. We also pray for **Rose McGurk, Michael Clarke and Brian Hollywood**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Stations Masses in October:** Hosting a Station Mass is a long tradition in the life of our Catholic parish communities. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It will be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a Station.

*Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass in their home during October should now book it in the Sacristy in Greencastle*

**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

**Dalradian Gold Ltd. – Administrator Vacancy for Gortin Office:** Anyone interested please request an application pack from [aconey@dalradian.com](mailto:aconey@dalradian.com) or call (028) 8164 8012, applications can also be collected from 67 Main Street, Gortin. *Closing date for submission is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September*

**Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Charles Brown (Papal Nuncio). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.

**exploreAway – Explore God's Call for You:** A programme which provides the opportunity for single people between the ages of 21 and 40 who are interested in exploring religious life and the priesthood in a reflective and prayerful environment. Join us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 or on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast, BT13 2RL to find out more about exploreAway. *An informative and relaxed afternoon with some pizza and chat!*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm 114: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18, r/v 18; Philippians 1: 20-24, 27; Matthew 20: 1-16; (Lectionary I, page 702) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

**GAA Lotto Results:** A • F • I • Q • T (12 with 3 letters) **Next Jackpot:** £3,200

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Ryan Coney</b>	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September The family of <b>Oisín Coyle</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September* The family of <b>Niamh Conway</b>	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Rachael Devine</b>

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. **What can you volunteer to do in your parish?** Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community. **\*Do This In Memory (Week 1)** *We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

**Invitation to the Parents of the children who are preparing to receive Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time in 2015**

'Do This In Memory' is a parish preparation program for the children and families of those preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion/Reconciliation.

It aims to help the families of the children who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2015 and our parish faith-community prepare together. The dates are marked on the rota.

A meeting outlining the programme will be held in the Parochial House on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.00pm. The meeting will last no longer than one hour and we earnestly request that you attend. If it is not raining please park your car at the Church and walk over to the Parochial house.

This programme compliments but does not replace the work that Mrs McElroy, our year 4 teacher in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, does in the classroom and everything that you do at home to pass the faith on to your children.

The Liturgy Group of Maria Bradley, Caitriona McCullagh, Rose McCullagh, and Eileen McKenna will co-ordinate the programme in our parish. Please support them.

*We hope that your participation in this programme will benefit children, parents, their families and our entire parish faith community*

**Family Care Adoption Services:** 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.

**Adopters Needed Now:** 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](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) • **Web:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://familycaresociety.co.uk)

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca – Day Retreat for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am to 5.00pm. Meals are included. Booking is necessary. *To book call (028) 7126 2512*

**Living With Suicide Day Retreat in Lough Derg:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Retreat is an invitation to people to come to a safe place where they might find some sense of healing and peace in the midst of pain and struggle. It is a day for adults who have been affected by suicide, either through personal loss or with suicidal ideation, or for those ministering to the suicide bereaved or working in support services. Advance booking essential. *For further information contact Maureen or Sharon on 071 9861 518 (from NI 00353 71986 1518) or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)*

**The MARA Project (Maximising Access to Services, Grants and Benefits in Rural Areas):** Could you benefit from a FREE home visit to see if you are eligible for a referral to *Rural Community Transport (EasiLink), Translink Bus Pass, Cavity / Loft Insulation, Boiler Replacement Grant, Home Safety Check, Benefits Entitlement Check or Support Services?* Please call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to receive a confidential home visit at a time that suits you. *The MARA Project is managed from the Magill Forum, Omagh Community House, 2 Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT78 1DP*

**Lough Derg Pilgrimages – One Day Retreats and Family Day:** Reservations essential. Book at the Lough Derg Office. **Tel / Fax:** 00353 719 861 518 • **Email:** [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**Children in Crossfire – North-West 200 Mile Cycle Challenge:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. **Route:** Derry - Enniskillen - Donegal town - Derry **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 **Email:** [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org)

Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart? *St. Gerard Majella*

Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God – the rest will be given. *Mother Teresa*

**Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**Universal:** That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.  
**For Evangelisation:** That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

**Inaugural Garry Pentland Summer School:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Events start at 10.30am and include Mgr. Brendan Devlin talking on the historical importance of Corrick Abbey in Badoney Upper. There will be 4 workshops between 1.30pm and 3.00pm: Local poetry and storytelling; Genealogy - how to build your family tree; Irish speaking in the Sperrins with Ciaran Ó Duibhin and Pdraig Ó'Baoghill and a Children's environmental workshop. That evening there will be a concert starting at 8.00pm with music from Donegal, Tyrone and Scotland including: Ciara Fox, Scallon Family, Cappagh Badoney Comhaltas, Ray Moore, An Crann Óg, Scottish Pipers and more.  
*More information can be obtained from Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001 or Rosemary Murphy on 07708 567 449*

**Musings** *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*  
 While we are accustomed to regarding Christ's cross as an emblem of suffering and shame, there is also a strong tradition of the cross as a symbol of victory. Late medieval Gaelic Irish poets routinely depicted Christ as a warrior, riding into battle on the cross (his horse) and achieving a stunning victory on Calvary over the forces of evil. One poem, possibly composed in honour of the relic of the True Cross at Holy Cross Abbey, County Tipperary, has Christ use the cross as a battering ram to break down the gates of hell' and release the captive.

**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](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015**  
 St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 [accordomagh@accordni.com](mailto:accordomagh@accordni.com)  
 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October • 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November • 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December • 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January  
 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March • 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April • 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May • 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June  
**Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date**

**Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation** *In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast*  
 The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone. This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.  
**Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)  
**Email:** [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) • **Web:** [drumalis.co.uk](http://drumalis.co.uk)

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

**Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh:** Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.  
*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839*

Parish Liturgy for September, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Geraldine McNamee
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Frankie Bradley	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Clare Tuohey	Brianna Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
<b>Collectors</b>	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Tony Donnelly Sean Clarke
<b>Altar Society</b>	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

**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*

**A Farmer's Prayer**

Jesus, you are the Bread of Life, Food for our journey, You are the Vine and we are the branches, Drawing our life from you. As we seek to make out living from the land,	Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch the beauty of your creation, Renew your love in our hearts. And as we see your plan at work in each season, Bring your peace to our home and to those we love.
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*Amen*

**Prayer for the Diocese of Derry:** *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.**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014		
<b>Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish</b>	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

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

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrow** Mary standing by the cross, “suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her,” whom she also offered to the Eternal Father’ *Marialis Cultus*

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – St. Cornelius (pope and martyr)** Became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron of cattle and domestic animals.

**St. Cyprian (martyr) [210-258]** Bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyr.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [1542-1621]** Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – St. Januarius (bishop and martyr)** While no contemporary sources on his life are preserved, later sources and legends claim that he died during the Diocletianic Persecution, which ended with Diocletian's retirement in 305.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September – St. Andrew Kim Taegon (priest), St. Paul Chang Hasang and Companions (all martyrs) [1839-1867]** St. Andrew Kim Taegon, the first Korean priest, Paul Chang Hasang, a catechist and 101 others were martyred during the persecution of the Church in Korea.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 3: 13-17:** *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. In the Gospel of John the lifting up of Jesus on the cross is the climax of the revelation of God's love for us. How has the cross spoken to you of the love we have been shown in Jesus?
2. Jesus says the purpose of his life is that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. In what ways has faith given you life and vitality?
3. Jesus said that he was sent to save and not to condemn. Remember what has helped you to see God as one who is fundamentally on your side in life, a God to be trusted and relied on rather than feared.
4. In presenting the purpose of his life as salvation rather than condemnation, Jesus tells us something about the purpose of every human life. It is to be life-giving, rather than destructive of life. Recall times your life was enriched by the words or actions of another. Remember also when you were able to do the same for another person.

**The Deep End – A Divine Attribute:** *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

Ten thousand talents today are estimated to be in the hundreds of millions! So it would be a foolish King who would allow a 'servant' to clock up debt to that amount (you would think!). Even though his debt is completely cancelled, the 'servant' is not so forgiving when it comes to his own household. One denarius would be the equivalent of the wages of a labourer for a day, so one hundred day's wages is a drop in the ocean in comparison. Those who witness these events are 'greatly distressed' and decide to protest. You don't have to look too far today to draw parallels to this parable.

Peter asks a vital question: how many times do you forgive? The answer may disturb some people but it can also liberate us if we allow it to: seventy-times-seven, i.e. an infinite number of times. This might seem idealistic and even ridiculous, but when we think more about it there is no other option. Without forgiveness we allow bitterness to engulf and torture us; zapping our energy; preventing us from being at peace with ourselves. When we only seek retribution, we enter into chaos.

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.  
When we forgive evil we do not excuse it, we do not tolerate it, we do not smother it. We call it what it is, let its horror shock and stun and enrage us,  
and only then do we forgive it.

*Lewis B. Smedes*