Device of Creanagette Co. Turrena (Diagona of Devru)	For the time being the Townland Mass Rota will continue until it's deemed safe to return to full church congregations.
Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)	Thank you for your cooperation and patience through this very difficult period for everyone.
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (14th November, 2021)	Saturday 13th November St. Patrick's 6.00pm Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
World Day of the Poor	Sunday 14 th November St. Patrick's 11.30am Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU	Saturday 20th November Our Lady of Wayside 6.00pm Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
Website: greencastleparish.com • Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com • Tel: (028) 816 48474	Sunday 21st November St. Patrick's 11.30am Teebane East, Aughhminacrory, Aughascribba Road, Muninamale
Thought for the Week: "The only purpose of the gospel, and even religion, is to communicate that one and	Saturday 27 th November St. Patrick's 6.00pm Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
eternal truth. Once we have that straight, nothing can stop us and no one can take it away from us, because it is given only, always, and everywhere by God—for those who will accept it freely. My only job and any preacher's	Sunday 28th November St. Patrick's 11.30am Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
job is to try to replicate and resound that eternal message of God that initiates everything good on this earth— You are beloved children of God!" Fr. Richard Rohr OFM	New Parish Secretary: We welcome Mrs. Siobhan McGinn to our two parishes. Siobhan has been Parish Secretary in Drumragh Parish, Omagh for over 20 years and so comes with plenty of experience of parish life. From Monday 22 nd November all inquiries for bookings of baptisms, weddings, month's mind / anniversary Masses will be taken from
Saturday 13 th November St. Patrick's 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Charlie Donnelly (6 th Ann.)	the Parish Office. Please call the office on (028) 8164 8203 or email greencastlepp@yahoo.com. All messages
Sunday 14 th November St. Patrick's 11.30am Mass: Deceased Members	received by Messenger will be forwarded to the office. The office will be staffed initially on Tuesday, Thursday and
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] of Greencastle GAA	Friday from 11.00am to 3.00pm. If you call outside those hours please leave a message with name and phone number
Monday 15 th November St. Patrick's 7.30pm Do This in Memory Mass of Enrolment (P4)	so that we can return your call. Your patience and cooperation would be much appreciated in this transition period
St. Albert the Great (bishop and Doctor of Church)	Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre – Final Workshop of 2021 (limited space available):
Tuesday 16 th November St. Patrick's 9.30am Mass: Mary, Jacinta and Eddie McCullagh (54 th , 3 rd and 35 th Anniversary respectively)	Broken Open: How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow: Workshop Facilitator: Fr. Hugh Lagan SMA Friday 19th November (arrive 5.00pm) to Sunday 21st November (depart 2.00pm) – 200 Stg / 230 Euro
Wednesday 17 th November St. Patrick's 2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration	Participants will learn how to respectfully navigate loss, bereavement and trauma so as to
St. Elizabeth of Hungary (religious)	foster greater resilience, allow woundedness to awaken compassion and reconnect
Thursday 18 th November St. Patrick's 10.00am Mass: Eamon McAleer (2 nd Ann.) Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul St. Paul	with life through the gifts of acceptance, healing and hope.
Friday 19th November St. Patrick's 7.30pm Mass: Susanna Myles McCullagh (1st Ann.)	Fr. Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. He has led workshops
Saturday 20th November Our Lady of Wayside 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Patricia McFarlane (1st Anniv.)	internationally on psychological and spiritual well-being, trauma, and resilience.
Sunday 21 st November St. Patrick's 11.30am Mass: Peter McCaffrey (8 th Anniv.)	Contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe [Year B]	028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964 admin@dromantineconference.com
COLLECTIONS Weekly: £960 Trócaire Emergency Appeal: £305 (to date) Thank you for your generosity	Trócaire Emergency Appeal: A terrible hunger crisis is raging across East Africa, driven by escalating climate change, conflict, swarms of desert locusts and Covid. Over 30 million children, women and men are being pushed into
Baptism: We welcome <i>Oisín Francis Bradley, Creá Rose Donnelly</i> and <i>James Harry Donaghy</i> into the family of God through the sacrament of Baptism,	starvation. People and their livestock are dying. Without emergency food and aid, many more won't survive. Lives depend on our ability to reach them.
received on Saturday 6 th and Sunday 7 th November in St. Patrick's Church.	South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and the state of South Kordofan in Sudan especially are being brought to their knees
We offer our congratulations and prayers to her parents and family circle	by sparse and delayed average rainfalls which are the result of climate change. A grim third wave of Covid and
	regional conflict are making matters worse.
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for <i>Rory McLaughlin</i> of Oxford who died this week, son of the late	regional connection matches notice.
Noel and grandson of Francis and Regina McLaughlin, Brendan Morris (24th), Mickey (7th), Mick (14th)	Yet, with your help it is not too late to reduce tragic loss of life and ease suffering. The Irish Bishops Conference has agreed for an emergency collection to take place in all parishes throughout the month of November.
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Pope Francis' Intention for November (please remember this in your personal prayers) Universal – People who Suffer from Depression: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Sunday 14th 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.
 Monday 15th 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.
- Wednesday 17th 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.
- Thursday 18th 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.
- Sunday 21st November *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Originated in the East and was included on the General Calendar in the 16th century. With the feasts of Immaculate Conception and the Nativity of Mary, this feast reminds us that Mary was the chosen vessel of God from the very first moment of her life.

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

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 Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

 12noon – 1.00pm

 12noon – 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

 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

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

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

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.

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*

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

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

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

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

Disciples of Jesus - Filled with Joy! Monday 10th to Friday 14th January, 10.00am to 12.00am 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 Catechetical Centre Webcam Preparation Programme in January 2022, to support parents, steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of schools and parishes as they prepare the children in this very important stage of their faith journey. Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us. Mother of Divine, Love to conform Preparation Programme Linking with Filled with Joy, pupil workbook and Disciples of Jesus, ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore parent booklet (available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre) the programme will consist of our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your • Four sessions, 10.00am to 12.00am on the catecheticalcentre.org/webcam/ protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from Support pack for the four sessions to be emailed to schools and available on the Catechetical Centre Website every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Short Video reflections on the gift of the Holy Spirit and the impact Confirmation has made on different people Our Faith – Developing What We Were Taught in School: Consider Your Call - Priesthood: The first in an exciting line-up of events aimed at encouraging and supporting Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice? Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith? Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist? months, the 'It's Your Call' platform will look at five key pathways in life: Single, Married, Ordained, Religious and Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Consecrated — not just priesthood! Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life? If you would like to learn more about priesthood, or simply support those who are considering this vocation, why not The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, addresses these guestions and more. come along to Consider Your Call - Priesthood in the Catholic Chaplaincy, Queen's University Belfast on Thursday This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available 11th November at 6.00pm. either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. More info. enrolment visit drumalis.co.uk/pathways Prayer for Synod on Synodality (2021 - 2023) Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the Praver / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director. wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways: Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI) from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND" place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also) 'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook) What Is Spiritual Communion? 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The most common us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to Barnardo's NI - Can You Foster? Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? receive Holy Communion worthily. 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 Drink Wise, Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use? breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240 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 Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? We are a not-for-profit

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.

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voung people as they discover more about the definite service God may be calling them to. The project, entitled 'It's Your Call', will be complemented by a suite of online resources to help us learn more about vocation. Over the coming

Supported by the Northern Area Committee of the Knights of St. Columbanus and is open to people from any diocese

Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family!

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organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and voung people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more: Tel: (028) 9094 1690 • Email: gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • Website: kindercareni.co.uk

Derry Diocesan Pilarimage to Lourdes: Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilarimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer of 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.

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%

Derry Diocesan Youth Event: Sunday 21st November from 12.00pm to 3.30pm in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry. For young people in the diocese ages 14 and up to come and get involved with their faith and celebrate world youth day in preparation for World Youth Day in Lisbon, 2023. If any young person would like to book, please email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or message any @derryyouth social media pages. Cost £5 to secure a place at this event (all deposits to be paid before the Tuesday 16th November)

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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:

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- 1. Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart, but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new possibilities. Our church is in crisis, and the world is facing climate disaster. Where have you seen something new and hopeful emerge in the midst of all this, e.g. some action arising from better eco awareness (less waste, a community garden, et al)?
- 2. The parable of the fig tree. Even in winter it begins to put forth leaves which give a hint of the fruit to come. Where have you found signs of hope in a wintry situation – in your own life, in the life of some group, in the life of the Church, in our world?
- 3. Jesus proposes no clear time-scale for the events being foretold, so the final sentence (v.32) is a call to alertness, to live the present to the full. What difference does it make to you when you are able to live the present moment to the full?

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	Baptisms	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	First Communion	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	Weddings	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	Deaths and Burials	8