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

St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year B] (15th March, 2015)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Lent [Year B] (16th March – 22nd March)					
Saturday Evening (14th March)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions			
		6.00pm Vigil Mass: John Tuohey (7th Anniversary)			
Sunday 15 th March	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)			
Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions			
, , , ,	, ,	11.00am Mass			
Monday Morning (16th March)	St. Patrick's	7.00am Mass			
Third Week of Lent					
Monday Evening (16th March)	Our Lady of the Wayside	7.30pm Confessions			
, ,	, ,	8.00pm Vigil Mass for Feast Day			
Tuesday 17th March	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass			
St. Patrick (bishop and Patron of Ireland)					
Wednesday 18th March	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass			
St. Cyril of Jerusalem (bishop and Doctor of	the Church)				
Thursday 19th March	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass			
St. Joseph (husband of the Blessed Virgin M	ary)				
Friday 20th March	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass [NOTE TIME]			
Fourth Week of Lent					
Saturday Morning (21st March)	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS			
St. Ènda (abbot)					
Saturday Evening (21st March)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions			
		6.00pm Vigil Mass: Paddy Lennon (2 nd Anniversary)			
Sunday 22 nd March	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)			
Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions			
1	, ,	11.00am Mass			

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection of £787 with £13 in loose change. Annual Collection for Clerical Education and Formation: This will be taken up on St. Patrick's Day.

Baptism: As a parish community we welcome Patrick Barry Brogan who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised and his parents and sponsors, prayerful support and good example in our devotion to Christian living.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Philomena Feeney whose requiem took on Thursday. We offer our prayerful support and deepest sympathy to her daughter Cathy, son-in-law Lawrence, their family and all who mourn her passing. We also pray for John Tuohev and Brian McDermott, whose anniversaries occur at this time

You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign - Week 4: On this Mothering Sunday we remember mothers all over the developing world who face the daily struggle to feed their children, clothe them and send them to school. Trócaire works with thousands of families in the world's poorest countries to support them in this struggle. Find out how you can help at trocaire.org/lent

Lent 2015 - Some Practical Suggestions: There are many ways to keep a good Lent, here are a few suggestions: Try to abstain from a particular food or pleasure • Do something extra, like attending the Monday evening Retreat in Strathroy or visiting the sick • Spend some time reflecting on your own baptism...asking God to renew the gifts you have already received • Take part in penitential services and Station of the Cross • Whatever you do or give up, do it with joy and moderation

GAA Cultural Night: Monday 6th April (Easter Monday).

For further information contact Michael Covle

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession): On the evening of Friday 13th March these year 4 pupils of our parish school. Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

Colleen Brogan • Trea Clarke • Rvan Conev • Niamh Conway • Sheah Conway • Tara Haughey • Sorcha Hughes Lennon Mayton • Matthew McGlinchey • Michael Joseph McGlinchey • Amy McGurk • Caolan McKenna • Gearoid McNamee Darragh Morris • Patrick Morris • Shanice Morris • Sean Og Teague • Daire Tracey • Maebh Warnock

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a blessed experience • You may have heard that Pope Francis heard individual confessions and gave absolution on Friday evening around the same time as we celebrated here in this parish.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; • Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15, r/v12 • Hebrews 5:7-9 • John 12:20-30; (Lectionary I, page 310) Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]

GAA Lotto Results: F • J • R • T • Y (4 with 3 letters winning £15 each) Next Jackpot: £4,450

SPECIFIC EXPENSES 2012 INCOME 2014 2013 2014 54.424 5.535 Routine income (envelopes etc.) 50.461 Light and Heat 6.066 Investment Income 5.330 105 Maintenance 12.906 10.632 2.986 Exceptional Items (Ins. Claim, Special Donations) 100 906 Normal Requisites 2.420 59,854 51,472 Insurances 3,689 3,689 **EXPENDITURE** Rates 807 1.077 25,923 23.884 Property Expenses (Rates, Ins., M'tenance etc.) 25,923 23,884 Administration Expenses (Salaries etc.) 24,903 25,434 Salaries 13,080 13,945 50,826 49,318 Telephone etc. 2,398 1,791 **NET PARISH INCOME** 9.028 2.154 1.900 1.920 Accountancy Bank Charges 368 322 Bank Interest 527 664 18.273 18.642 Pass Through 70 5 18.343 18.647

Following our recent parish finance committee meeting we publish today our annual summary financial statement

Greencastle Parish Summary of Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December. 2014

Prepared by Patrick Friel (Accountant) - High Street, Omagn, Co. Tyrone		11,813 11,489		
6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning		
Saturday 14th March	Fourth Sunday	Sunday 15th March		
The family of Michael McGlinchey	of Lent	The family of Stephen Meenan		
Saturday 21st March	Fifth Sunday	Sunday 22 nd March		
The family of Amy McGurk	of Lent	The family of David Morris		
Saturday 28th March*	Palm Sunday of	Sunday 29th March		
The family of Geroid McNamee	the Lord's Passion	The family of Kieran Mullholland		
Thanks to all who participate in the life and work of our parish faith-community. *Do This In Memory Week 7				

Children in Crossfire - 5K Colour Run / Walk: Sunday 22nd March. Runners, walkers and families are invited. Children Crossfire Web Online, Richmond Centre Kiosk, Top Floor or call office (028) 7126 9898

Greencastle Vintage Club: Tony Keenan has announced that the new Chair is Eamon McAleer and Vice-Chair is Tony Haughey.

Gamblers Anonymous - Open Meeting: Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm in Omagh Community House, Drumragh Avenue, Are you worried about you or a friends gambling? At this open meeting you can talk to members of the Gamblers Anonymous group. hear experienced speakers talk of their experience of gambling and get some advice and help.

For more information visit the Gamblers Anonymous website at gamblersanonymous.org.uk

Diocesan Assessment

6.560

6.768

Child Safequarding: 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 Please familiarise yourself with the policy by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church relevant statutory authorities.

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.

Registration of the Religious of the Diocese: Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card. Thank you!

Southwest College, Dungannon Campus - Engineering Careers Fair: Friday 27th (10.00am-3.00pm) and Saturday 28th March (9.00am-3.00pm). If you are thinking about a future in engineering or actively job-hunting this is the fair for you! For more info call (028) 8772 0628 or email get.engineering@swc.ac.uk

Dalradian Gold Limited (DGL) - Positions Needed: Email Angela Coney at aconey@dalradian.com or call (028) 8225 7080 Geological Field Technician (1) • Geological Technician (1) • Environmental Sampler (1) • Core Cutter (1) Geological Field Technician closes Friday 20th March (others close Thursday 19th March)

> Thank you for your support for daily Mass especially during this season of Lent and for your personal and family commitments to deepening your faith and the practice of it at this time

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

Pope Francis' Intentions for March (please remember these in your personal prayer)

Universal - Scientists: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of

the whole human person.

Evangelisation – Contribution of Women: That the unique contribution of women in the life of

the Church may be recognised.

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Colleges of Education - Mass for Class of '71: St. Mary's, Falls Road on Friday 27th March at 6.00pm in the College Chapel. Were you or a relative a student teacher who commenced their course (Cert Ed, BEd or Post Grad) in St Mary's or St Joseph's Colleges of Education, Belfast in September of 1971? A Mass followed by tea will be held to celebrate 40 years associated with the Colleges as Alumni and to remember deceased friends and classmates. For more info call John on 07701 336 308

TinyLife - Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies: Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.

Our Volunteers: All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.

How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer? Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.

Next Training Dates: Saturday 9th, Saturday 16th and Saturday 30th May

Thornhill Ministries' Team - Supporting Parish Lituray Series 1: 9th 16th and 23rd March in the Fir Trees Hotel, Melmount Road, Strabane. A six week workshop programme for members of liturgy teams, pastoral councils, and those who have an interest in supporting the liturgical life of the parish. Cost £40. Facilitators are Sr. Perpetua McNulty and Sr. Marie Wiley.

To book call (028) 713 51233 or email thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org • Module 2 will follow in the Autumn

Ard's Retreat Centre, Donegal - Derry Search Weekend: Search is a faith based programme designed to provide young people aged between 15 and 19 with a dynamic experience of the Catholic faith. The retreat weekend is based on the methods of St. Don Bosco, and consists of a well-balanced combination of talks, discussions, skits, games, socialising and fun. Young People participate in the Search program for various reasons; some go to experience something different, others to find friendship; some come with a strong faith while others are questioning God's very existence. Search is an opportunity for you to explore your own faith journey and take a deeper look at who you really are! Please join us for an experience that you will never forget!

Date: Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March (bus leaving at 7.00pm) • Cost: £40 (includes transport / food and accommodation) We understand the cost of this weekend may be a barrier for many young people, but

please do not let finance be a reason to miss out on this amazing opportunity

Email: bryan@derrysearchyouthgroup.org • Mob: 0044 7564 032130 or Oonagh 07711 707 365

Web: derrysearchyouthgroup.org • Find us on Facebook

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses

(028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street 10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre - Card Playing: Every Friday night at 8.30pm.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Wednesday 1st to Monday 6th July) - Nurses Needed: If you are a nurse and would like to travel with the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes application forms and further information are available from the Pilgrimage Office. Application forms are still available for Pilgrims who are in need of medical / nursing assistance.

Forms can be obtained by calling the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 71260293 and should be returned at the earliest convenience

Parish Liturgy for March, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Nuala Glass	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of the Faithful	Emma Clarke	Peter Fox	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Michael McElhatton	Mickey Beggs	Sean McKenna
	John Bradley	Colm Keenan	Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs,	Anne McDermott	
	and Mary McKenna		Patricia Donnelly

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 17th March - St. Patrick (bishop and Principal Patron of Ireland) Born in Roman Britain in the early 5th century. Patrick was taken captive at 16 years of age and brought by pirates as a slave to the Braid Valley in the glens of Antrim. He worked as a shepherd around Sliabh Mis (Mt. Slemish) near the present-day town of Ballymena. After six years he escaped back to Britain, but he heard God's call to return to convert the Irish. After studies for the priesthood in France, he returned as Bishop c. 432 and commenced the remarkable conversion of the Irish. Died in 491.

Wednesday 18th March - St. Cvril of Jerusalem (bishop and Doctor of the Church) St. Cvril became the Archbishop of Jerusalem at 35. He was present at the Council of Constantinople in 381, where Jerusalem was first recognised as a patriarchal See, along with Rome. Antioch, Alexandria and Constantinople. This council is responsible for the Nicene Creed which was promulgated in its final form. Died on the 18th March, 386 at the age of 70, after 35 years as a bishop, of which 16 were spent in exile.

Thursday 19th March - St. Joseph (husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary) The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a 'just' man, which means he was a man who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. The main feast of St. Joseph is on this date - 19th March. It was believed his death occurred on this day. The feast was fixed in the 15th century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Gregory XV in 1621. On December 8th 1870, Pope Pius IX ordered that this feast be celebrated throughout the Church. Holy Church also dedicates to St. Joseph the entire month of March. In addition, by custom, Wednesday of each week is dedicated to St. Joseph. The lineage of Mary's husband as the legal father of Jesus is traced in Matthew's gospel (1:18-25). Matthew sketches the confusion, humiliation and misery experienced by Joseph when he recognises that Mary is with child. This just man was simply, joyfully, and wholeheartedly obedient to God; in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth and in years of quiet faith and courage.

Saturday 21st March - St. Enda (abbot) Considered to be one of the three great late vocations (athlaech) of Ireland. His sister Faenche, a nun, set his thoughts on a religious vocation. He made a small foundation in Cell Aine, Co. Louth and after studies in Scotland under Ninian made several foundations in the Boyne valley. On Faenche's urging he went to Aran. Thought to have died in 520 and is considered as one of the early models of ascetic monasticism in Ireland.

Youth 2000 - Weekend Retreat: Friday 27th to Sunday 29th March at the Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny. For young adults between the ages of 16 and 35. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all under 18. Meals and accommodation is on site.

For more details visit youth2000.ie or call 07598 876 399

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry - Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs: Saturday 14th March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

2014 Parish Statistics							
Baptisms	Confirmations		mations First Holy Communion / Reconciliation		Funerals		
8 Boys		4 Boys	7 Boys	5 within parish	22		
8 Girls		7 Girls	8 Girls	5 outside parish	22		
Station Masses Parish Pilgrimage Sunday: This was marked with our pilgrimage to the Mass Rock at Dorville of				Dorville on			
in Octobe							
McKeown on his first visit to the parish. We have now completed our series of pilgrimages to the							
3		Penal Mass sites located within our parish boundaries. Thank you for sharing your photographs					

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *John 3:14-21*:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

- Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play
 on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of
 love, despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his
 passion was a sacrament of God's love for you.
- It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. The true lifegivers know that they need the generosity of being lifted up by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.
- 3. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

Musings

Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)

Our Second Reading speaks of 'the immeasurable riches of God's grace'. There is a story told of Alexander the Great in which he told a favourite general to draw any amount from his treasury that he desired. The general complied and presented a bill for an enormous amount to the Treasurer, who refused to honour it. When Alexander asked the Treasurer about this, he complained about the large amount sought. But Alexander replied, 'Never mind, this general honours me and my kingdom by making such a great claim'. And so, likewise, we honour the riches of God's grace by asking in prayer for the 'big things'.

The Deep End – 'Those Who Do What is True Come to the Light':

Jane Mellett (janemellet@yahoo.com)

Out of death comes new life. Have you ever seen someone come back to life? It may have been a friend who got over a really tough break up or someone who after many months of grief started to get their life back together again. Resurrection is all around us, all the time. It is easy for us to be cynical when we think of an issue like climate justice. As Christians we are called to be resurrection focused. There are always ways to turn a situation around, to make things right, to strive for life again and again. This is the vision that Jesus gives each of us, to love and hope rather than despair.

We have been journeying this Lent with Mahlet (which means 'Life') and her family from Sebeya. Mahlet and her family have contributed nothing to the problem of climate change, yet they are the ones who suffer the most when the rains fail. They will benefit from a new irrigation system being built with help from Trócaire this year, helping to ensure food security for Mahlet's family and other's in her village. We can make a real difference to people's lives through the small choices we make: the promise to live more simply and more sustainably. It is up to us and we can choose to be part of the solution rather than the problem. Take the option for radical love, for hope, for climate justice.

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

Mother Teresa

	IMPOR	TANT DAT	ES FOR TH	E DIARY	IN 2015		
Sacramental	Sunday 26 th A Fourth Sunday of Ea	aster	t. Patrick's	(Bishop	McKeown)	of Confirmation	
Celebrations	Sunday 17 th Feast of the Ascer	•	t. Patrick's	11.00an	n First Holy	Communion	
Solemn Annual Exposition			Sunday :	3 rd May	St. Patrick	'S	
of the Blessed Sacrament Su		Sunday 30th	August	Our Lady o	of the Wayside		
Derry Diocesan Monday 6 th Society Masses Tuesda			ay 29 th May ember • Thu			St. Patrick's	
in our Parish				Sunday	19th July	Our Lady of the Wayside	
Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates							
our Deceased Sur	Saturday Evening	ı (4 th July)		St. Patrick	's Directly	after 6.00pm Vigil Mass	
	Sunday Morning	Sunday Morning (5th July)		of Waysion Broughde		Directly after 11.00am Mass	
	Monday 2 nd N	November		St. Patrick		Commemoration of All Souls bering all who died in 2015)	
'Do This In Memo	ory' liturgies for candidat	es preparing	for the Sacran	nents of Fir	st Reconcilia	tion and First Holy Communion	

Saturday 28th March	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	6.00pm Vigil Mass	l
Saturday 18th April	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass	l
Sunday 17 th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion	l
Saturday 6th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass	1