



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Pentecost Sunday [Year C] (15th May, 2016)
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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 16)
 "The preaching of Jesus is made visible once more in the response of faith which Christians are called to offer by their witness. May the words of the Apostle accompany us: he who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness" *cf. Rom 12:8*

Liturgy Schedule for the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (15th May, 2016 – 22nd May, 2016)

Saturday 14th May St. Matthias (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	12 noon First Holy Communion 5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Mary Morris (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 15th May Pentecost [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession 11.00am Mass
Monday 16th May Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 17th May Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 18th May Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Thursday 19th May Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 20th May Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 21st May	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd May Solemnity of Holy Trinity [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession 11.00am Mass

Weekly Parish Collection: We thank you for your generosity of **£940**.

Annual Diocesan Purposes Collection (yellow envelope): So far a generous **£620** has been raised.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Morris, Peter Donnelly, Patrick Donnelly, Bridget Fox** and **Francis McCullagh-Myles** whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also remember and pray for the repose of the souls of **Philomena McLaughlin, Mary Ann McCullagh** and **Maggie Bradley**, whom are recently deceased and now enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society.

First Holy Communion: This weekend we celebrated the First Holy Communion for 16 Primary 4 children from our Parish Primary School of Our Lady of Lourdes. We continue to pray for the children and their families at this time and pray that they may remain close to Christ in their lives especially through regular reception of the sacraments and by their presence and participation along with the parish community at Sunday Mass. We now congratulate the children individually by name and ask them to say this simple prayer each day:

'COME LORD JESUS' We pray for our 16 First Communicants in 2016

Eoghan Conway • Caoileann Maguire • Myles McElduff • Ella Kane • Michael Francis McAleer
 Aisling Lucas • Katie McGurk • Shane Morris • Aoife Coyle • Niamh McGlinchey • Michael Meenan
 Matthew McCullagh • Tiernan Coyle • Jake O' Connor • Rian Slane • Caolan Tracey

Excerpts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church On Communion

"The Holy Eucharist Completes Christian initiation." *Paragraph 1,322*

"The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life... For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." *Paragraph 1,324*

"In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking." *Paragraph 1,327*

Next Week's Readings: Proverbs 8: 22-31 • Psalm 8: 4-9, R/v 2 • Romans 5: 1-5

John 16: 12-15 • Lectionary I, page 615

Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]

Any notices which do not make the print version of the bulletin can be found on the parish website

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 14 th May The family of Laioise Teague	Pentecost Sunday <i>First Holy Communion</i>	Sunday 15 th May The family of Claire O'Brien
Saturday 21 st May The family of Caoileann Maguire	Feast of the Holy Trinity	Sunday 22 nd May The family of Eimear Tracey
Saturday 28 th May The family of Michael McAleer	Feast of Corpus Christi	Sunday 29 th May The family of Ciaran Warnock

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented
 As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and thank them

Diocesan Lough Derg Pilgrimages for Year of Mercy: In this Jubilee of Mercy there are two Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lough Derg. Bishop McKeown invites you to join in one or both! The first pilgrimage is from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th June and the second one is from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th August.

For a booking form or more info call (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Pilgrim Walk to Lough Derg: Those participating in the June pilgrimage can start it early by joining in a Pilgrim Walk to Lough Derg, leaving Derry City on Wednesday 15th June and walking 48 miles to Lough Derg, arriving on Friday 17th June to join in the 3 day retreat on the island. The pilgrim route, which includes meals and basic accommodation, will be as follows;

DAY 1 Derry to Killygordon (23.5 miles) with a Break on the way in Ballindrait. Overnight in Killygordon

DAY 2 20 miles, overnight stay in Pettigo • **DAY 3** 4.5 miles to Lough Derg

It is open to those over 18 and fit for the challenge! Bishop McKeown will lead this unique pilgrimage. Places limited. Booking form and more information on the Pilgrim Walk is available by calling 07841 100 174 or emailing stgparkview@yahoo.co.uk

Marriage: Congratulations to **Catherine Conway (Greencastle)** and **Michael Mullin (Cappagh)** who were married in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 6th May

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism baby **Oisín Padraig Fox** who was baptised on Sunday 8th May in Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:

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.

Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 2407

Dalradian – Financial Accountant for Maternity Cover Position (10 months)

Closing Date: Tuesday 31st May at 5.00pm • **Website:** dalradianni.com • **Tel:** Angela Coney on (028) 8224 6289

Clanabogan Drama Circle – It Runs in the Family: Last chance to see the award winning comedy, in The Strule Arts Centre, Omagh on Saturday 21st May at 8.00pm. Booking advisable either online or call into The Box Office. *You will not be disappointed*

Recruitment Events for Fostering If you are interested in fostering, please come along to one of these events
Monday 16th May at 7.30pm Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane • **Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm** Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry
Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh

Christian Brothers and Loreto Grammar Schools, Omagh – Transfer 2017 Information Evening:

Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm in the Christian Brothers Sports Hall (parking in Henderson's Car Park).

Termonbacca, Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry – Cursillo Retreat Weekends:

If interested call 07708 066 939

Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th May [men] / Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd May [women].

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season Booking essential

One Day Retreats continue on 14th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th and 30th May

Tel: (00353) (0) 71 9861518 • **Email:** info@loughderg.org • **Website:** loughderg.org

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock for the Year of Mercy: Sunday 5th June. Bus from Gortin via Greencastle and Mountfield.

For further details call Pat McSwiggan on (028) 8164 7099 or Brigid Carlin on (028) 8077 1357

AI-Anon family Groups – Public Information Meeting: Worried about someone drinking?

Saturday 21st May from 5.30pm to 7.00pm in Studio 5, The Waterfoot Hotel, Waterside, Derry.

Jive/Waltz and Quick Step Dance Classes with Ruby Rankin: Begins Wednesday 18th May from 8.00pm to 9.30pm for 6 weeks in Plumbridge Parochial Hall. Learn to dance for that upcoming wedding or party. *For more info call Bridget on 07704 526 870*

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th July in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged between 16 and 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year.

Donation only • Free buses available from all over Ireland • For more info and to book visit youth2000.ie or call 016 753 690

Notices for bulletin should be left with or sent to Fr. Gallagher no later than 10.00am on Thursday mornings

Pope Francis' Intentions for May (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Respect for Women: That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.
Evangelisation – Holy Rosary: That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelisation and peace.

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

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		

Drink Wise Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?
For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240

The Net – May Edition *For coverage of faith activities email editorthenet15@gmail.com or text 07809 292 852*
 Steelstown Parish celebrate 40th anniversary • Dungiven parishioners arise for Dawn Mass
 Faughanvale ceremony at 'The Banking' • Ardmore parishioner celebrates 80th
 Great interest in Cappagh Bible study • Legacy of Long Tower's Sr. Clare
 Divine Mercy talk in Long Tower • Urney and Castlefinn prayer stations
 Kilrea seminarian ordained deacon • Omagh hosts Youth 2000 weekend
 Omagh 'Life in the Spirit' seminars • Glenullin pioneers • Clonmany legionaries host Inishowen ceremony
 St. Eugene's Little Way Novena • Walk to Knock • Sunday prayer to protect Foyle Bridge
 Festival of Flowers • New Christian band rocks St. Columb's Hall • Derry Search

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.
Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592
Email: email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Derry Youth Community: Are you a young person aged between 18 and 25? Are you interested in a gap year experience with a difference? The DYC is a group of committed young people who live in a community based in Derry City who serve the Diocese of Derry. You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be given the opportunity to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities and youth ministry. You will also live in mutual co-operation with others; explore and deepen your faith; participate and share in leisure activities such as music, art, sport and drama. If you feel you are equal to the very real challenges of the initiative.
Web: derryyouthcommunity.com • **Closing Date:** Friday 27th May

ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses: All couples intending to be married in the parish are expected to have completed a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course. Please book well in advance of your wedding date.
 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June
To book (opening time can be found on the website):
Website: accord.ie • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439 • **Email:** omagh@accordni.com

Parish Liturgy for May, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Brianna Clarke	Conan Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Pat McGuigan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership: A post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles or with an interest in the Catholic School system.
For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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.
Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid
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)

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.
Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book

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.
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
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass

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.
 Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmil_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 *prayerforpriests.com*

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July): *Places are still available*
 Lourdes has been designated as one of the International Jubilee sites for this Year Of Mercy.
 For more info call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00am to 1.00pm) or 07517 965 751 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 6.00pm)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 14th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion

Sunday 26th June at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Melmount, Strabane

Ordination of Rev. Christopher McDermott to the Priesthood for Derry Diocese

Saturday 2nd July

Sunday 3rd July

Intercession for the Dead in Greencastle Cemetery Intercession for the Dead in Broughderg Cemeteries

Wednesday 2nd November

Sunday 27th November

Sunday 25th December

Mass for the Dead

First Sunday of Advent

Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)

Year of Mercy – Local, National and International Pilgrimages as Arranged by the Diocese

LOCAL (beginning at 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass)

Carndonagh

Dungiven

Omagh

Long Tower

Sunday 8th May

Sunday 5th June

Sunday 10th July

Thursday 11th September

NATIONAL

Lough Derg Friday 17th to Sunday 19th June (some pilgrims will be walking to Lough Derg, leaving Derry on Wednesday 15th June and going via Castlefin and Pettigo) • Early August (date TBC)

Knock Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th July (Cursillo Walk to Knock) • **Croagh Patrick** September (date TBC)

INTERNATIONAL

Lourdes

Krakow (World Youth Day)

Rome and Assisi

Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July

Thursday 21st to Sunday 31st July

Friday 2nd to Thursday 8th September

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/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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Alzheimer's Society Carer Information and Support Programme (CrISP)

CrISP is a series of workshops for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. It provides an opportunity for you to talk in a friendly and confidential environment about your experiences and the impact they are having on you.

Week 1 – Induction and Welcome Welcoming everyone to the programme

Week 2 – Understanding Dementia Explores the physical, psychological and emotional impact of dementia

Week 3 – Legal and Money Matters Explores legal and financial issues to help you understand the importance of planning for the future

Week 4 – Providing Support and Care Explores concerns/challenges that may arise when supporting a person with dementia

Week 5 – Coping Day to Day Looking at the physical, psychological and Emotional impact that dementia may have on you as a carer

The free workshops are run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers for a group of up to 12 people who care for a family member or friend with dementia

If interested Paula Canney on (028) 8225 0103 / 07718 322 726 or email paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk

Musings

Alan Whelan (Carnahone, Beaufort, Co. Kerry)

'Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me' is my favourite hymn refrain for this day when I reflect upon my own Confirmation Day. Some dioceses organise a cathedral gathering of all the recently confirmed for a special Mass on this day: a sending out as witnesses day! In some parishes this is a special day of reconfirmation of grown-up faith. One of the favourite names for the Holy Spirit, and one which especially appeals to me, is the Comforter. When the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, is at work we are challenged and transformed and it is then that we especially need confidence in His comforting presence and assurance that He will be with His Church always. When I lived in a London we always celebrated the ethnic and national diversity of the parish on this Sunday: it was a great unifier in the Spirit!

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *John 20: 19-23.*

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. Jesus comes into a room full of fear. Sometimes it is fear itself that makes us close the door on others and on God. Occasionally a person comes along with the gift of breaking through our closed doors, a person who comes to be with us in our fears. Do you have memories of people getting through to you and being with you despite your closed doors? Who brought you peace in a time of anxiety?
2. Jesus showed his wounds to his friends. Moments of grace can occur when another shows us their vulnerable side, or when we do that with them. Let your memories speak of such experiences to you.
3. As Jesus was sent by the Father, so he sent out the disciples. This evokes images of receiving and handing on the things that give life: values, meaning, sense of purpose, love. Who are the people who gave you life by what they handed on to you? To whom have you handed on what is life-giving?
4. In our tradition the final verse reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but its meaning is broader than that. Spirit-filled people are people who forgive. You might like to recall memories of when you have forgiven, or retained, another's sins. What difference has it made to you and others when you forgave rather than hold sins against others?

Yoga with Margaret Franklin: Every Tuesday at 7.15pm in An Creagán

The Deep End – *Catching Fire*.

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

Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire
The God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire
The God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.

Pentecost by William Blake

The arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was by no means a quiet or gentle event. First there was a powerful wind from heaven – so loud it filled not just the room the apostles were in, but the whole house. Tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, and they suddenly began to speak in foreign languages as they were ‘filled with the Holy Spirit’. It must have been a chaotic, intense scene.

The poem ‘Pentecost’ by 19th century poet William Blake captures some of the power of the scene, with its repetition of the phrase ‘catch fire’. When a piece of news or gossip gets around quickly, we say it ‘spreads like wildfire’. By its very nature, fire jumps from one thing to another, burning more intensely the more it spreads.

The symbol of tongues of fire is apt, then. The arrival of the Holy Spirit propels the apostles from the room where they were huddled out into the street. They simply cannot contain themselves as they begin to preach and to spread the Good News far and wide – like wildfire.