



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

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

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (15th July, 2012)

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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

If you are a homemaker, on school holidays, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily **Thank you for your support especially during the summer season**

Liturgy Schedule for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (16th July, 2012 – 22nd July, 2012)

Saturday Evening (14th July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 15th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 17th July Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 18th July Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 19th July Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 20th July Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 21st July Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (21st July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Ferdinand and Elizabeth McCrory (Anniversaries)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£960**.

Peter's Pence – Pope's Collection: A further **£30** was raised.

Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Mary Daly** and the **O'Hagan family – Niall, Kathleen, Thomas, Patrick and Martin**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
12th and 13th October 9th and 10th November 1st and 2nd December 11th and 12th January 8th and 9th February
8th and 9th March 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th January

Applications to the Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

Knock Summer Festival – 'ONE': A one day event taking place on Saturday 28th July for young people aged between 17 and 30 in a faith setting to deepen – explore – ignite and celebrate faith – there will be a lot of time for you to talk – reflect – chill out – and have fun! Faith can be fun – the theme is 'ONE'. The festival is free of charge and we are encouraging groups to stay overnight and climb Croagh Patrick the next day (Reek Sunday).

Reminiscence Afternoons at the IOSAS Centre (18th July, 1st August and 22nd August): Enjoy lunch and a guided tour of the Celtic Peace Garden. Fr. Neal Carlin will conduct a short Healing Service and Blessing for all who wish to participate. Sit back and share in some music, memories and laughter with Tracey McRory and Dinny McLaughlin. Donation €10/£8. Booking is essential so please call the IOSAS Centre to secure your place! 00353 74 93 84866 / goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

Fundraising Dance in Greencastle Community Centre: For Msgr. Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan on Friday 3rd August, with music by *Country Legends*. Admission £5.00

Next Sundays Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22, r/v 2; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34;
(Lectionary I, page 777) (Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)

Lotto Results: D – H – V – X – Y (4 people with 3 letters - £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,300

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 14 th July The family of Rachael Devine	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 15 th July The family of Laura Tuohy
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership at our Masses During the summer months no particular family will be scheduled for this task so anyone can volunteer to participate and we say thanks to you for taking this responsibility		

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time

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 Lurach pray for us,
Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.**

Fr. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

Omagh Friends of Marie Curie Cancer Care – Blooming Tea Party: An Creagán on Sunday 15th July at 10.00am. Donations to fund nurses to care for terminally ill people at home. Maura McCallion.

Questions people ask: *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

Q. Is there any hope of salvation for somebody who took his own life?

A. Our Catechism taught us three conditions for a mortal sin: grave matter, full knowledge and full consent. Suicide is certainly grave matter but nobody has the right to pass judgement on the mental or emotional state of somebody. I have met people who unsuccessfully attempted suicide and they spoke of slipping into a mental tunnel where they lost all consideration of loved ones. This is surely an abnormal mental condition. God's understanding and compassion far surpass our limited, human comprehension. In line with God's mercy, the practice of the Church is to pray for the victims of suicide.

Important Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th August Mass will be held outdoors at the Mass Rock in the townland of Formil in thanksgiving for the blessings received during the Eucharistic Congress. Parishioners from **Badoney Lower, Castlederg (Ardstraw West), Cappagh, Drumragh, Drumquin and Newtownstewart (Ardstraw East)** who along with us in Greencastle helped prepare for the Congress over the past two years. Please invite our neighbours and friends to join us on this pilgrimage.

Volunteers to prepare the site are asked to meet there on Saturday 28th July at 10.30am

Annual National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick: Sunday 29th July. Confessions will be heard on the summit of the mountain continuously from 7.30am to 2.00pm. Mass will be celebrated on the summit every half hour, from 8.00am until 2.00pm. The pilgrimage will be lead by Most Rev. Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam, who this year will be joined by the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, His Excellency Most Rev. Charles Brown. Garland Friday – a local pilgrimage – will be held on Friday 27th July. Fr. Tod Nolan will celebrate Mass on the summit at 10.00am. Mass will be celebrated in the Murrisk car park at 7.30pm.

Greencastle Summer Camp: There will be Irish Language Summer Schemes for two age groups this year.
Forms, including camp details, can be downloaded from greencastlegaa.com or [facebook.com/greencastlegaa](https://www.facebook.com/greencastlegaa)

Primary School Pupils (P3 – P5) £20 (£35 for 2) Monday 23 rd July – Friday 27 th July	Secondary School Pupils (1st Year and up) £20 (£35 for 2) Saturday 30 th June – Friday 3 rd August
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An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events	Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th August: Dances
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Eating Disorder Support Group for Families & Carers of Sufferers: First Wednesday of the every month, 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Post Graduate Centre, Tyrone County Hospital, Hospital Rd, Omagh, *For more information contact us on (028) 8225 2202*

IOSAS Centre, Muff Co. Donegal – Morning Prayer of the Church: Every Wednesday morning at 10.00am in St. Canice's Oratory at the Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff.

Bacon baps, tea/coffee available afterwards in the IOSAS Centre. Suggested donation €5. All welcome

Lough Derg – Bringing You the Gift of Hope: Whether you are seeking healing, reconciliation or simply a few days peace and quiet from the stresses of modern life Lough Derg is a calm place, a safe place and a unique place. Lough Derg ... You Just Gotta Go. To find out more about what's happening throughout 2012, and to book online go to loughderg.org, where you can view the full Season Guide and info on Traditional 3 Day Pilgrimage. The traditional Lough Derg 3-day pilgrimage season continues until Wednesday 15th August. Pilgrims can arrive at Lough Derg on any given day until Monday 13th August between 10.15am and 3.00pm.If you can't make it for the traditional three day pilgrimage, then why not come for a day? Day Retreats and a special programme of workshops and guided prayer retreats will resume on Friday 17th August.

Call (+353) 71 98 61518 or download a copy of the detailed Season Guide now at loughderg.org

Parachute Jump for Marie Curie Cancer: Catherine McCullagh has raised a grand total of **£225.98**.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General – Work Security: That everyone may have work in safe and secure conditions.

Missionary – Christian Volunteers: That Christian volunteers in mission territories may witness to the love of Christ.

If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding 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. Familiarise yourself with it by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church.

Rouskey Community Centre – Dance Classes: Dance with Chris starts on Friday 13th July from 10.00am to 11.00am right through the summer. £2.50. Age 5 to 14. We hopefully will do a show at the end. It's great fun and learning dance routines. Contact Bridie for more information on (028) 8164 8706 / 07847 459 428 or my new number 07591 047 556 (leave message on phone). Hire of centre or equipment. Any donation would be appreciated for hire of equipment. (to everyone would you mind put information this be much appreciate). Contact Sheena on (028) 8164 8186.

The Patrician, Carrickmore – The Mercy Concert:

Monday 30th July

Legendary Irish musician Mick Moloney will be joined by the multi-talented Mulcahy Family, Mick, Louise and Michelle, from Abbeyfeale; Hugh Grogan, Peter Farrell, Paddy Allen, Pat McCullagh, the Knotty Pine String Band, Sperrin Folk and Declan Forde for a special concert to raise funds for The Mercy Centre in Bangkok, established by Father Joe Maier and Sister Maria in 1973 to support all the poor of that city.

The Mercy Centre Bangkok

We work to help the children and communities of the many slums of Bangkok. Together with our neighbours in the slums we create simple-but-progressive solutions that touch the lives of thousands of the poor every day. We build and operate schools, improve family health and welfare, protect street children's rights, combat the AIDS crisis, respond to daily emergencies, and offer shelter to orphans, to street children, and to children and adults with AIDS – always together, hand in hand and heart to heart with the people we serve. Admission £10 (ticket only) www.patrician.ie (028) 8076 0011 - 8.30pm. *This message comes to us from Declan Forde*

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:

(028) 8225 1116

Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.

War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. *Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)*

Prayer knows no distances or separation. Wherever we are it makes us a single heart and a single soul. And on the subject of departures, I take this occasion to reiterate once again everyone's obligation to drive carefully and to respect traffic regulations. It is from this that a happy holiday starts!

Pope Benedict XVI in Rome (Sunday 12th July, 2009)

Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.

See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295

Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28th July.

Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 2nd September Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish

Thursday 30th August Friday 19th October
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed

Friday 2nd November St. Patrick's **8.00pm** Commemoration of All Souls
(remembering all who died during the year)

Questions on Sunday's readings for use by discussion groups, prayer groups, or for individual prayer

First Reading: Book of the prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 23, Verses 1-6

1. In this reading Jeremiah reflects on a bad leadership situation. What are the priorities or values of a shepherd whose sheep tremble and fear? What are the priorities and values of a good shepherd?
2. You are a shepherd. What can you do about the fear people experience all over the world due to injustice? Can you do anything to remedy any of the injustice? Is there anything you can do about unfair situations in your own town?

Second Reading Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 13-18

1. Paul was a Jew preaching to Gentiles and also a Christian preaching to Jews. There were a lot of barriers or dividing walls as Paul calls them. Discuss dividing walls present today among peoples of different beliefs, races or cultures.
2. What are the dividing walls in the Church today? Which ones seem most impenetrable to you?

Gospel According to Mark, Chapter 6, Verses 30-34

1. What does Jesus do in this gospel story that is an example of good shepherding?
2. Discuss compassion and power as attributes of leadership.

By Anne Osdieck of the Center for Liturgy at Saint Louis University

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Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 6:7-13:

1. Jesus gave the disciples a share in his mission by sending them out ahead of him. It was a gesture of trust and confidence on his part, even though they did not fully understand his mission. Have you ever been surprised by the trust shown to you by others to speak or act on their behalf?
2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Perhaps your experience gives you examples of the value of having another with you when engaged in an important task.
3. The apparently strange instructions given by Jesus were intended to counteract practices by bogus preachers who used preaching as a mask for money-making. The disciples of Jesus focus on the mission and not on their own comforts. Is it your experience that vested interests can impede a task, whereas having the right motives makes your mission more effective?
4. The task of the disciples was to call people to repent, (metanoia = conversion, change the way we look at God and at other people). Who have been the disciples, the people in your life who have called you to be more trusting in God? To whom have you given this call?

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

The Deep End – Be Church:

Jesus calls the disciples by name, recognising their individuality and their gifts. Yet he sends them out in twos so they must work together. Sometimes we may feel we can do his work alone or that we have all the right answers. We should celebrate our gifts but also recognise the things that perhaps we cannot do in the faith that others compliment our efforts.

The disciples can only bring a staff, sandals and a single tunic, no baggage to be brought with them on their mission. Early Christians travelled light, relying on the generosity of others and this has a lot to say to us today. It might seem harsh for Jesus to tell the disciples to shake the dust off their feet when they are rejected by people. We constantly fear rejection and when we experience it, it can leave us feeling exhausted and upset. Jesus' message here may be to free ourselves and move on. To not let that disappointment and upset control our lives because if we do, we lose our freedom, it holds us back and it starts to define us.

'For the people of God who are sent to support us, for the people of God who are sent to disturb us, for the people of God who are sent to inspire us, for the people of God who are sent to trouble us, for the people of God who are sent to enthuse us, for the people of God who are sent to still us, thanks be to God.'

Peter Privett

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