



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (15th September, 2013)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (16th September, 2013 – 22nd September, 2013)

Saturday Evening (14th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Brian Hollywood (9 th Anniversary)
Sunday 15th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 16th September St. Cornelius (pope) St. Cyprian (bishop) (both martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 17th September St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 18th September Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 19th September St. Januarius (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 20th September The Korean Martyrs	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Rose McGurk (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday Morning (21st September) St. Matthew (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Imelda Tracey (12 th Anniversary)
Saturday Evening (21st September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Nancy McCrory (Month's Mind)
Sunday 22nd September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£965**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Lucy McCullagh** whose Requiem took place on Tuesday, we extend our faith-community support and prayers to her brother Stephen and to their extended family. We also offer our prayerful support to **Mary and Stephen Slane** on their sad loss of baby **Ciara**. We also pray for **Imelda Tracey, Michael Clarke, Brian Hollywood** and **Rose McGurk**, whose anniversaries occur now.

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle for available dates. Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our parish communities in the Catholic Church. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It would be a blessing on our whole community if one family in each town-land were willing to host a 'Station'.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Meeting: Tuesday 17th September at 7.00pm.

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13; Lectionary I, page 910
Sunday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year C] • Weekday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year 1]

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Coffee Morning: Thursday 19th September, 9.30am - 11.00am. *For The Foyle Hospice*

Foyle Hospice Coffee Mornings: Please support Foyle Hospice and take part in Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning on Thursday 19th September at home, work, school or church. (028) 7135 9888 for a coffee morning pack supplied by Bewleys

Prayer from the Community at Taize: God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in Syria and elsewhere in the world. So we turn to you - you do not let us give in to discouragement. You bring us to understand that our prayer and our compassion count. Be close to those who are suffering and send your Holy Spirit, that all humans may be inspired to make signs of peace.

Naomh Pdraig GAA - All Ireland Football Final Ticket Applications: Available in shop and post office.
 Closing date: Sunday 15th September at 7.00pm • No late applications • Seated: £70 // Hill: £35

Dún Uladh's Traditional Music Classes: Begins Tuesday 1st October. There will be an open evening on Tuesday 17th September at 7.00pm to try out the various instruments and to talk to tutors. Registration will take place on Tuesday 17th September from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Contact Dún Uladh for more information on (028) 8224 2777 / sinead@dunuladh.ie

Lotto Results: A • E • S • T • U (1 person with 4 letters winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £4,550

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.

Adoption: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Fr. Bill 5 Day Healing Retreat: Given by Fr. Anthony Saji VC at The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Derry, 23rd to 27th September.
For more info contact Roisin on 00353 74936 3336 or doherlyroisin@hotmail.com • This retreat is for all ages

Lough Derg One Day Retreats: A guided day of prayer, reflection and renewal. The morning includes Rosary and Way of the Cross as well as Prayers of Intercession and Healing of Memories. The afternoon offers an opportunity for quiet time and personal prayer and ends with a celebration of Eucharist. 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September

Sin, Even in Those Without Faith, Goes Against Our Conscience *Vatican City (Wednesday 11th September) [VIS]*
 Pope Francis has written a letter to the founder of "La Repubblica", Eugenio Scalfari, responding to some questions that the ex-director of the newspaper had addressed to the Pope in various articles on faith and laicism. In the four-page letter, published today by the Italian daily, Francis addresses Scalfari and non-believers with a summary of how he personally discovered faith, reiterating that "without the Church I would not have been able to encounter Jesus" and adding that "it is due to this personal experience of faith lived within the Church that I am at ease in listening to your questions and in seeking, together with you, the paths along which we may perhaps begin to walk some of the way together".
 To the questions of how the Church responds to those who do not share in faith in Jesus and whether the Christian God forgives those who do not believe and do not seek faith, the Pope answers that "considering – and this is the fundamental issue – that the mercy of God knows no limits if we turn to him with a sincere and penitent heart, the real question for those who do not believe in God lies in listening to one's own conscience". He explains, "Sin, also in those who are without faith, exists when it goes against our conscience. Listening to and obeying one's conscience means, indeed, to make decisions in relation to what is perceived as good and bad. And on this decision rests the goodness or evil of our actions".
 On the theme of whether it is wrong or a sin to believe that no "absolute truth" exists, the Pope writes, "the truth, according to Christian faith, is God's love for us in Jesus Christ. So, the truth is a relationship! Each one of us receives the truth and expresses it in his or her own way, from the history, culture, and situation in which he or she lives".
 In response to the final question, "With the disappearance of man on earth, would there disappear also the thought capable of imagining God?", Francis writes, "The greatness of man rests in his capacity to think of God. And this means being able to experience a knowing and responsible relationship with Him. But the relationship is between two realities. ... God does not depend on our thought. Besides, when man's life on earth ends – for the Christian faith, in any case, this world as we know it is destined to fall – man will not cease to exist, and, in a way that we do not know, nor will the universe that was created with him".
 Pope Francis concludes by emphasising that "the Church, believe me, despite all the slowness, the infidelity, the mistakes and the sins that may have been committed by those who belong to her, has no other meaning or aim other than living and bearing witness to Jesus".

Catholic Grandparents Association: Catherine Wiley and Maire Printer would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock last Sunday so very special.
It was a day filled with graces and blessings and a wonderful testament to the Faith of Grandparents and their families

GAA Youth Club – AGM: Monday 16th September at 8.30pm. *Children attending, must be accompanied by parents*

Supporting Families and Carers of Addicted Persons: The Columba Community (supported by IFI) will hold a support and information weekend for those concerned about a loved one's addiction at The Sanctuary, IOSAS Centre, Muff on 21st and 22nd September. Hosted by a trained addiction counsellor the programme will look at ways to support your loved one whilst looking after yourself and your family. This is a confidential programme and is free to participants but places are limited. To book a place or for more info call Columba House, Derry on (028) 7126 2407 or call in to our drop-in session at Columba House, 11 Queen St. on Tues 17th Sept. between 12.00pm and 5.00pm where you can talk to an addiction counsellor in confidence

The Priory Institute – Bringing Theology Home: If you wish to study theology by distance learning, please register right away to secure your place on the programme. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept applications after the application deadline (Monday 23rd September). **Tel:** (01) 404 8124 • **Email:** enquiries@prioryinstitute.com • **Web:** prioryinstitute.ie

Columba Community – Concert by James Kilbane: Multi-platinum selling Christian, country gospel and Irish singer on Saturday 28th September at 7:30pm in White Oaks, Muff. Tickets are €10 and proceeds are going to White Oaks.
Call (00353) (0)74 9384866 for tickets

All that we call human history – money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery – [is] the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." C.S. Lewis

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Silence: That the men and women of our time, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and learn to listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.
Missionary – Persecuted Christians: That Christians who suffer persecution in many parts of the world may be prophets of the love of Christ by their testimony.

Catholic Chaplaincy (28 Elmwood Avenue, Queen's University, Belfast) Re-opens Monday 23rd September
Sunday Evening Mass Resumes 29th September at 8.00pm
Daily Mass Resumes 30th September (Monday to Friday at 12.15pm)
Dedication of Studies Mass Sunday 13th October at 8.00pm
 FREE food and refreshments Monday to Friday tea and coffee available each day
 Please sign up with the Chaplaincy as part of the Online Enrolment Procedures
Facebook: The Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB • **Email:** cc@qubcc.org • **Web:** qubcc.org

Cappagh / Badoney CCE Music Classes: Starts on week commencing 23rd September.

Banjo and Mandolin (Brona Graham)
Tin Whistle and Flute (Maira O'Kane) Mondays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Button Accordion (Lauren Hegarty)

Banjo and Mandolin (Nuala McBride)
Guitar (Sean Brines) Tuesdays evenings (time to be arranged)
NO BODHRAN CLASS

Registration will take place on Tuesday 17th September in St. Peter's Primary School, Plumbridge at 7.00pm
 For more information call Tom Blee on (028) 8164 8719

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Computer Classes:
 Commences Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September. *Enrol now*

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
 11th & 12th October, 15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
 Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

International Gathering Conference 2013 hosted by Pioneer Association – The Spirit That Sets Us Free:
 Overcoming Addiction All Hallows College, Drumcondra Dublin 9 Saturday and Sunday, 28-29 September 2013
 Speakers include: Campaigner for Social Justice, Fr Peter McVerry, SJ Fr James Harbaugh, SJ, American author of A Twelve-Step Approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, Majella Coyle - Addiction Counsellor, White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre, Plus open forum discussions, a service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinners and evening entertainment on the Saturday provided by harpist and singer, Deirdre Seaver, and a host of traditional Irish musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann. Mass on Sunday will be celebrated by Most Rev Diarmuid Martin, DD, Archbishop of Dublin at noon. TICKETS: €70.00 per person. Credit Card bookings being taken on 01 874 94 64 For the full itinerary and more information, please contact the Pioneer Association by email at pioneer@jesuit.ie or visit our website www.pioneerassociation.ie

Creation Time – How can I help my parish become more eco-friendly?
 Fiona Murdoch (Communications Officer, Eco-Congregation Ireland)

A good place to start is by celebrating Creation Time on at least one Sunday between 1st September and 4th October. Also, aim to include one prayer for the environment in services throughout the year.

Another good starting point is to go through the Eco-Congregation Ireland church check-list at ecocongregationireland.com/modules. This will show you areas where you are already being eco-friendly and will give you ideas of further steps you can take.

Did you know that the Irish Catholic Bishops in their 2009 pastoral letter, Cry of the Earth, recommended that all parishes enrol in a church environmental programme, like Eco-Congregation Ireland?

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts.
Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 **Fax:** 00-353-94-9388295 **Email:** info@knock-sh.rine.ie **Website:** knockshrine.ie

Parish Liturgy for September, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Aileen Tuohy	Peter Fox	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Raymond Bradley	Patrick Tuohy Michael Bradley	Francis Keenan Colm Beggs
Altar Society	Nuala Glass Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our weekend Masses. Readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any families to perform this important role for us.
Thank you to our parish workers

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

Songs of Praise: The BBC's Songs of Praise will be recording two programmes later this summer for transmission on the 15th September and St Patrick's Day next year. The venue is The Guildhall in Derry and the date of recording is Saturday 31st August. We would like to invite the members of your choir to join us as part of a larger Congregational Choir for the recordings. This would require those taking part to attend a rehearsal a few days before the recording. This will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed. On Saturday 31st August we will record 10 hymns in two sessions between 10.30am and 1.30 pm and then at 3.00pm until 6.00pm music will be provided on the day for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass parts. We would be delighted if you could let us know if your choir would be interested in joining us in August and also indicate the numbers wishing to attend please. Please note that we would require this information by Monday 22nd July at the absolute latest. Members of the public also wishing to take part in the recordings will be able to apply for tickets through the BBC Ticket Unit later in July. *Tickets are now available from bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/shows/songs_of_praise_31aug13*
All choirs who have booked must confirm numbers this week, specifying the number of male and female singers

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?
For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome: 26th and 27th October.
For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013

Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick's	Derry Diocesan Mass
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Foyle Hospice – Ireland’s Biggest Coffee Morning: Thursday 19th September. As a registered charity, care to patients and their families is free of charge and we depend on the generosity of our local community to raise the £2.3 million that is currently required annually to maintain our essential services.
 We are looking for supporters to hold coffee mornings in schools, colleges, homes, churches, halls, workplaces just about anywhere to help us raise much needed funds for the Hospice.
 We will supply the coffee (sponsored by Bewleys) and also all of the publicity / promotional material to help you run your event – Your coffee morning does NOT need to be on 19th September, you can have it any date in September. It also does not need to be held in the morning – SO, the date and time is up to you.
*If you would like any more information please call (028) 7135 9888 / 07808 807 998
 Thanks so much for your attention to this request and I hope to hear from you soon*

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 15:1-32: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. There are three figures in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way?
2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you ‘came to yourself’. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.
3. Do not neglect the older son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you, or for others?

The Deep End – Lost and Found: *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

In today’s Gospel, we hear three parables, all about things that are lost and found. We see the ‘searcher’ portrayed as male and female as Luke strives for gender equality followed by the very human story of the Lost Son. These three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God and his rejoicing when we return to him. But as with all parables, we are left thinking and wondering, disturbed even. A sheep and a coin we can rejoice over, but when it is a person who has done us harm, hurt us in some way, it is much easier to behave like the elder brother in the third parable.

The elder brother tries to disown his younger brother by saying ‘this son of yours’... the response he is given is ‘this brother of yours... was lost and now is found’. God restores all things, the sheep to the shepherd, the coin to the woman, the son to the Father and it is a frantic search in each parable. We are encouraged to search, to be ‘seekers’, to discover the lost and, when we need it, to let ourselves be found.

The sheep may be lost in the fog or wandering aimlessly but the shepherd is always in search of it. No matter how desperate our plight we may always rely on the love which will never tire of seeking us out. *Cardinal Basil Hume*

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

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 15th September – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Mary standing by the cross, “suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her,” whom she also offered to the Eternal Father *Marialis Cultus* [Not celebrated this year]

Monday 16th September – St. Cornelius (pope and martyr) Became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron of cattle and domestic animals.
 St. Cyprian (martyr) [210-258] Bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyr.

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

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

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

Saturday 21st September – St. Matthew (Apostle and Evangelist) St. Matthew the tax collector may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus in Mark 2:13. he is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants and book-keepers, tax-collectors, customs officers and security guards.

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan’s comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

 NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
 NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
 NO PAST HISTORY	If it’s already been settled, don’t bring it up again
 STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don’t go to other issues
 NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don’t use the other’s weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
 DON’T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
 MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don’t take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
 HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world