



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, 2019)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Thought for the Week: "Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."

Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment (Laudato Si – Section 84)

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (15th September – 22nd September)

Saturday 14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 15th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass: Kay McCrory (Anniversary)
	St. Patrick's	1.00pm	Requiem Mass: Vincent Donnelly
Monday 16th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 17th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 18th September	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.00pm	Adoration
		7.30pm	Mass: Imelda Tracey (18 th Anniversary)
Thursday 19th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass: Rose McGurk (7 th Anniversary)
Friday 20th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Saturday 21st September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Jose Walker (1 st Anniversary) Mark Walker (Month's Mind)
Sunday 22nd September Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass followed by Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		4.30pm	Eucharistic Devotions

Weekly Collection: £915

Thank you for your continuing generosity to the parish

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Vincent Donnelly** whose Requiem Mass takes place this weekend. We also pray for the souls of **Kay McCrory (3rd)**, **Rose McGurk (17th)**, and **Imelda Tracey (18th)**.

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday 22nd September after 11.00am Mass until Devotions at 4.30pm in Our Lady of the Wayside Church. *Suggested townland visitation timetable will be published in the next bulletin*

Pope John Paul II Award – National Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Friday 27th September for young people aged 16 and 18. Over 1,100 young people from across the country attended this youth pilgrimage last year. The theme is 'Life to the Full' - Positive Friendships - Your Parish Needs You Now! Guest speaker will be Elma Walsh #LiveLife. Music by Elation Ministries. The pilgrimage will start at 11.00am and will conclude after 3.00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Award patron Bishop Donal McKeown. Transport will be provided. For more info call The Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org *Closing date for bookings is Monday 23rd September*

Station Masses Available in October: Thursday 3rd, 17th and 24th and Monday 14th and 21st October. Five stations are already booked for Teebane East, Leaghan, Binnefreaghan, Aughascribba and Fomil. *If you wish to host a 'Station' please call Fr Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474*

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine:

Saturday 28th September, led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Stations of the Cross at 2.00pm, Mass at 3.00pm with Sacrament of the Sick. Buses will travel with a variety of pick-up points. *For more info call Fr. Patrick Lagan on (028) 7126 2894 or email steugenes@btconnect.com*

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Prayer and Renewal Day: Sunday 10th November in the Mellon Hotel, Omagh. Registration from 9.00am and Mass at 3.30pm. Speaker: Fr Brendan Walsh SAC. Theme: 'Your Word is a lamp to my feet, a light for my path' (Ps 119.105). Cost: £25 including lunch, tea / coffee. Booking essential. *Call 07876 411 435 / 07596 609 041 or email evelynheaney@hotmail.com*

Holy Hour for Increase of Vocations and Religious Life in the Diocese of Derry: Fr. Declan McGeehan, CC Cappagh, will lead a Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life in the Diocese of Derry on Thursday 19th September at 8.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. *All welcome*

Next Week's Readings: Amos 8:4-7 • Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8, R/ vv 1, 7 • 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13 • Lectionary 1:910

Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]

Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Applications are invited from / for young people (11-30 years) with a medical condition, physical disability, illness, learning disability, social or emotional need. Applications also invited for very seriously ill children under the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or close relative. Those over 11 years travel without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers. Those participating have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence. The pilgrimage can also provide respite for parents / carers. The IPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Call Maureen Devine after 5.00pm on 0044 7717 7325 50 or Mary Dunnion on (087) 7962 047 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October. More details can be found on irishpilgrimagetrust.ie
Volunteers, particularly male, are also required; training will be offered

Learning Your Faith: A fortnightly programme for adults begins at the Oratory, Newtownstewart Monday 16th September at 7.00pm. Would you like to understand the Catholic faith better? Do you have answers to tough questions when you need them? Can you explain why you believe what the Church teaches? This is an interactive way of learning the Catechism. Come along!

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Saturday 28th September, led by Bishop Donal McKeown with Stations of the Cross at 2.00pm and Mass at 3.00pm with Sacrament of the Sick. Bus will travel from Cappagh Parish – departing from the Parish Hall in Killyclogher at 8.30am and departing from Knock at 5.30pm. Bus Fare: £15 per person. There will be stops at Davis Restaurant / Yeats Tavern: 10.00am for tea, coffee and scones & 6.30pm / 7.00pm for dinner, dessert and tea / coffee. Meals are optional (£30). You may wish to bring a packed lunch. Parishioners from neighbouring parishes are very welcome to travel on this bus. To book call the Cappagh Parish Office on (028) 8224 3375. *Payment must be fully made in office by Wednesday 25th September at latest*

SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry – Days of Prayer / Workshops:

Saturday 28th September – Lectio Divina led by Fr. Joseph Ralph OP (£25 / €30)

Saturday 19th October – The Green Platform led by Mr. Declan Coyle (£45 / €50)

Saturday 9th November – Finding God in the Mess led by Fr. B McManus SJ and Jim Deeds (£30 / €35)

An Caisleán Glas – Gala: Saturday 9th November in Silver Birches, Omagh. Black tie event. £100 per person. Tables of 10 are on sale at a reduced rate of £900 until Monday 30th September. Finance options available. Celebrate 50 continuous years of An Caisleán Glas. Tickets will be available to purchase at the club rooms immediately after Saturday evening mass.
greencastle50gala@outlook.com

September on Lough Derg – Standard One Day Retreats: Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd and Sunday 29th. Special Living with Suicide Day Retreat, Saturday 28th September. Advance booking is essential for any of these dates.

Call 07198 615 18 or email info@loughderg.org

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre Irish: Tuesday 24th September with registration taking place Tuesday 17th September. Dún Uladh offers classes in banjo, button accordion, fiddle, flute, tin whistle and harp. Gino Lupari, Tim Edey and Gerry O'Connor in concert at Dún Uladh. Saturday 21st September, 8.30pm. Tickets on sale now with earlybird rates at £12 pp, £15 standard, £7.50 under 18s and £30 family (2 a, 2 c). *(028) 8224 2777 • music@dunuladh.ie*

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. *(028) 7135 1329*

Greencastle Community Association – Ladies Night: Friday 20th September at 7.00pm in Eddie's Bar. Sure to be a great evening of fun, bubbles and chat. Limited number of tickets available, all proceeds will go to the running of the Community Centre! *Tickets available from Eddie's Bar and O'Neills, Centra or by calling Fiona on 07813 935 996 Shauna on 07766 894 382*

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events:

To enquire call Tom on (028) 816 48719

Jim Conway Weekend:	Tickets for this concert on 20 th September with Zoë Conway, John McIntyre and John Sheahan (Dubliners). Selling fast. Call Tom on number above to order tickets. <i>Admission by ticket only</i>
Seisiun:	21 st September at 9.00pm in Plumbridge Parochial. <i>Everyone welcome</i>
Music Workshops:	21 st September in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge. Registration is 10.00am. Workshops are 10.30am to 12.30pm. Banjo (Oisín Murphy), fiddle (Stephen Hayden), button accordion (Annette Owens), whistle / flute (PJ McDonald)
La Spraoi:	21 st September from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Butterloop Farm, Bradkeel, Plumbridge.
Seisiun:	21 st September at 9.00pm in Plumbridge Parochial Hall.

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Upcoming Events: saconlon15@hotmail.co.uk • (028) 8775 7800

Reading Group: Tuesday 17th September from 10.30am to 11.30am. *Please donate your old books / magazines*

Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge / Irish Language Conversation Circle: Starting Soon

Walking Group: Continues every Monday (11.00am - 12.00 noon). Meet in Pomeroy forest car park.

Oíche Chultúir / Culture Night: Friday 20th September from 8.00pm.

Thornhill Ministries – Spiritual Reading Book Club:

Thornhill House 121 Culmore Road, Derry BT48 8JF

For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, our Book Club will review books and help us stay in touch with current issues and theology. September - 'The Beatitudes of Pope Francis' by Aidan Donaldson & October - 'Heart Speaks to Heart' by Dermot Mansfield (The story of John Henry Newman). Copies of books available for purchase. Please let us know if you would like to join our club! Dates this term: Tuesdays 24th September, 22nd October and 19th November. Time: 10.30am to 11.45 am. Suggested Offering: £5.00. *All welcome*
For more info call (028) 7135 1233, email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit thornhillministries.co.uk

<p>Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers) The Protection of the Oceans: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.</p>
<p>Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland. <i>If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info</i></p>
<p>Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour: Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers. <i>Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnsw.com</i></p>
<p>Owenkillew Credit Union – Death Benefit Insurance (DBI): DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.</p>
<p>ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week. Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen Office: (028) 6632 6478 • Facebook: Aspire Employability Programme <i>The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy</i></p>
<p>Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • Singing in Irish 7.00pm to 8.00pm Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • Tel: 07747 899 249</p>
<p>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. <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
<p>Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI): Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies <i>Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) • Join our faith family!</i></p>
<p>Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination. <i>If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com</i></p>

<p>Armchair Exercises: Continues every Monday night in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. <i>Suitable for all ages</i></p>
<p>Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry. <i>If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org</i></p>
<p>The Big Knit for Age NI Calling all knitters! For every hat knitted Age NI receives 25p. <i>To register or find out more call Dorothy on (028) 9024 5729, email bigknit@ageni.org or visit ageni.org/bigknit</i></p>
<p>Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues: All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness <i>For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com</i></p>
<p>ACCORD – Relationship Counseling: A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-judgmental setting. <i>An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com</i></p>

Parish Liturgy for September, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Catriona McCullagh	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Chloe McGurk	Rachel Clarke	Tara Conneely
Collectors	Margaret Morris Shea McElhatton	Brendan Conway Eoghan Clarke	Brian Donnelly Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Maria Morris and Kathleen Tracey		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

<p>Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk Website: ruralsupport.org.uk To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606</p>

<p>The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment. "...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". <i>Pope St. John Paul II</i></p>

<p>Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration 12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life 1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage 2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • 3.00pm – 4.00pm Strengthening of Faith in our young people 4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • 5.00pm – 6.00pm Protecting life and the Earth 6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved</p>
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<p>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.</p>
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Website: towardspeace.ie • Tel: 01 505 3028 • Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie

St. Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth – Diploma in Pastoral Theology at Drumalis

Applications are now being accepted for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September

Website: drumalis.co.uk • Email: maura@drumalis.co.uk • Tel: (028) 2827 2196 / 2827 6455

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.

Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on
(028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk

In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II – 10 Night Pilgrimage to Poland: Tuesday 21st April to Friday 1st May, 2020.

Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit the capital of Divine Mercy, venerate the messenger of Mercy, St. Faustina's relics, see the cell that imprisoned St. Maximilian Kolbe (martyr) as well as visit the largest Marian shrines and sanctuaries in Poland – daily Mass and spiritual activities.

Flights from Belfast, luxury coach travel and excellent accommodation.

For more info, a detailed itinerary and price email Fr. Micheál McGavigan at michealmcgavigan@icloud.com

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*

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 Taegon (priest), St. Paul Chang Hasang and Companions (all martyrs) [1839-1867] St. Andrew Kim Taegon, 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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

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 and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?

The Deep End – Called to 'come to our senses':

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God, and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found. In the parable of the Lost Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses.' We might pray today that God show us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to come to our senses.

In this Season of Creation, we lament the destruction of God's creation, we reflect on the loss of bio-diversity and the loss of human life caused by climate change. We pray that as a global community we might, like the lost son, 'come to our senses' and take the actions that are necessary to change course. It all seems so huge and perhaps we feel there is nothing significant we can do. That is not the case. As parishes, we can lead by example and show our commitment to care for the earth. The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. As with all significant change, it begins with the grassroots.

I wish to address every person living on this planet...to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home...The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.
Laudato Si' 3,23

Suggestion for the week: Can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home, such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? We start with ourselves.

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage

2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people

4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth

6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

PARISH EVENTS IN 2018

Thursday 1st February Service of Light for P7		Thursday 8th March First Confession for P4	
Monday 12th March 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral			
Sunday 22nd April Confirmation by Bishop McKeown		Saturday 19th May First Holy Communion	
Thursday 14th June P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry			
Thursday 21st June Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal			
Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries			
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park			
Saturday 1st September Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School			
Sunday 2nd September All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin		Friday 2nd November Mass for Parish Deceased	
10th November Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal			
Wednesday 21st November Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council			
Sunday 16th December Advent Penance Service		Saturday 22nd December 2 New Altar servers welcomed	
31st December Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018			

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	12

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:

Tel: (028) 90941690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

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Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.

Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011

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

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 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding

Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass

Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

Mid Ulster Agewell: Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019

Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

'Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have."

This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: "Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear." Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.'

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:

The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;

- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

Child Safeguarding: If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI / local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively, if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities. *See poster at entrance*

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The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

Family Care Adoption Services

Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children

For a free information contact

Tel: (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

us using any of these details

Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall

For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent

Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

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

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000

6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people

3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people

The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics

7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?

In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.

The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s

The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

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Marriage Enrichment Weekend – *The Joy of Love in Marriage*: Offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekends (Friday, 8.00pm to Sunday, 4.30pm) will be held at the Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 13th to 15th September and at The Lake Hotel Killarney from 15th to 17th November.
For info and to book visit marriageencounter.ie or call (087) 784 0408 [ROI] / 0770 281 2321 [NI]

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages (April to October): 7 nights B&B and Airport
Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing.
any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service.
Call us on 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com for further info and book dates that suit

Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.
Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011

Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland Weekend: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney.
For more information and / or booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call 07702 812 321 or (087) 784 0408

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