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

St. Patrick's. Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (15th November, 2015) Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU

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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (15th November, 2015 – 21st November, 2015)

Saturday 14th November St. Laurence O'Toole (bishop)

St. Patrick's **6.00pm** Vigil Mass followed by confessions: Mick Hollywood (8th Anniversary)

Sunday 15th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]

St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside

9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) followed by confessions

11.00am Mass

Please note that there will be NO MASS between Monday 16th and Friday 20th November

Saturday 21st November Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Do This In Memory

St. Patrick's **6.00pm** Vigil Mass: Katie Teague (3rd Anniversary)

Sunday 22nd November St. Patrick's 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)

Solemnity of Christ the King [Year B]

Our Lady of Wayside 11.00am Mass

Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of £985 and £25 in the loose plate. Retired Priests Collection: Gratitude is extended for the generous contribution of £660 so far.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for *Mick Hollywood, Brendan Morris* and *Katie Fox* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptism: We congratulate the parents and family of baby Ciaran, Og Peter Tracey on the christening of their child on Saturday 7th November in St. Patrick's Church.

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 • otmail_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna 776@yahoo.com Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com prayerforpriests.com

Do This In Memory Programme Mass: Saturday 21st November at 6.00pm.

Celebrated by Fr. John Forbes (PP, Badoney Lower).

Pilgrimage to Medjugorie: Wednesday 31st August to Wednesday 7th September. Direct from Belfast for the special price of £439 including half-board, tax and insurance if paid by Sunday 10th December.

For further details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

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

Youthlife - Growing through Change Residential Weekend: Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd November in The Sanctuary, Muff, Co. Donegal. For adults who experienced loss through bereavement, divorce or separation. For more information or to take part call Deidre on (028) 7137 7227 or visit the Youthlife office at 23 Bishop Street, Derry

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 7: 13-14 • Psalm 92: 1-2, 5, R/ v 1 • Apocalypse 1: 5-8

John 18: 33-37 • Lectionary I, page 829 Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 14th November	Thirty-Third Sunday	Sunday 15th November
The family of Jake O'Connor	in Ordinary Time	The family of Chloe McGurk
Saturday 21st November*	Solemnity of	Sunday 22 nd November
The family of Micheal Meenan	Christ the King	The family of Alana McGuigan
Saturday 28th November	First Sunday	Sunday 29th November
The family of Shane Morris	of Advent	The family of Kerrie McLaughlin

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 *Do This In Memory Week 3 • We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

The Bible - Our Everlasting Story: A day with Jeff Cavins: Saturday 21st November from 10.00am to 5.00pm in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast, Jeff Cavins, best known for his Quick Journey through the Bible, is one of the foremost Catholic teachers of the scripture today. You are invited to join Jeff as he explores the transformative power of the bible stories. It will be a day of input, music, prayer and reflection. Jeff has created Bible study programmes used by more than five thousand parishes in the United States, Ireland and other countries. He is the founding host of EWTN's weekly programme Life on the Rock and the author of several books including Walking with God which gives an overview of the Bible.

To book visit waterfront.co.uk or call the box office on (028) 9033 4455 For more information email livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Pioneer Association Short-Term Pledge Campaign for November: In honour of the Holy Souls and to help an addicted friend. November is traditionally dedicated as the Month of the Holy Souls when we pray in a special way for family members, relatives, and friends who are no longer with us. By a long-standing Irish custom, many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrificial act for the benefit of their deceased loved ones, for all the Souls in Purgatory as well as someone they know and / or love with an addiction.

Cappagh / Badoney CCE - Monthly Seisium: Saturday 21st November at 9.30pm in An Creagán. Come along and enjoy a good night's entertainment where everyone's welcome

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

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre - Card Playing: Every Friday night at 8.00pm. Includes supper.

Marie Curie Fundraiser - Coffee Morning: Saturday 21st November from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Eugene and Rose McCullagh's house. All are welcome to raise funds for Marie Curie

Children in Crossfire - Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage. Tuesday 29th March to Friday 2nd April. If you would like more information email shauna oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

Towards Peace: A new 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

Dalradian is seeking an Assistant geologist on a three month contract. More details can be found at dalradianni.com/careers. Please note the drone survey is weather dependent and will be carried out over a number of days in November. If it can't be completed in November this will carry forward into December.

NOTE: Any anniversaries or notices that you may wish to include in the bulletin should be sent to nialldevlin@hotmail.com no later than 12 noon on Thursday 19th November

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

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue

with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelisation: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

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)

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

Knock Shrine – *One-Day Workshop on The Joy of the Gospet*: Saturday 28th November. Led by the Jesuit theologian, lecturer and author Brian Grogan SJ the workshop is an ideal opportunity for parish, diocesan or other faith groups to make a trip to Knock Shrine this autumn and take part in an interesting and thought provoking programme for the day. Fr. Grogan's workshop will explore Pope Francis' call to us in his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation The Joy of the Gospel, which speaks about topics such as evangelisation in the modern Church, social justice, the family, faith and politics. The workshop is part of a new series of faith renewal events at Knock Shrine giving people the opportunity to attend an interesting day programme to discuss and explore their faith along spiritual, intellectual and pastorally practical lines.

For more info visit knockshrine ie/joy-of-the-gospel-workshop/ • Group bookings welcome • Costs €30 per person inc. lunch

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – *Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership*: Beginning this Autumn in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. This is 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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *Mark 13: 24-32*.

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

- Jesus speaks of the established order falling apart, but the collapse of the old order opened the way for new
 possibilities. When have you seen something new and hopeful emerge after the collapse of something that
 you had expected to endure much longer, perhaps even for ever?
- 2. The parable of the fig tree. Even in winter it begins to put forth leaves which give a hint of the fruit to come. Where have you found signs of hope in a wintry situation in your own life, in the life of some group, in the life of the Church?
- 3. Jesus proposes no clear time-scale for the events being forefold, so the final sentence (v. 32) is a call to alertness, to live the present to the full. What difference does it make to you when you are able to live the present moment to the full?

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

Parish Liturgy for	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	Our Lady of the Wayside
November, 2015	(6.00pm Vigil Mass)	(9.00am Mass)	(11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Mary Clarke	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen Bradley	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Caoileann Conway	Claire Tuohey	Helen / Peter McKenna
Collectors	Mary Bradley	Dominic Warnock	Pat McGuigan

	Raymond Bradley	Leo Donnelly	Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Kathleen Tracey		Anne McDermott
	Maria Morris		Josephine Clarke

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – *Upcoming Events This Autumn*. Dún Uladh, Drumnakilly Road, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, BT79 0JP, United Kingdom

Gaeilge i nDún Uladh
OCN NI Irish Qualification
Level 1 Award: Wednesdays, 5.30pm to 7.30pm (£130, reduced £90)
Level 2 Award: Wednesdays, 8.30pm to 10.00pm (£130, reduced £90)
Level 3 Award: Thursdays, 6.30pm to 8.30pm (£155, reduced £115)

All courses are subject to demand • Register interest by emailing sean.anton@dunuladh.ie Classes will be held in Dún Uladh in cooperation with South West College

Ceol Cois Tine Tickets are £10

Sean Keane and Gearoid Keane: Friday 11th December at 8.30pm On concertina and fiddle for a night to remember. Our final night.

Concerts

Iarla Ó Lionáird and Steve Cooney: Sunday 29th November at 8.30pm (tickets are £10)
Steve Cooney is joined by extraordinary traditional vocalist Iarla Ó Lionáird for this eagerly awaited concert. The duo will be joined by Scottish Singer and Harpist Misha MacPherson.

GCSE Irish Class: Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh. This is also open to students from other schools and to adult learners of Irish.

Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com • Tel: (028) 8225 6220

ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses: It is important that all those preparing for Marriage should attend a pre-marriage course. If you intend to be married here in the Parish between now and the end of 2016 you should make arrangements to attend one of the ACCORD Courses in Omagh or at another centre if that suits you. These following dates are presently available.

5th and 6th February • 4th and 5th March • 1st and 2nd April • 6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June

Website: accord.ie • Tel: (028) 8224 2439 • Email: omaqh@accordni.com

The Deep End – The End of the World.

Jane Mellett (ianemellet@vahoo.com)

Next week we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year and therefore on this Sunday the readings traditionally speak about the end of the world and the final coming of Jesus. There is a lot of symbolic language in today's Gospel, some of it which may distress us. The opening verses tell us of great destruction of things that we know we cannot survive without – the sun, the moon. The Gospel goes on to speak about the gathering of a great community. People in Jesus' time believed that the end would come in their life-time. Jesus says that no one will know when this is to happen and that it is not for us to worry about. What we should be concerned about is how to live every day in God's love and service.

Today, we might recall times where we thought our worlds had ended because we lost something so important to us or we were suffering in some way. During that time it may have seemed like nothing would be the same again, but it was temporary; a new or different way of life was opened up to us as a result. The parable of the fig tree in the middle of this Gospel speaks to us about life and hope. In the midst of winter a small sign of hope was there even though we may not have seen it.

When you see these things taking place, you know that he is near. *Mark 13:29*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 17th November – *St. Elizabeth of Hungary (religious) [1207-1231]* Queen at 14, widowed and exiled at 20, Franciscan tertiary until her death at 24. A woman of prayer and service of the poor.

Wednesday 18th November - Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, Rome This feast

celebrates the dedications of two of the four major basilicas of Rome. These two churches continue to draw millions of faithful pilgrims each year as well as many visitors from other faiths.

Saturday 21st November - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Originated in the East and was included on the General Calendar in the 16th century. With the feasts of Immaculate Conception and the Nativity of Mary, this feast reminds us that Mary was the chosen vessel of God from the very first moment of her life.

Sunday 22nd November -

St. Cecilia (virgin and martyr) The patroness of music and musicians, was a 2nd or 3rd century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded. Her association with music and the representations of her playing the organ probably grew from a misunderstanding of a 5th century account of her life. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

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 quidelines 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

Musings

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

The Swiss Reformed theologian and pastor, Karl Barth (1886-1968), famous for his scholarly writings and whom Pope Pius XII called the most important theologian since Thomas Aguinas, engaged in frequent ministry to the inmates of Basel prison. While a professor at the University of Basel he preached in the local prison because, he noted, 'there people need firm contact with real life; at the same time the gospel becomes remarkably relevant and natural of its own accord'. One writer has speculated that when Barth reached the heavenly gates, a banquet was prepared for him not by those who had read his theology, but by the prisoners he had visited on a Sunday morning.