

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

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St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Resurrection of the Lord [Year A] (16th April, 2017)

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Thought for Easter: "The Gospel of Easter is very clear: we need to go back there, to see Jesus risen, and to become witnesses of his Resurrection. This is not to go back in time; it is not a kind of nostalgia. It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth."

Pope Francis (Easter Vigil Homily, 2014)

Liturgy Schedule for the Easter Octave [Year A] (Sunday 16th April, 2017 – Sunday 23rd April)

Saturday 15th April
Holy Saturday
Sunday 16th April
Resurrection of the Lord [Year A]

Please note that there will be NO MASS between Monday 17th and Friday 21st April

St. Patrick's
9.00am
Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
11.00am Mass
11.00am Friday 21st April

There will be Mass at 12noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in St. Patrick's Church, Gortin and on Tuesday and Thursday in St. Mary's Church, Rouskey

Saturday 22th April St. Patrick's 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 23rd April St. Patrick's 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)

Second Sunday of Easter [Year A] Our Lady of the Wayside 11.00am Mass

Weekly Collection: £1,105 – thank you for your continued generosity

Remembering our Dead: We remember and pray for the repose of the soul of **Noelle Conway** who died recently and for the souls of **Frank Conway** (16th), **Fr. John Mc Cullagh** and **Barney McCullagh** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Easter Ceremonies: A sincere thank you to all who participated in our Easter Ceremonies this year; to those who prepared and decorated the churches so beautifully and tastefully; to those who participated in and travelled to RTÉ in Dublin and Fr. McCafferty for standing in on Holy Thursday; to Maria for getting all our volunteers for Washing of the Feet, Readings, Prayers of the Faithful, Cross Holding and Eucharistic Ministry in place for all our ceremonies; to Alice and Anne in the sacristies and Sinead and Ciara and their choirs and musicians and of course to our Altar Servers who have been so faithful as well. *May we benefit from the graces of this Easter Season*

Knock Shrine – Upcoming Events:		
Mercy Sunday	Ceremonies begin with Divine Mercy Devotions at 12.45pm with Fr. Bernard	
Sunday 23rd April	McGuckian, SJ (Clongowes Wood College and EWTN) and concelebrated Mass	
	at 3.00pm with Chief Celebrant and Homilist Most Rev. Eamon Martin, DD,	
	Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland.	
	For more information visit knockshrine.ie or call (094) 938 8100	
Day Retreats		
	Saturday 6th May – 'Resting in the Arms of God' with Deirdre Ní Chinnéide	
	Retreats take place in the Taize Room, Prayer Guidance Centre, Knock Shrine	
	from 10.00am to 4.00pm. €30 fee includes lunch at Knock House Hotel.	
	To book call (094) 93 75355 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie	
Official Pilgrimage Season	All details of the coming season, including Mass Times, Pilgrimages and	
Begins Sunday 30th April	upcoming Faith Renewal events can be found by visiting knockshrine.ie	
	or calling (094) 93 88100	

Children in Crossfire – Ben Nevis Climb: Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June flying from Derry. Places are limited

Tel: (028) 7126 9898 • Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • Website: childrenincrossfire.org

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

Next Week's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 • Psalm 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 R/v 1 • 1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31 • Lectionary 1:438

Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning		
Saturday 15th April, 9.00pm (Holy Saturday Vigil)	Resurrection of	Sunday 16th April		
The family of Katelyn Gumley	the Lord	The family of Nicole Cahill		
Saturday 22 nd April	Second Sunday	Sunday 23rd April		
The family of Laurence McCrory	of Easter	The family of Niamh Clarke		
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented				

Family Healing Retreat – The Appeal of Our Lady of Fatima for Prayer and Reparation:

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th April in the Hilton Hotel, 4 Laynon Place, Belfast (2 minutes from Central Station). Led by Fr. Edgardo Arellano (Fr. Bing), Spiritual Director of the Alliance of the Two Hearts.

Residential and non-residential are welcome. For more info call 07734 562 102, 07754 837 045 or (028) 8776 7451

Catholic Grandparents Association – First Annual Retreat / Conference: Speakers include Fr. Benny McHale
Theme: Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly-secularised times
Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th April in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24
(Day only and overnight attendance options available). Inspiring talks, lively discussion
Tel: Connie on +353 098 24877 • Email: catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

Book Launch in Knock: Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm. "The Lamb Will Conquer: Reflections on the Knock Apparition" by Fr Nigel Woollen (curate of Knock), launched by Most Rev. Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe. Book also available (€10) on Knock Shrine and Veritas websites.

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Monthly Seisiun: Friday 21st April at 9.00pm in the Plumbridge Parochial Hall.

Come along to enjoy a good night's music, singing and storytelling.

Admission Free • Supper Served

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:

Rome Pilgrimage: [Group 1] Sunday 29th October to Thursday 2nd November [Group 2] Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)

God our Father. Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ:

To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word, To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.

Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

The April Big Ask! Are you between the ages of 16 and 30? If 'Yes', then Pope Francis wants to hear from you, as the Church prepares for a Synod of Bishops (October, 2018) on the theme: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment". You are asked to complete the survey found at surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bigaprilask

For more information and A Letter to Young People from Pope Francis visit derrydiocese.org

Rise up for 'I AM ALIVE': Sunday 16th April (Easter Sunday) from 8.00pm in St. Columb's Hall, Derry. Come join Derry's own worship band on their one-year anniversary as they celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A musical celebration and a night not to be missed.

Tickets are £10 (available at Veritas, Derry)

Dún Uladh – Term 3 Music lessons: Returns Tuesday 25th April Classes available in banjo, flute, tin whistle, accordion, harp, concertina, uilleann pipes, guitar and bodhrán Registration takes place Tuesday 18th April from 6.30pm 7:30pm Call (028) 8224 2777 or admin@dunuladh.ie for more information

Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo – All-Ireland Rosary Rally: Saturday 3rd June
Main Celebrant: Bishop Brendan Kelly DD • Homilist: Fr. Thady Doyle
Also the 25th Anniversary of the death of Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest

Life in the Spirit Seminars – An Introduction to a Life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit

Every Thursday from 20th April 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher for 7 weeks

"Let him who is thirsty come; let him who desires, take the water of life without price" Revelations 22:17

PLEASE PRAY FOR AN OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON OUR PEOPLE

Pope Francis' Intention for April (please remember this in your personal prayers) Young People: That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

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

To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

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

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

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

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.

If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office

Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • Tel: (028) 7126 2302 • Website: catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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.

An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com

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

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.

For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • Email: email@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest.

The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are:

prayerforpriests.com

Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • Ethna Hill 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • Eamon Cassidy 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017

Saturday 6th May at 11.00am Confirmation

Saturday 1st July at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Saturday 3rd June at 12.00noon First Holy Communion Sunday 2nd July at 11.00am in Broughderg Cemeteries Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Parish Liturgy for	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	Our Lady of the Wayside
April, 2017	(6.00pm Vigil Mass)	(9.00am Mass)	(11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Eileen McKenna	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Ryan Clarke	Lauryn Hollywood	Cara-Rose Brogan
Collectors	Noel McElhatton	Colm Keenan	Pat McGuigan
	Francis McLaughlin	Michael Clarke	Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Alice Keenan, Anne Donnelly		Anne McDermott
	and Anne Tuohey		Carmel McCrory

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

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

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.

Tel: 01 443 4510 • Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579 *Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details*

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

Family Care Society – *Interested in Adoption?* We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.

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

$\label{lem:condition} \textbf{Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children-\textit{Use of Photography and Video}:}$

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *John 20:1-9*:

John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story.

- 1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, another shock the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?
- 2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?
- 3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.
 - Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which
 they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? Times when you
 decided to trust in spite of the evidence?
 - Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you, and all you could say was 'trust me'?
 - Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?

Where have you found life in such experiences?

Musings - Easter is a Verb:

From Sacred Space for Lent 2017 – Messenger Publications

Christians are Easter people. What that means to me is that we are dynamic: always growing, changing, moving, and engaging. Even those of us who cannot be 'in motion' physically – because of necessary employment, family responsibilities or health issues – can experience the interior 'movements' of the soul. Every day the Risen Christ invites us to move, to allow the breaking open that happens in a heart that is open to God and to all that divine love brings to us. We sense the inner movement, we listen to the voice of the Spirit, we pay attention to even fleeting emotions and responses that can be, in God's hands, tools for our ongoing creation.' (Vinita Hampton Wright, from her blog 'Days of Deepening Friendship')

Neither Peter nor John come to believe in the Resurrection without enduring confusion and uncertainty. But out of the confusion comes clarity. The empty tomb can only mean that Jesus is truly alive – raised and transformed by the Father. If Jesus is truly risen, then so are we. As we were one with him in his suffering, so are we now one with him in his risen joy. Alleluia!

The Deep End:

Jane Mellet (melleti@gmail.com)

In today's Gospel Mary Magdalene is highlighted as the woman who is the first witness of the resurrection. Mary and the two disciples must have been very confused and upset as they tried to understand what had happened to Jesus' body. Reading this story can bring many emotions for us: fear and confusion at death, or even a feeling of euphoria and joy at the realisation that death is not the end. If we have lost a loved one, we might feel comforted in the knowledge that we will be reunited with them once more. Jesus comes into situations of despair, disappointment and doubt and, as with Mary after this incident, comes in the form of a stranger, gently calling her name. The Risen Lord seems to meet us in familiar territory, where we least expect it.

We might ask the Lord today for the strength and courage to allow him to break into our lives once more, to help us to be free of whatever it is that causes 'death' in our lives, to help us to let go, to be open to recognising him in our most painful moments and in the most familiar places.

God of openness, of life and of resurrection, come into this Easter season and bless me. Look around at the tight, dead spaces of my heart. Bring your gentle but firm love ... Open me. Open me. Open me. For it is only then I will grow and change, for it is only then that I will be transformed. For it is only then that I will know how it is. To be in the moment of rising from the dead.

Joyce Rupp

Thornhill Ministries – Lenten Programme:

Lent from the Inside Thursdays from 10.30am to 2.30pm Five short retreat days as we reflect on the road of life Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry
Into the Twilight Mondays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm
An hour of silent meditation

Opening to the Word Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.45am Lectio: Quiet guidance in Scripture-praying

Tel: (028) 7135 1233 • E-mail: thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • Online: thornministries.co.uk / find us on Facebook

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.

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

Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub

This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.

We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.

An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.

To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.

The questionnaire will also be available online

Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.

We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

Towards Peace: A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.

Website: towardspeace.ie • Tel: 01 505 3028 • Email: towardspeace@jecon.ie

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.

Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

2016 Parish Statistics				
Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)		
7 Boys	10 Boys	10 Boys		
11 Girls	6 Girls	11 Girls		
Marriages (16)	Funerals (10)	Station Masses		
7 within parish	8 within parish	in October		
9 outside parish	2 outside parish	8		

Events The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5th October

The Net - April Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:

Youth enjoy thought-provoking faith talks • Derry Youth Community seeking new members

New name for Clonmany NS • Guides celebrate World Thinking Day

Slaughtneil camogs' prayerful path to success • Ballinascreen music gathering helps STEPS to hope

Uplifting night of music in Strathfoyle • Christ the King Youth Choir to 'Let It Shine' • Lavey Confirmation

Cappagh 'Life in the Spirit' seminars • Long Tower Knights of Blessed Sacrament • Granaghan Station Mass

Trad for Trocaire in Errigal • New St Eugene's choir director relishing his role

Ruby celebration for Aghyaran missionary priest • Iskaheen launches funeral guidebook

Ardmore hosts Syro Malabar celebration • Waterside parishioner shares faith story

L'Arche feature • Musical tribute to Bishop Daly • Ardmore parish reflects on Family and Marriage

New group exploring how lay missionaries and returned volunteers can help parish life

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Group to help reinvigorate parishes, Honduras Diary – Part 2

Contemplating Laudato Si • Historic Hinterland • Children's Catechism Club

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service – Facilitator Required: Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses. Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together? ACCORD is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships. Professional training provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award). Accredited by Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Email: info@accordni.com • Tel: 02890 233002 • Website: accord-ni.co.uk • Closing Date for Applications: Monday 15th May

Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs and their families and friends:

Saturday 6th May at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

MA in Catholic School Leadership: Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.

For more information call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org