



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

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

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (16<sup>th</sup> August, 2015)**

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

**Liturgy Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 – 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2015)**

<b>Saturday Evening (15<sup>th</sup> August)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Kathleen Gillen (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b> Our Lady of Knock	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. John Eudes (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>7.00pm</b> Blessing of the Stations in the Cemetery followed by Mass
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b> St. Pius X K/olbe (pope)	St. Patrick's St. Mary's, Rouskey	<b>9.00am</b> Mass <b>7.30pm</b> Mass: Mary Fox (Month's Mind)
<b>Saturday Morning (22<sup>nd</sup> August)</b> Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
<b>Saturday Evening (22<sup>nd</sup> August)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£822** and **£23** in loose change.

*Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.*

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

**St. Patrick's Cemetery Fund:** Donations of **£300** were received this week for the support of the on-going work.

**Blessing of the Stations of the Cross:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church Cemetery followed by Mass.

Please come together as a faith-community to welcome the Sisters of Loreto for this.

The 'Way of the Cross', erected in our cemetery this year were a gift to us from the Sisters of Loreto and once graced their former Retreat Centre at Linsfort, Co. Donegal. The Sisters, who resided in Omagh from 1855 served us and many local communities in the education of our young women and this evening we express our gratitude to them for this ministry too.

The stones they are mounted on came from Clarke's quarry near Lisnaskea Co. Fermanagh and the additional memorials were prepared by Adrian McGovern of Dromore. Our Parish Buildings and Maintenance committee along with many generous parishioners worked in different ways to make this possible.

*Your presence will give witness to your appreciation*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for *Kathleen Gillen, Arthur Gillen, Patrick Gillen* and *Fr. Seamus Shields* whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for *Gerald McGurk, Patrick Glass, Francis O'Hagan* and *Barney McGuigan*, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

**Blessing of the Stations of the Cross:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August in St. Patrick's Cemetery at 7.00pm. The Blessing will be led by the Sisters of Loreto who gifted our parish faith-community and will be followed by Mass. *Please come along and participate*

**ACCORD Fertility and Wellbeing Service:** An educational service, offering instruction / counselling in Fertility Awareness and Natural Family Planning (NFP) for women / couples who wish to achieve a pregnancy or plan their family. ACCORD Fertility and Well Being practitioners are people who have been specifically selected and trained to deliver this service. These practitioners use this knowledge and training to inform, educate and support individuals and couples with regard to their fertility.

*Appointments are held in the Omagh centre and can be made by calling (028) 8224 2439*

**An Bruach Dearg Community Centre:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (10.00pm to 12.00pm) with music by Larry and Co. £5 per person.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Joshua 24:1-2,15-18 • Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23, r/v 9 • Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69 • Lectionary I, page 791

**Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

St. Paul wrote from his prison cell to the Church, the Christians in the city of Philippi with whom he had worked and shared the good news of the gospel in these words:-

**I THANK GOD FOR YOU EVERY TIME I THINK OF YOU; AND EVERY TIME I PRAY FOR YOU ALL, I PRAY WITH JOY BECAUSE OF THE WAY IN WHICH YOU HAVE HELPED ME IN THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW.**

**I AM SURE THAT GOD, WHO BEGAN THIS GOOD WORK IN YOU, WILL CARRY IT ON UNTIL IT IS FINISHED ON THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.**

**YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY HEART!**

**AND SO IT IS ONLY RIGHT FOR ME TO FEEL AS I DO ABOUT YOU.**

*ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS (3:4-7)*

I can find no better words to express my gratitude to God for you, the Church, the Christians of Greencastle parish with whom I have shared the journey of faith and the journey of life, these past 8 year – thank God, thank you for everything we have done together.

Fr. Eugene Hasson

Parish Priest of Greencastle

18<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 – 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2015

<p><b>Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b></p> <p><b>Universal – <i>Volunteers</i>:</b> That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.</p> <p><b>Evangelisation – <i>Outreach to the Marginalised</i>:</b> That setting aside our very selves, we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.</p>
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<p><b>What can you volunteer to do in your parish?</b> Thank you to everyone who participates in the life and work of our parish faith community, we need new volunteers in every aspect of life. Anyone wishing to participate in any aspect of our parish mission should make themselves known.</p>
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<p><b>Youth 2000 Summer Festival:</b> Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged 16 to 35, this is a great opportunity to find out what your Catholic faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland.</p> <p><i>To book online, visit <a href="http://youth2000.ie">youth2000.ie</a> or call 01 6753 690</i></p>
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<p><b>World Youth Day:</b> This will be held in Kraków, Poland from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016. If you are aged between 18 and 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at <a href="mailto:wyd@derrydiocese.org">wyd@derrydiocese.org</a> or alternatively, call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 before Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.</p>
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<p><b>This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August – <i>St. John Eudes (priest) [1601-1680]</i></b> From Normandy France, he spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory then left to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August – <i>St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church) [1090-1153]</i></b> Became a Cistercian monk at Cîteaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a strong grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. He is patron of Gibraltar and bee-keepers.</p>
<p><b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August – <i>St. Pius X (pope)</i></b> Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and then Pope from 1903, he encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – <i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> During the Middle Ages Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed it for the universal Church at the close of the Marian year, 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of queenship with the Assumption.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – <i>St. Eugene</i></b> St. Eugene lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha), Co. Tyrone. Patron of the diocese of Derry.</p> <p><b><i>St. Rose of Lima [1586-1617]</i></b> Dominican tertiary and recluse, helped the poor and marginalised. Seen as originator of social service in Peru. South America. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]</p>

<p><b>Looking After Our Parish Cemeteries:</b> These are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please co-operate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard or into our neighbour's property. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away.</p>
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<p><b>Registration of the Religious of the Diocese:</b> Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card.</p> <p><i>Thank you!</i></p>
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Parish Liturgy for August, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Monica Coyle	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of the Faithful	Aidan / Ryan Clarke	Rosemary McCullagh	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Michael McElhatton	Peter Tracey Eoghan Clarke	Perry McCrory Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Siobhan McKenna, Caitriona McCullagh and Ciara McKenna		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead Donnelly			

<p><b>Children in Crossfire – <i>Zipline Across the River Foyle</i>.</b></p> <p>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> august. 170ft high, 1,300ft across. A £20 deposit confirms your place.</p> <p><b>Tel:</b> (028) 7126 9898 • <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org">events@childrenincrossfire.org</a> • <b>Online:</b> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/og5dd7j">tinyurl.com/og5dd7j</a></p>
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<p><b>Child Safeguarding:</b> 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. <i>See poster at entrances</i></p>
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<p><b>Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – <i>John 6:51-58</i>:</b></p> <p><i>John Byrne OSA (<a href="mailto:john@orlagh.ie">john@orlagh.ie</a>)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you?</li> <li>2. Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life, death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you?</li> <li>3. Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day to day living what are the practices which support your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus?</li> <li>4. Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one another. From whom have you drawn life? Who has been able to draw life from you?</li> </ol>
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<p><b>Musings</b></p> <p><i>Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)</i></p> <p>Summer is a time for space; a time for time. Daniel O'Leary writes 'We forget to appreciate the value of space and of spaces. Without the blank margins on the page before you just now, you could not read it. If ever we are to hear a story or a song, there has to be spaces between the letters of a word, silence between the notes of a melody ... it makes me ask how I'm doing today, why I'm rushing so much, why I don't stop and breathe more slowly and just look around me?' Indeed, it is only in still waters that we can truly see ourselves.</p>
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<p><b>The Deep End – <i>Images of the Word</i>:</b></p> <p><i>Paul Clogher (Waterford Institute of Technology)</i></p> <p>John's extended discourse on the bread of life is by now taking on the characteristics of a press conference. Jesus puts his point across and then faces intense questioning. Part of the scandal caused by his words might be explained, at least historically, by the Jewish prohibition against the consumption of blood for, as Deuteronomy puts it, 'the blood is the life.' It is no surprise, then, that the first hearers of this teaching may have recoiled in horror, disgust and confusion.</p> <p>Jesus' invitation to share in his body and blood has captivated the Christian imagination for millennia. Giovanni Bellini's The Blood of the Redeemer (1460-65) depicts a timeless Jesus, perhaps between life and death, who offers his blood continuously in a gaping wound next to his heart while his body bears itself to the gaze of the viewer. Bellini combines the pathos of Christ's injuries with the elegance of his classically constructed body to stir our compassion and evoke meditation.</p> <p>Bellini's imagery would have scandalised first century Jewish audiences for many reasons, too many to name here. This suggests that our understanding of Jesus' body and blood, his saving body, has evolved over time. But in Bellini's art, John's poetry, and the life of the Christian community, words and images collide to bear witness to the Word made flesh in the boundless space of the Christian imagination.</p>
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### Alcohol: The Challenge of Moderation

*A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops'*

*Conference*

We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life.

We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community.

We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups.

What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol. If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.

*Full text can be read at [catholiccommunications.ie](http://catholiccommunications.ie)*

### 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***

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015

<b>Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside
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<b>Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Patrick's <i>Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed</i>
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<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)
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