

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (16th October, 2016)
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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 24)
 "No one has penetrated the profound mystery of the incarnation like Mary. Her entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh. The Mother of the Crucified and Risen One has entered the sanctuary of divine mercy because she participated intimately in the mystery of His love."

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (16th October, 2016 – 23rd October, 2016)

Saturday 15th October	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions
St. Teresa of Avila		6.00pm Vigil Mass: David Morris (20 th Anniversary)
Sunday 16th October	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am Confession
Monday 17th October	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
St. Ignatious of Antioch (bishop and martyr)		
Tuesday 18th October	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		
Wednesday 19th October	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		
Thursday 20th October	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		
Friday 21st October	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 22nd October	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions
Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time		6.00pm Vigil Mass: Francis O'Hagan (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 23rd October	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am Confession
		11.00am Mass

Parish Collection: Thank you for your generosity to last week's parish collection of **£1,020**.
 If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the souls of **Kay McCrory** whose Months Mind occurs at this time and **David Morris and Rosemary Harper** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to
Cathal Glass (Greencastle) and Carol Sharkey (Drumragh)
Thursday 6th October in St. Mary's Church, Drumragh
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage

Station Mass: This week's Station Mass takes place on Friday 21st October in the townland of Oughminacroy in the home of Ann and Stephen Brogan at 8 Liggins Road beginning at 7.30pm.

Sacramental Preparation Talk for Parents and Children of P4 and P7: Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm in the assembly hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre will talk to the parents of children who are to receive First Communion and Confirmation and the Derry Youth Community will take the children for activities of their own.
 Please try to be present for this important part of your child's preparation for these sacraments

Annual Pioneer Retreat: Sunday 4th December in Termonbacca. Contact any Committee Member to book

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering your services please visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or freephone 0800 912 1200

Next Week's Readings Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19 • Psalm 32: 2-3, 17-19, 23, R/ v 7 • 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
(Mission Sunday): Luke 18: 9-14 • Lectionary I, page 925 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 15 th October The family of Laurance McCrory	Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 16 th October The family of Ronan Coyle
Saturday 22 nd October The family of Caillin McDonald	Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 23 rd October The family of Neamh Donnelly
Saturday 29 th October* The family of Alice McGlinchey	Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time	Sunday 30 th October The family of Aimee Gumley

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented
***Do This In Memory Programme (Week 2)** We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Irish Pilgrimage Trust: Have you ever wanted to volunteer and help others? If you are interested in volunteering with The Irish Pilgrimage Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer for a week next Easter please contact Mary on 00353 87796 2047 for more information. All volunteers pay their own fare which is €650 / £560stg (€425 or £360stg for students). Visit irishpilgrimage.org

Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Easter Sunday): Applications are now welcome from young people with
 A medical condition, physical disability or illness (aged 9-18) • A learning disability (aged 11-21)
 Very seriously ill (under age 9) - accompanied by a parent or close relative
 Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness.
 The young person travels without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Contact Margaret Rose on 07922 237 986 or Alice O'Hagan on 00353 86346 0522 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is Monday 31st October.

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events: Call Bridie at 07847 459 428, 07591 047 556 or (028) 8164 8706
Exercises Classes: A trainer from Hollywood Fitness starts on Monday 17th October at 7.30pm. £30 for 6 weeks.
 Call the numbers above or Colm McGurk at Carrickmore Youth Centre on (028) 8076 1310

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events:

Annual General Meeting: Sunday 16th October at 6.00pm in the Plumbridge Parochial Hall. We encourage parents to come along and get involved or to hear and appreciate what is involved behind the scenes in running a successful branch. Everyone welcome • Supper served

Monthly Seisiun: Friday 21st October at 9.00pm in the Glens Cottage, Lislip. Parents are invited to take younger musicians along to experience the relaxed atmosphere of playing at a seisiun - it is a great confidence booster for them.
 Everyone welcome • Supper served

The Big Knit: We're back for 2016-17 and hoping to knit 95,000 hats for the top of Innocent Smoothie bottles. For every hat 25p will be donated to Age NI to help provide companionship, advice and support to older people during the winter. For more info including knitting patterns: Tel: (028) 9024 5729 • Email: bigknit@ageni.org • Web: ageni.org/thebigknit.com

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

ACCORD – Marriage Preparation Course: Each year over 20,000 people marry in the Catholic Church in Ireland. Despite the recession, numbers getting married have only fallen slightly in recent years. ACCORD Omagh provides Marriage Preparation Courses for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. Feedback from participants is very positive. Courses take place at the address below and can be booked via the following information.
Address: Accord Suite, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre • **Website:** accord.ie • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439
Date: Friday 4th and Saturday 5th November

Children in Crossfire – Ben Nevis Climb: Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October flying from Derry Airport.
 Tel: (028) 7126 9898 • Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • Website: childrenincrossfire.org

Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca – Cursillo 3-Day Residential Weekends: 07708 066 939 / 07841 100 174
Men Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd October • **Women** Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th October

White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction
 If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us.
 Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor.
 Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St. Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 240

Pope Francis' Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Journalist: That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.
Evangelisation – World Mission Day: That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

The Net – October Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:
 Omagh Ulster Project Thanksgiving • Urney and Castlefinn Parish Retreats
 Dregish celebrates Fr. Macaville's 40th anniversary • Maghera Lough Derg Retreat
 Dungiven Mass Rock ceremony • Burt Biker Blessing • Merville Mercy Walk and Shrove Oratory feature
 Glenullin tribute to Fr. Haan • Bellaghy Mercy Walk • Desertegney Mass in memory of Sr. Anne
 Ardmore Lough Derg Retreat • Melmont Faith Story • Fatima Rosary Rally • Walk to Knock feature
 Cursillo weekend • City Mercy Pilgrimage • Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome
 Irish Wakes of Bygone Days feature • Divine Providence feature
 Children's Catechism Club • Parish Post-its • Diocesan Diary

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

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – MA in Catholic School Leadership: In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. 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 info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Greencastle Community Association – Proposal to Create Capital Development Plan for Community Centre:
 We are proposing this plan will have short, medium and long term objectives that benefit all our community. In order to allow us to develop these plans and secure potential funding we are calling on the help of our local community. If there are specific requirements / suggestions in relation to capital developments and or services that you or your group feel should be included within the plan the Community Association want to hear from you. *For info email fionatea@live.co.uk*

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Liturgy for October, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling McDermott-Donaghy	Siobhan McKenna	Geraldine Scullion
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Conan Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Leo Donnelly	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCory		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

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/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*

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events: *To register call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706*

Crocheting / Knitting	Fridays at 2.00pm. £4 inc. cup of tea. Wednesday nights. £25 for 6 weeks. Money must be paid advance.	<i>New and advanced crocheters and knitters welcome People needed to run class</i>
Children's Jiving	Friday 23 rd September for 5 weeks from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for P3 to P10. £4 per child and £10 for family of 3.	<i>To reserve a place call Donna on 07845 391 778</i>

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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

2015 Parish Statistics			
Baptisms 6 Boys 8 Girls	Confirmations 8 Boys 8 Girls	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation 10 Boys 9 Girls	Marriages 10 within parish 5 outside parish
Station Masses in October 7	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
Funerals 13	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

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@iecon.ie

Craft Training Ltd: A leading training organisation that provides 16-18 year olds with the opportunity to fulfil their potential in a vocational area, through the Training for Success programme. Gain the skills you need to kick start your career free of charge and earn £40 per week, range of qualifications include ICT, Hairdressing, Joinery, Painting and Decorating, Hospitality and Catering, Retail and much more.
Tel: (028) 8225 9377 • **Office:** Kelvin Avenue, Omagh • **Email:** joincraft@hotmail.co.uk

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 Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmil_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk
 Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk
 Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com
 Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com *prayerforpriests.com*

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

Musings – God Does Not Need Reminding: *Fr. Tom Clancy (Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork)*
 I have just paused to notice my breathing. The heart is working away. Both are steady and normal. The normality almost deadens my awareness of God's creative presence giving me life with all its blessings, opportunities, challenges and difficulties. It sometimes takes the absence of one of His gifts to alert us to our total dependence on God. In times of crisis, we pleadingly voice our needs, even our panic, with a persistence that seems discourteous to our benefactor. This persistence in intercessory prayer is strongly encouraged by Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. There, the carefully crafted parable has a deeper message than just bullying God into changing his mind. God does not need reminding, but we do. Highlighting our needs is a reminder of all we have received. Such remembering evokes gratitude that leads to praise and worship culminating in happiness.
Jesus does not explain the parable. He expects us to mine it. Some miners find diamonds

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Sunday 16th October – St. Gall Monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. Lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St. Gallen. Died around 630. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]
St. Hedwig [1174-1243] Wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted to charitable works. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]
St. Margaret Mary [1647-1690] Visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, exemplary in her patience and trust. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]
Monday 17th October – St. Ignatius of Antioch (bishop and martyr) Died a martyr in Rome c.107. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.
Sunday 23rd October – St. John of Capistrano (priest) [1386-1456] Studied civil and canon law and joined The Franciscan Order. In a battle at Belgrade he contracted fever and died there. Patron Saint of jurists and military chaplains. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 18: 1-8: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*
 1. The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind, but to change ourselves; and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?
 2. The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had Doubts about the outcome? What were the fruits of your persistent prayer?
 3. Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?

The Deep End *Sheila Crowe (Missionary Sister of St. Columban)*
 Support; an important word in our vocabulary today and very much so in our families. Where would any of us be without the support of the family which is the bedrock of society? Moses had his family, the Israelites of old, and note how they supported him, holding his hands on high, as he interceded for his people when they were engaged in defending the people. No cameras to record it, but what a sight it must have been and a wonderful family story. We had a wonderful summer of sport this year. We had the thrills and spills of the European Cup, the Olympics and the GAA Championship. Our sportsmen and women did us proud and themselves too. Everybody wants to bask in the glory of coming out as number one. Only one can make it to the top and yet can we recall the frequency with which we secretly, or openly shouted 'God, O God, can they make it?'
 God, O God: I wonder is He always listening! Could he ever be akin to the unjust judge, who even though, apparently, not interested in the dear old lady in the gospel story, granted her request to get her, as it were, 'out of his hair'. I wonder did he still have hair and how long was the widow pestering him. Isn't this how it is in some families? In the time of large families, it was noticed that younger members easily got what they wanted, their first disco, holidays away from the family, etc., in comparison with the struggle the first members of the family had to endure. Even parents give way to pressure perhaps because of weariness or it could be that they too acquire wisdom over the years.
 Being human and trying to communicate with a divine being we use human concepts and the God we call on is sometimes likened to a parent who could possibly know what is best for the children. He may be slow in responding and we wonder why. Is the Almighty mind being changed or is it my request that is being modified?