

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
World Day of Migrants and Refugees [Year C] (17th January, 2016)
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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Paragraph 12 of Misericordiae Vultus
 "It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father."

Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (17th January, 2016 – 24th January, 2016)

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| Saturday 16th January St. Fursa (abbot and missionary) | St. Patrick's | 5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Peter Clarke (2 nd Anniversary) |
| Sunday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] | St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside | 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass |
| Monday 18th January Second Week in Ordinary Time | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Tuesday 19th January Second Week in Ordinary Time | St. Patrick's | 9.00am Mass |
| Wednesday 20th January St. Fabian (pope and martyr) and St. Sebastian (martyr) | St. Patrick's | 7.30pm Mass |
| Thursday 21st January St. Agnes (virgin and martyr) | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Friday 22nd January St. Vincent (deacon and martyr) | St. Patrick's | 10.00am Mass |
| Saturday 23rd January <i>Do This in Memory (week 5)</i> | St. Patrick's | 5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Patrick Glass (1 st Anniversary) |
| Sunday 24th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] | St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside | 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass |

Exposition and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament will resume on Eve of First Friday and on First Saturday of February

Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£1,040** and **£35** in the loose plate

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Peter Clarke** and **Eileen Carson** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Thornhill Ministries 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:
 Thursday 15th September. There are still a few places are still available.
 For more details call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Dean Maguire College, Carrickmore – Open Day / Night: For Primary 7 Pupils on Monday 18th January. Open Night for P6 and P7 pupils and their parents beginning with the Principal's address in assembly hall at 7.30pm.

Sperrin Og Under 14 Training: Begins Wednesday 20th January from 7.00pm to 8.00pm on the 3G Pitch.

Greencastle PTAA – Annual General Meeting: After 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 20th January in St. Patrick's.
Everyone welcome. If anyone would like to take the short term pledge for Lent please contact any Committee member

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

Mindfulness Class: Begins Thursday 14th February from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. £25 for six weeks. Only 20 places
To register please call Darryl on 07979 378 732 or Fiona on 07813 935 996

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10 • Psalm 18: 8-10, 15 R/ • John 6: 63
 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 • Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21 • Lectionary I, page 841
Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]

| 6.00pm Saturday Vigil | Offertory Gifts Rota | 9.00am Sunday Morning |
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| Saturday 16 th January The family of Aisling Lucas | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday 17 th January The family of Michael Clarke |
| Saturday 23 rd January* The family of Caoileann Maguire | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday 27 th January The family of Molly Clarke |

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 5** We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

9th Annual Award Ceremony for the Pope John Paul II Award: Archbishop George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff will present the awards on Tuesday 2nd February at 5.00pm for the Derry City and Inishowen deaneries and at 7.30pm for the County Derry and Country Tyrone deaneries. Both ceremonies will take place in the Millennium Forum, Derry. There are a limited number of tickets available.
If you wish to attend call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email amhickey@derrydiocese.org

30th Greencastle 5 Mile Road Run – Article by Brian Todd of Orangegrove Athletic Club.
 High praise is given and you can read about his experiences in the run by visiting the Greencastle Parish website.

Holy Trinity College, Cookstown – Open Night for P7 Pupils and Their Parents:
 Thursday 21st January with the Principal's talk commencing at 7.00pm.
Students considering entry to Sixth Form in September are most welcome to attend

YOUTH 2000 Group: Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm in The Oratory, Main Street, Newtownstewart. Prayer, music, friendship and Newtownstewart coffee! This will also be our Pope John Paul Award Project for 2015-2016.
16 year olds and over welcome

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

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events:
Monthly Seisiún: Friday 15th January at 9.00pm in the Plumbridge Parochial Hall. Come along to enjoy a good night's free entertainment. Everyone welcome • supper served

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events: *10 people or more are needed to run both classes*
Zumba with Rossy: Starts Friday 29th January at 11.00am. £20 for 4 weeks.
Body Blast exercises with Chrissy Devlin: Starts Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm. £20 for 4 weeks.
 To register your name call Bridie on (028) 8164 8706, 07847 459 428 or 07591 047 556 or leave message

Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session: Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and / or training in Overseas Development & Mission? Saturday 16th January at 12.00pm at the VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7
Tel: 018 689 986 • **Email:** info@viatoreschristi.com • **Website:** viatoreschristi.com

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@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** (028) 8225 6220

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Healthy Cookery Programme (4 weeks): Begins Friday 21st January from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Meet in the car park of Pomeroy Forest and walk with a representative from the Forestry Department. *Now taking bookings for refreshments after wedding mass and prior to travelling to hotel for celebration*
Email: kathleenbumsill@gmail.com • **Tel:** (028) 8775 7800

Dalradian Gold Limited: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process: For the proposed future mine development at Curraghinalt. A series of consultations has been planned to receive feedback on the design of the proposed project and on the EIA process. These consultations will be held from Friday 22nd to Friday 29th January.
All are welcome to attend
Tel: Ciaran McCreanor on (028) 8164 7799 • **Email:** cmccreanor@dalradian.com • **Website:** dalradianni.com

Irish Pilgrimage Trust: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travel to Lourdes every Easter with children and young people from all over Ireland with physical needs / illness, intellectual disabilities and social needs. One of the groups from the Derry area is urgently looking for a nurse to travel with the group on the 27th March for 6 nights. If interested please call Jimmie on 07802 545 282 or Mary on 00353 87796 2047 as soon as possible for more details.

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

Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – *Interreligious Dialogue.* That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.
Evangelisation – *Christian Unity.* That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses: All couples intending to be married in the parish are expected to have completed a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course. Please book well in advance of your wedding date.
 1st and 2nd April • 6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June
To book (opening time can be found on the website):
Website: accord.ie • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439 • **Email:** omagh@accordni.com

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Wednesday 20th January – *St. Fabian (pope and martyr)* Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius in 250.
St. Sebastian (martyr) May have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.
Thursday 21st January – *St. Agnes (virgin and martyr)* Wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early 4th century. Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.
Friday 22nd January – *St. Vincent (deacon and martyr)* Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture.
Sunday 24th January – *St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1567-1622]* Bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron Saint of writers, editors and journalists. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

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

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)

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – *Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership.* 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

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

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

| Parish Liturgy for January, 2016 | St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass) | St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass) | Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass) |
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| Readers | Martin McDermott | Monica Coyle | Anne McDermott |
| Eucharistic Ministry | Brigid Keenan | Eugene McCullagh | Patricia Donnelly |
| Prayers of Intercession | Maeve McCullagh | Aileen Tracey | Conan Maguire |
| Collectors | Margaret Morris Michael McNamee | Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan | Sean Clarke Brian Gillen |
| Altar Society | Mary Bradley, Helen Tracey and Aileen Tracey | | Anne McDermott Mary Bradley |

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*

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

Save Our Sperrins Meeting: Wednesday 27th February at 8.00pm in the Greencastle Community Centre. Join your local environmental group with an interest in protecting and promoting our Sperrins, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Special guest speakers and an opportunity to immerse yourself in your local community with shared interests in using our local knowledge and previous generations' determination to preserve our beautiful, natural countryside for future generations.
 Learn about local areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) like Cashel Rock, special not just for its 450 million year old geographical rock formation but also for protected wildlife including the Irish Hare and the Lapwing more commonly known as the 'Peewit'. The Owenreagh River running through Greencastle, due for designation as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as one of the last breeding grounds of the rare Freshwater Mussel (*Margaritifera*) in these islands. **Facebook:** [SaveOurSperrins](https://www.facebook.com/SaveOurSperrins) • **Email:** saveoursperrins@gmail.com

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 2: 1-11: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.
2. John uses a number of images (marriage, wine, feast, etc.) to symbolise the abundance of God's love. What are your favourite images of the abundance of God's love and blessings?
3. The hour of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed, yet even so something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the signs that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.
4. Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?

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

The words of political theorist Hannah Arendt confront us on this World Day of Migrants and Refugees: 'The conception of human rights, based upon the assumed existence of a human being, as such, broke down at the very moment when those who professed to believe in it were for the first time confronted with people who had indeed lost all other qualities and specific relationships – except that they were still human. The world found nothing sacred in the abstract nakedness of being human ... it seems that a man who is nothing but a man has lost the very qualities that make it possible for other people to treat him as a fellow-man'.

The Deep End – World Day of Migrants and Refugees: *Jane Mallett (janemallett@yahoo.com)*

During this past year we have watched, in almost disbelief, as hundreds of thousands of people flee their homes in Syria and other parts of the world. The image of three year old Aylan Kurdi, washed up on a beach last August as his family attempted to reach safety, caused complete outrage around the world. For a while we reacted and acted and called for an immediate response from our governments. Not since WWII have so many people been forced from their homes. So much can be said today about this crisis and we must continue to ask ourselves: how can we respond?

We must always be ready to welcome the refugee and migrant. Our faith is one of hospitality, compassion and mercy. In the Gospel today, Mary urges the disciples to 'do whatever He tells you' and we see Jesus perform a sign that shows he has come for the transformation of that which causes barriers to God's Kingdom. The refugee crisis may challenge us but as people of the Gospel of Mercy, we must respond:

Mercy nourishes and strengthens solidarity towards others as a necessary response to God's gracious love... Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbour: we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. Concern for fostering good relationships with others and the ability to overcome prejudice and fear are essential ingredients for promoting the culture of encounter, in which we are not only prepared to give, but also to receive from others. Hospitality, in fact, grows from both giving and receiving.'

Pope Francis

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 • otmal_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*

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July. Lourdes has been designated as one of the international places of pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. Gift vouchers for any amount are available for purchase. *Application forms are available from Rosemary on (028) 7126 0293 or Theresa on 07517 965 751*

Trip to the Holy Land: An 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd September. *For more info call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org*

Alzheimer's Society Carer Information and Support Programme (CrISP)

CrISP is a series of workshops for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. It provides an opportunity for you to talk in a friendly and confidential environment about your experiences and the impact they are having on you.

Week 1 – Induction and Welcome Welcoming everyone to the programme

Week 2 – Understanding Dementia Explores the physical, psychological and emotional impact of dementia

Week 3 – Legal and Money Matters Explores legal and financial issues to help you understand the importance of planning for the future

Week 4 – Providing Support and Care Explores concerns/challenges that may arise when supporting a person with dementia

Week 5 – Coping Day to Day Looking at the physical, psychological and Emotional impact that dementia may have on you as a carer

The free workshops are run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers for a group of up to 12 people who care for a family member or friend with dementia

If interested Paula Canney on (028) 8225 0103 / 07718 322 726 or email paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk

2015 Parish Statistics

| Baptisms | Confirmations | First Holy Communion / Reconciliation | Marriages |
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| 6 Boys 8 Girls | 8 Boys 8 Girls | 10 Boys 9 Girls | 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 | | |

The Net – January Edition Now Available: For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call / text 07809 292 852. This month's coverage includes the follow.

- Faughanvale clerics help refugees • Bellaghy goes to Bethlehem • Coleraine Junior Faith Group
- Buncrana students entertain elders • Wee Ones Church thriving in Newtownstewart, Strabane Cor celebrates 20th anniversary • Camdonagh enjoys UU choir
- SVP parties in Culdaff, Urney and Castlefin • Buncrana Mission • Tattysallagh PS celebrates 25th anniversary
- Long Tower thanks volunteers • Waterside retreat • Fahan thanks promoters • Malin parish auction
- Greencastle tribute to Fr. Eugene Hasson** • Omagh night of prayer and praise • Bellaghy pioneers of 60 years
- Ardmore marks Columbanus anniversary • Great buzz at Youth Conference • Youth enjoying Revival Nights
- JPII enrolments • Year of Mercy launch • Syro-Malabar community celebration
- Warm welcome for Archbishop Eamon • Culdaff born nun looks at life's delicate balance

Derry Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: Friday 2nd September for 6 nights: Includes 4 nights Bed & Breakfast in Rome and 2 nights half-board in Assisi. The pilgrimage will be lead by Bishop Donal McKeown and Spiritual Director Fr. Gerard Sweeney. Group price is £675 inc. deposit of £150 per person required to secure seat (50 seats in total), hold baggage and transfer to Dublin extra and are to be arranged.

For itinerary call Leckpatrick Parish Office on (028) 71882274 on Wednesdays or Thursdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm