



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Resurrection of the Lord [Year C] (17th April, 2022)
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Thought for Easter: "The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice."
Henry Knox Sherrill

Saturday 16th April	St. Patrick's	12.30pm to 1.00pm Confession 8.30pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 17th April	Our Lady of Wayside Resurrection of Lord [Yr. C]	9.00am Mass of Easter Sunday 12.00pm Mass of Easter Sunday

There will be NO MASS from Monday 18th to Thursday 21st April
There will be NO ADORATION Wednesday 20th April

Friday 22nd April	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass: Mary McCullagh (4 th Anniversary)
Saturday 23rd April	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Divine Mercy Sunday Vigil
Sunday 24th April	Our Lady of Wayside Second Sunday of Easter [Yr. C]	11.30am Mass: Rose Hollywood (10 th Anniversary)

Weekly Collection: £1,485 *Thank you for your continuous generosity*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **John Anthony McCullagh (16th), Barney McCullagh (22nd), Mary McCullagh (4th)** and **Rosaleen Clarke (31st)** whose anniversaries occur now. We also pray for all our faithful departed who we remember at Easter time

Trócaire Lenten Appeal: As Lent has now ended we asked you to return your contributions. It would be preferable for you to return in the envelope, but all donations are accepted (including in the Trócaire Boxes). *Please return your Sunday envelopes to the baskets at the front and back of the church during Mass time*

Greencastle Community Association – Greencastle 5k / 10k: Wednesday 20th April at Greencastle Community Centre. 10k starts at 6.30pm, 5k starts at 6.45pm. £10 entry (free to Couch to 5k / 10k participants). *All proceeds go to Community Centre overheads*

Suggested intercession for Easter Sunday during the Year of Prayer for Vocations: That those called to serve the Lord as priests or religious will spread with joy the Good News that Easter proclaims victory over prejudice, deceit, hatred, violence, and death itself; and know that all of us Christians are called to overcome hatred, war and violence with love, falsehood with truth, evil with sheer goodness. *We pray to the Lord* The Diocesan Vocations Council have invited the seminarians of the diocese to gather with those discerning a vocation to the priesthood for a celebration of Evening Prayer Friday 22nd April at 6.45pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. *All are welcome to attend or join the celebration via steugenescathedral.com*

Parish Bulletin: During much of the last two years while the churches were in various stages of lockdown our Parish Bulletin has been available in printed form at the Centra Store in Greencastle, the Post Office in Broughderg and the Church Porches from late Friday afternoon, this weekend will mark the end of that arrangement. I wish to sincerely thank all those who accommodated us in this way. Now, with all areas of the parish are able to go mass each weekend once more it is time to return to picking up the bulletin at mass. The online edition of the bulletin will continue to be available on the Parish website (greencastleparish.com) and the Greencastle Parish Facebook Page from 5.30pm every Friday. Any notices or anniversaries for inclusion should be emailed to greencastlepp@yahoo.com by Wednesday at 7.30pm at the latest.

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

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43 • Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v 24 • Colossians 3:1-4/1
 Corinthians 5:6-8 • John 20:1-9 • Lectionary 1:417 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Extract from the Irish Bishops Statement on Call to Return to Mass and the Lifting of Restrictions
 We pray in the Mass that it is 'indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation' to give thanks to the Lord and the Sunday Eucharist is our greatest act of thanksgiving. During the Season of Lent, we encourage everyone to return to Sunday and weekday Mass in our churches, welcoming each other back as we gather once more together. From Easter Sunday 17th April this will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they are better. In the coming days and weeks parishes will continue to gradually lift the restrictions and mitigations which were introduced during the pandemic. We should however remain sensitive and respectful (by way of responsible social distancing and optional wearing of masks) towards those who may still feel vulnerable or anxious.

St. Patrick's Church – Cleaners Urgently Needed: Please consider volunteering for one month in the year. You are not expected to provide flowers and any help you can give will be very much appreciated, thank you.
If you think you can help call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or via WhatsApp on 07768 395 038

Fr. Shields Camogie Club, Greencastle: An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to try camogie for the first time or return to the game they love. We welcome anyone who would like to try at the following training sessions:
 Mondays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm (seniors) Wednesdays, (post-primary, 7.00pm to 8.00pm (U14s and U16s)
 Thursdays, 6.30pm to 7.10pm (U6s and U7s) *Support will be given to those who have never played before*
 We can assist with online registration, sticks and helmets can be provided during training sessions and matches
 Add our club page and message us or come on the nights at the above times
 @frshields.greencastle or call Kira on +44 7833 4188 50

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

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service – Seeking Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators:
 Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, they have 54 centres in dioceses across the island. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.
 Call Deirdre on 07980 898 399 or email info@accordni.com. Closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27th May.
Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on accordni.com

Happy Easter to all: As our Lent, Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies conclude this weekend I wish to thank all involved in our ceremonies, Maria for organising readers, our sacristans, readers, singers and instrumentalists and of course our parishioners for attending our ceremonies.
We look forward to the time ahead and further returning to normality. Happy Easter to all in Greencastle Parish

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics
 17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.
 8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000
 6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people
 3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people
 The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics
 7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?
 In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.
 The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.
 Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s
 The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

Pope Francis' Intention for April (please remember this in your personal prayers)
For Health Care Workers: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration
 It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.
 "...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration
12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage
2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people
4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth
6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

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 / 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

Epilepsy Action NI: Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?
 Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

Parish Liturgy for April	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.30am)
Readers	Orla Scullion / Roisin Scullion	Isabella McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Faithful	Cailin Joe McDonald	Ciatari Warnock
Altar Society	Maria Bradley and JP2 Students <i>Volunteers needed urgently</i>	Carmel McCrory

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer for Synod on Synodality (2021 – 2023)
 We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
 Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen*

Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.
 You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:
Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)
Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)
'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)
Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

Annual Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: Friday 24th to Sunday 26th June. Bishop McKeown will lead the pilgrimage and invites you to join him. Booking is essential, call Diocesan Catechetical Centre at +44 28 7126 4087 or email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org. £80 which includes return transport from St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry.

Accord Counselling Services: Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

Mid Ulster Agewell: Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.
For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org

National Vocations Office: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a diocesan priest? If you are considering such a vocation, contact your local priest or the Diocesan Vocations Director Fr. Pat O'Hagan, PP Moville at pgoh2111@gmail.com or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer of 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.

What is Spiritual Communion? It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster? Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.
To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit barnardos.org.uk/foster

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

Northern Ireland Adoption and Foster Care:
With an increase in children and young people needing foster homes across Northern Ireland, we need you now. Every child deserves to have a happy, loving and safe home where they'll feel cared for, valued and supported.
It's always the right time for fostering.
Call us on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net
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The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, addresses these questions and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. *More info, enrolment visit drumalis.co.uk/pathways*

2020	PARISH STATISTICS	2021
(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	10 Boys • 7 Girls [17]
(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls	First Communion	7 Boys • 9 Girls [16]
(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	10 Boys • 6 Girls [16]
0 within parish • 1 outside parish	Weddings	5 within parish • 2 outside parish [7]
8	Deaths and Burials	12

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Prayer for the End of the Virus: Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

- Vigil Mass**
1. You might identify with the women through the events of that morning. They came search and found an empty tomb. Then they were told they were looking in the wrong place: 'why look for the living among the dead'. Finally they had to cope with the staggering good news that Jesus was alive when they thought he was dead. Let their story remind you of your journey when you found life again where you thought there was none – perhaps you may have felt like that during the recent long covid lockdown.
 2. The women were the first witnesses to the resurrection. Remember the women in your life who have brought you good news, and the women who have been witnesses to you bringing you to faith in yourself, in others, or in God.
 3. The women did not keep their discovery to themselves but hastened to share the good news with the apostles. Have there been times when your heart has been full of good news that you were eager to share with others.

- Easter Sunday morning Mass**
- In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news of the story lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.
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, before they have time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? Perhaps this happened for you as Covid spread? 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. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. 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 a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly 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 when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, 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?
 4. Where have you found life in such experiences?

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A Prayer for Now: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.
Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? 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) 9094 1690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	Thursday 31st March at 7.00pm First Confession (Greencastle)	Saturday 9th April at 11.00am Confirmation (Greencastle)
Saturday 14th May at 11.00am First Communion (Greencastle)	Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June Blessing of the Graves in Greencastle / Broughderg	