



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

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (17th July, 2016)

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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 20)
"Justice is a fundamental concept for civil society, which is meant to be governed by the rule of law. Justice is also understood as that which is rightly due to each individual"

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

Saturday 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 17th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession 11.00am Mass
Please note that there will be NO MASS between Monday 18th and Thursday 21st July		
Friday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Jane McNulty (Month's Mind)
Saturday 23rd July St. Bridget of Sweden (religious and Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 24th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession 11.00am Mass: Felix Slane (20 th Anniversary)

All anniversaries to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful should be given to the priest celebrating mass before Mass on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning

Weekly Parish Collection: Many thanks for your generosity which realised **£1,065** last weekend

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Jane McNulty** whose month's mind occurs Friday.

Baptism: Congratulations to the family of baby **Daire Patrick Tuohy** on the occasion of his receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 9th July in St. Patrick's Church.

We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to

Brian Devlin (Greencastle) and Roisin Rafferty (Termonmaguirc)

Monday 11th July in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church, Creggan

They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Wednesday 31st August to Wednesday 7th September.

Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 for details

Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 17th July. Bus leaves Gortin at 7.45am via Greencastle and Omagh.

Call (028) 8164 8357 to book

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg for Year of Mercy Tel: (028) 7126 4087 • Email: ddcc@derrydiocese.org
 You are invited to join Bishop McKeown for a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th August
 For a booking form or more information contact the Catechetical Centre on the above details
Cost: £60 (£70 with bus included) • Bus pick-ups can be arranged in Derry, Strabane and Omagh

Children in Crossfire 7 County Cycle Derry • Tyrone • Fermanagh • Cavan • Sligo • Leitrim • Donegal
 3 day Challenge • 200 miles • Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September
Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 • £60 deposit secures place

Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund: The Hood Family would like to thank all those who helped in any way and all who donated at the Coffee Morning last Saturday. **£1,560** was raised - this will be added to monies raised by those climbing Croagh Patrick on Sunday 31st July which will then be presented to the fund.

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 18: 20-32 • Psalm 137: 1-3, 6-8 R/ v 3 • Colossians 2: 12-14
 Luke 11: 1-13 • Lectionary I, page 884 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Any notices which do not make the print version of the bulletin can be found on the parish website

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 16 th July The family of Jake O'Connor	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 17 th July The family of Shea McAleer
Saturday 23 rd July The family of Rian Slane	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 24 th July The family of Kayleigh McCrory
Saturday 30 th July The family of Caolan Tracey	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 31 st July The family of Eoin McCullagh

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

Fundraising Match in Aid of Save Our Sperrins – Match of Champions: A historical match between the 2003 All-Ireland football champions Tyrone and our own 2007 All-Ireland Junior Club Champions Greencastle will take place on Saturday 16th July at 7.00pm at the Greencastle playing fields. *Tickets are £5 (U16s go free) and still on sale (you can also pay in on the gate)*

National Pope John Paul II Award Coordinator

The National Committee of the Pope John Paul II Award is seeking an enthusiastic and highly skilled candidate to coordinate the Pope John Paul II Award at a national level. The successful candidate will also help implement the Diocesan Plan for Parish Youth Ministry in the Derry Diocese. The suitable candidate will have:

- A relevant 3rd Level qualification in education, youth work or pastoral ministry
- Evidence of work on a paid / voluntary basis in the Catholic Church
- Evidence of leadership qualities • Be proficient in ICT

Application Form and Job Description may be obtained by emailing

ddcc@derrydiocese.org or by calling (028) 7126 4087 during normal office hours

Completed applications must be returned to Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, The Gate Lodge, 2 Francis Street, Derry, BT48 7DS no later than 4.00pm on Friday 5th August with interviews held on Thursday 18th August.

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

Rouskey Respiratory Support Group: Rouskey Community Centre considering setting up a Respiratory Support Group facilitated by Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke. Respiratory conditions include illnesses like COPD, asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. A respiratory condition is not always obvious to others, and is often referred to an 'invisible illness'. NICHSS's Respiratory Groups meet often to offer support to people living with respiratory conditions and their families and carers.

Computer Classes Essential Skills: Beginners level 1 and 2. Anyone interested in these free classes in September get in touch. Contact Bridie for more information on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706 (leave message on phone)

Dromanteens Boys Summer Camp: 24th July to 29th July and 31st July to 5th August. Residential camp with lots of indoor and outdoor activities including Gaelic football, soccer, basketball, pool, table tennis, racketball and much, much more. Ages 11 to 16. To book or for enquiries: **Tel:** (028) 3082 1224 • **Email:** dromantinecamp@sma.ie • **Facebook:** @dromantinesummercamp

Greencastle Summer Scheme: Monday 8th to Thursday 11th August, open to all children from P4 (current P3 leavers) to P7. If you missed Friday evening's registration night and are interested in your child attending please call Tish Myles on 07810 062 020 or email tishmyles91@gmail.com.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Auction: Saturday 3rd September Now accepting lots.

All donations are greatly accepted, to enter anything in this auction please use the contact details below

Broughderrg Post Office (028) 8675 1633 • **Committee Members** (028) 8675 1570 / (028) 8164 8180

Can be collected if required. Range includes household items, furnishing, kitchen essentials, antiques and collectibles

Campa Cill Dreasa – Irish Language Summer Camp: Monday 25th to Friday 29th July from 10.00am to 2.00pm in Tiny Tots Pre-School Kildress (£25 per child). The camp is for current P1 to P7 pupils. Children will have the opportunity to learn their native language through sports, arts and crafts, céili dancing and many more fun activities.

For further information or an application form call Campa Cill Dreasa on 07955 331 419

The Ten Commandments of Mercy (Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI)

9) Remember that mercy calls us to do works both spiritual and physical

Our Christian faith challenges us to perform mercy in a double way, corporeally and spiritually. The classic corporal works of mercy are: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. The classic spiritual works of mercy are: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the afflicted, admonish the sinner, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for the living and the dead. God has given us different gifts and all of us are better at some of these than at others, but mercy is manifest in all of them.

<p>Pope Francis' Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>Universal – Indigenous Peoples: That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.</p> <p>Evangelisation – Latin America and the Caribbean: That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.</p>
<p>Annual Fundraising Dance: Friday 19th August in Greencastle Community Centre. For Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan. <i>Music by the Cascades • Admission and refreshments are £5</i></p>
<p>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. <i>An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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. <i>For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org</i></p>
<p>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. <i>Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid</i> 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)</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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. <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
<p>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 2407</p>
<p>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</p>

Parish Liturgy for July, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Michael Beggs Colm Keenan	Brian Gillen Sean Clarke
Altar Society	Mary Conway and Mary Meenan		Anne McDermott Martina Daly

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 • 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*

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 & Decorating, Hospitality & Catering, Retail and much more.
Tel: (028) 8225 9377 • **Office:** Kelvin Avenue, Omagh • **Email:** joincraft@hotmail.co.uk

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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

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*

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

ACCORD – Fertility and Wellbeing Service: An educational service, offering instruction / counseling 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

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 • **Web:** kindercareni.co.uk

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd November
Mass for the Dead

Sunday 27th November
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 25th December
Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)

Year of Mercy – Local, National and International Pilgrimages as Arranged by the Diocese

Long Tower Thursday 11th September (begins 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass)
Knock Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th July (Cursillo Walk to Knock) • **Croagh Patrick** September (date TBC)
Krakow (World Youth Day) Thursday 21st to Sunday 31st July
Rome and Assisi Friday 2nd to Thursday 8th September

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 10: 38-42

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned through life experiences on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?
2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home, namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them speaking. What has been your experience of being a cherished guest and when have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?
3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us in life: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and to listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to give time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

Musings

Fr. Bernard Cotter (Bandon, Co Cork)

My sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself. *Luke 10:40b*

I find it easy to picture Martha in her kitchen. Every hob has a pot brewing on it, some boiling over. Every kettle is turned on. Steam fills the air, microwaves beep, smoke detectors detect trouble. Martha stands in the midst, sweat pouring out of everywhere: a living example of what happens when you take on everything and don't seek help.

It's hard not to feel sorry for Martha, though she may have drawn her misfortune on herself. As children, her sister Mary was probably taught not to stray into the kitchen, Martha's domain, lest she cause upset. Mary had her own unique role to play.

In truth, every kitchen, every house needs a Martha and a Mary. Within each of us, also, the practical and contemplative alike need to be developed, each essential.

Lord, when I am being holy and listening to you, help me not to forget how to be a Martha too. Teach me to multi-task in your vineyard, if not in your kitchen.

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

The Deep End – *The Host With the Most.*

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Which one are you? It's such a familiar story. Think of the last time you had friends or family over for a meal or a gathering. Were you more of a Mary or a Martha? Many of us fall more easily into one category than the other – the 'host with the most' who is always up to their eyes with the cooking and catering and table clearing; or the chatterer who is happy to leave the washing up until later?

At face value, I don't think Jesus is saying we shouldn't be hospitable and look after our guests, offering them food or drinks. Like many, I really feel for Martha in this story. She had welcomed Jesus into her home, was looking after him and busying herself with serving him, while her sister was too busy listening to Jesus to offer to help. It is no wonder that Martha complained. After all, someone had to do the practical work. Martha may have wanted to spend time with her guest too – but then, who would have served him?

The key is in Jesus's words. He does not criticise Martha for her efforts, but rather gently rebukes her for 'worrying and fretting about so many things'. She is so distracted and bogged down in her work that she has forgotten to spend time with Jesus. This is familiar territory for many of us. We are often distracted and busy. Do we make space to sit at the Lord's feet and listen? Can we take time each day, perhaps, for a Scripture reading?

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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

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		

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 21st July – *St. Lawrence of Brindisi (priest and doctor of the Church) [1559-1619]*

A Capuchin who preached the Counter-Reformation.

Thursday 22nd July – *St. Mary Magdalene* Mary stood by the cross with Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early on the same day, from which incident she has been described as apostle to the apostles. The Gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the woman who was a sinner who anointed Christ's feet (Luke 7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha (John 12:3).

Friday 23rd July – *St. Bridget of Sweden (religious and Patron of Europe)* Born in Sweden in 1303, Bridget brought up 8 children and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an aesthetical life. She later founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical appearances. She was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000.

Saturday 24th July – *St. Charbel Makhluf (priest)* Became a monk at the monastery of St. Maron at Annaya and was ordained in 1859. He became a hermit from 1875 until his death in 1898. His counsel was much sought after and he had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Declan (bishop) Considered to be one of the pre-Patrician saints. Colman, a local priest, baptised him. After travelling to Europe where he was ordained priest, and possibly bishop, he settled in Ardmore and evangelised the Decies country.

Sunday 25th July – *St. James (apostle)* James, son of Zebedee and brother of John, was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostela in Spain. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]