



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

**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (17<sup>th</sup> August, 2014)**  
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we make the most of it.

*You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass*

**Liturgy Schedule for the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (11<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 – 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2014)**

<b>Saturday Evening (16<sup>th</sup> August)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Requiem Mass for Kathleen Gillen
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. John Eudes (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b> St. Pius X (pope)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass: Nancy McCrory (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> St. Eugene (Patron of Derry) and St. Rose of Lima	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (23<sup>rd</sup> August)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
The Solemn Annual will begin after <b>11.00am</b> Mass and finish with concluding prayers at <b>4.30pm</b>		

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£980** and **£25** loose change.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for *Kathleen Gillen* whose requiem will take place on Monday. We offer our prayerful support and deepest sympathy to her sons, daughters and extended family who mourn for her at this time. We also pray for **Nancy McCrory** and **Annie McCullagh**, whose anniversaries occur now and for **Mary Keenan (Leicester)** and **Charlie Quinn (Broughderg)**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

**Trócaire:** A thank you is extended most sincerely for your generosity in supporting the organisation's work with people affected by conflict in the Middle East . Trócaire echoes the call of Pope Francis for your prayer for Christians and all other populations that are suffering at the present time, and for dialogue and reconciliation as the basis for peace. We remember especially people affected by conflict in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel.  
*David O'Hare (press officer)*

**CORE:** The community of Greencastle are officially invited to the opening of the Greencastle Community Outdoor Recreation Enterprise (CORE) on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am. There will be coaching for the kids, games, arts and entertainment as well as activities for parents / adults (wear comfortable shoes). *Come along and celebrate the opening of this great facility*

**Lough Derg – Family Day Retreat:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Prayer & Reflection time for Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles Scripture-based children's activities, lunch & Family Mass. A faith and fun-filled day out for all the family before school starts. 9.30am until 4.00pm. *For bookings and further information call Maureen on 07198 61518 or email info@loughderg.org*

**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

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 22: 19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20;  
(Lectionary I, page 692) *Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]*

**GAA Lotto Results:** G • I • L • U • V (4 with 3 letters winning £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,000

**Offertory Gifts:** During the summer months there will be no formal rota, instead families are invited to perform this role for us. As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership throughout the year. *Do not be shy about doing this on behalf of the whole community*

**Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** This will take place in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg next weekend. Please take time to stop by and pray at any time throughout the day. Pray in petition for your personal needs or in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received as well as for those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named townlands to take responsibility and ensure a presence at specific times.

*Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us*

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
<b>11.30am</b>	Formil West	<b>2.30pm</b>	Teebane / Carnanrancy
<b>12.00pm</b>	Broughderg / Evishession	<b>3.00pm</b>	Crockanboy / Sheskinshule
<b>12.30pm</b>	Formil East / Aughascribba	<b>3.30pm</b>	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
<b>1.00pm</b>	Muniamale / Alworries	<b>4.00pm</b>	Crouck / Coneyglen • Glenhull / Aughminacrory
<b>1.30pm</b>	Benefreaghan	<b>4.30pm</b>	Concluding Prayers and Benediction
<b>2.00pm</b>	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan		

### POPE SAYS MEMORISE THE BEATITUDES, ASSESS YOUR CARE FOR THE NEEDY

Cindy Wooden • Catholic News Service • Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August • The Francis Chronicles • Vatican City

Christians should memorise not only the Ten Commandments but also the beatitudes, which Jesus taught as the path to true happiness, Pope Francis said.

At his weekly general audience Wednesday, the pope said he was so serious about the need for Christians to know the text of the beatitudes from Matthew 5:3-12 -- "Blessed are the poor in spirit ..." -- that he would read each one out loud and have the crowd repeat it.

More than 6,000 people filled the Vatican audience hall and its atrium for the pope's first general audience after a month long break.

One repetition of the text of the beatitudes is not enough to "remember them and impress them on our hearts," the pope said, so he gave the crowd "homework," asking them to spend time in the coming days reading the text again, from the Bible "you always should have with you."

The beatitudes are not only "the path God indicates as his response to the desire for happiness present in each person and the perfection of the (Ten) Commandments," he said; they also are "a portrait of Jesus and his way of life."

In addition to showing people the path to true happiness, the pope said, Jesus gave "us the protocol according to which we will be judged."

"At the end of the world, we will be judged," he said. "And what will the questions be that the judge will ask?" They are listed in Matthew 25: 35-36: Did you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the prisoner?

"Today, your task is to read the fifth chapter of Matthew where the beatitudes are, and also to read the 25th chapter where the questions are that we will be asked on judgment day," he said.

No one, he said, is so important or has done so many other virtuous things that he or she can escape being asked the questions in Matthew 25. "The Lord will recognise us if we have recognised his face in the face of the hungry, the poor, the marginalised, the sick and the lonely. These are fundamental criteria for verifying our Christian life."

"I read the beatitudes and think about how my life as a Christian should be," the pope said, "and then, I make an examination of conscience with this 25<sup>th</sup> chapter from Matthew. Every day I ask, 'Did I do this? Did I do that? That?' "It is a simple thing to do, he said, and helps people look at the concrete actions in their lives.

Living according to the beatitudes and the criteria listed in Matthew 25, he said, should fill each Christian with joy because together "they make our Christian life a beautiful and credible witness to the love of God for all the brothers and sisters we meet each day."

**An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Event:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Dancing to Cascades.

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje:** Accompanied by Fr. Mark Monaghan. *For more info call Maria Bradley on (028) 8164 8357*

**Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**Universal:** That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.  
**For Evangelisation:** That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

Parish Liturgy for August, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	TBC	Rosemary McCullagh	TBC
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Lawrence McBride	Emmett Clarke Peter Tracey	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

**Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh:** Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.  
*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839*

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015**  
 St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com  
 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October • 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November • 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December • 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January  
 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March • 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April • 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May • 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June  
**Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date**

**Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation** *In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast*  
 The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone.  
 This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.  
**Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)  
**Email:** maura@drumalis.co.uk • **Web:** drumalis.co.uk

**Children in Crossfire – North-West 200 Mile Cycle Challenge:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.  
**Route:** Derry - Enniskillen - Donegal town - Derry **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org

**Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.  
*You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year*

**Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August in Greencastle Community Centre. Dancing to *Larry and Co.* Admission is £5.  
*Organised by Maria Bradley*

**exploreAway – Explore God's Call for You:** A programme which provides the opportunity for single people between the ages of 21 and 40 who are interested in exploring religious life and the priesthood in a reflective and prayerful environment. Join us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 or on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast, BT13 2RL to find out more about exploreAway. *An informative and relaxed afternoon with some pizza and chat!*  
 Booking is essential – Please call Sr. Gabrielle Farrell on (087) 358 4447 or Fr. Alan on (085) 766 4480  
 exploreAway.net vocationsireland.com

**A Farmer's Prayer**  
 Jesus, you are the Bread of Life,  
 Food for our journey,  
 You are the Vine and we are the branches,  
 Drawing our life from you.  
 As we seek to make out living from the land,  
 Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch the beauty of your creation,  
 Renew your love in our hearts.  
 And as we see your plan at work in each season,  
 Bring your peace to our home and to those we love.  
*Amen*

**Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014.  
 Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Charles Brown (Papal Nuncio). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.

**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*

**Safeguarding Information for parents of Altar Servers:** A Parents' Safeguarding Information Pack, which has been developed by the Derry Diocesan Safeguarding Office, is available for parents of altar servers. In each pack there is an Information Leaflet and Information Booklet for parents and two Leaflets for the children. If you are a parent of an altar server/s, and require a copy, please leave your request for an Information Pack in the sacristy; alternatively, or you can obtain it from the Safeguarding office, Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry (office hours Monday -Wednesday, 1.30pm to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.

**Rural Support:** Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

**Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time** *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*  
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done,  
 In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura.  
 Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.  
 Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.  
 Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.  
 We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.  
**Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.**

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September • Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October		
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November		St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

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

Today's First Reading has God's 'still small voice' tip-toe up to Elijah ears without fanfare.

The famous American Trappist monk and spiritual writer, Thomas Merton (1915-68) once wrote that 'the inspirations of the Holy Spirit are quiet, for God speaks in the silent depths of the spirit. It does not arouse excitement, but allays it, because excitement belongs to uncertainty.' In another place he cautioned 'If we strive to be happy by filling all the silences of life with sound, productive by turning all life's leisure into work, and real by turning all our being into doing, we will only succeed in producing a hell on earth.'

**The Deep End – It's a Test:** Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

If it is a test, the Canaanite woman passes with flying colours! Her faith is impressive. When Jesus ignores her initial appeal, she tries again. And when he knocks her back, she replies with a witty retort: 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.'

I always find this exchange amusing. At first reading, it seems that the woman has got one up on Jesus. He attempted to fob her off, and her quick wit has caught him out. We can imagine him chuckling as he concedes 'Woman, you have great faith'.

But the exchange also makes me wonder: what was Jesus really up to? By the end of the conversation, he is clearly impressed with the woman's faith, her wit and her wisdom. But why the test? Why does he try to fob her off, and why the dog reference?

In the Gospels, Jesus often tests his followers. He certainly tests Peter and the other disciples. He challenges them to think, and to come up with the right answers. Perhaps he is testing not only the woman's faith but also his disciples'. In using the analogy of a 'house-dog', he may well be giving voice to the thoughts of his disciples. They would have little time for this Canaanite woman, a Gentile. They certainly would not have expected her to demonstrate such faith.

Perhaps it was an exchange that would come back to them at a later date as they expanded their mission to the Gentiles. Paul would later talk of God's mercy 'to all mankind' (see today's Second Reading). A far cry from 'house-dogs'!

**Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society:** Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland.

A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.

**Adoption:** Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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## This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August – St. John Eudes (priest) [1601-1680]** From Normandy France, he spent a fruitful twenty years with the French Oratory then left to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August – St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church) [1090-1153]** Became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a strong grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. He is patron of Gibraltar and bee-keepers.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August – St. Pius X (pope)** Cardinal Patriarch of Venice and then Pope from 1903, he encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** During the Middle Ages Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed it for the universal Church at the close of the Marian year, 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of queenship with the Assumption.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – St. Eugene** St. Eugene lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and was said to have been taken By pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha), Co. Tyrone. He is patron of the diocese of Derry.

**St. Rose of Lima [1586-1617]** Dominican tertiary and recluse, helped the poor and marginalised. Seen as originator of social service in Peru. South America.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August – St. Bartholomew (Apostle)** Bartholomew's name occurs in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles. He is probably to be identified with the Nathaniel of Cana, whom Philip brings to our Lord. Preached the Gospel in India. Patron saint of plasterers, tanners and leather workers. [Not celebrated this year]

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 15:21-28:** John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. Having met with rejection from the Pharisees, Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters faith in an unexpected place, in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?
2. The Canaanite woman was not concerned for herself but for her daughter. Recall people you have known who have been committed to a noble cause.
3. The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?
4. Who are the 'Canaanite women' who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?