

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (17th October, 2021)
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Thought for the Week: As the Irish scholar John Scotus Eriugena (c. 810–877) states “Every visible and invisible creature can be called a theophany, that is, an appearance of the divine”. Celts, both ancient and Christian, experienced an outright mystical connection with nature. This sense of spiritual kinship is reflected in their profound respect for the earth and the natural rhythms of body and soul, precisely because they did not see themselves as “lords” over creation, but spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually connected with it...”

Saturday 16th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
St. Gall, St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary			
Sunday 17th October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Mass: Rosie Hollywood (3 rd Anniversary)
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]			

There will be NO MASS from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd October
Adoration will continue Wednesday 20th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Saturday 23rd October	Our Lady of Wayside	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
St. John of Capistrano (priest)			
Sunday 24th October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Mass: Mary McBride (7 th Anniversary)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]			

Baptism Dates for November and December in Greencastle:

Saturday 6th November at 3.00pm Sunday 14th November at 12.30pm
 Saturday 4th December at 3.00pm Sunday 12th December at 12.30pm

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Rose Hollywood (3rd)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and for all who died due to Covid-19.

Weekly Collection: £800 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

Masses for All Saints and All Souls Days:

The masses for these two important days of the church Calendar will be spread out across the four churches of the two parishes. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday 1st November (Solemnity of All Saints) **10.00am** Gortin **7.30pm** Broughderg
Tuesday 2nd November (Feast of All Souls) **9.30am** Greencastle **7.30pm** Rouskey

Venue, date and time for mass of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed since last November in each parish will be announced in next week's bulletin

Our Faith – Developing What We Were Taught in School:

- Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice?
- Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith?
- Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist?
- Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life?

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*

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.

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9 • Psalm 125, R/ v 3 • Hebrews 5: 1-6
 Mark 10:46-52 • Lectionary 1:817 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Townland Mass Rota

Saturday 16th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Sunday 17th October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
Saturday 23rd October	Our Lady of Wayside	6.00pm	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
Sunday 24th October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacroy, Alworries
Saturday 30th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
Sunday 31st October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South

COP26 – Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition: Sign before 28th October by visiting thecatholicpetition.org
 Advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable, whose lives are devastated by the climate emergency.
 Join with Pope Francis in appealing for urgent action on climate change.

The Bible and The Virgin Mary: Would you like to discover more about the Blessed Virgin Mary? Fr. Kevin McElhennon is presenting a 12-week reflection and study on the role of Mary in our faith, the role she plays in our lives today, and on understanding the Church teachings on our Blessed Mother, and how they are connected to Scripture. Choice of evenings or mornings, from Wednesday 20th (evening) and Thursday 21st October (morning).
 Venue: Killyclogher Parish Hall. Full details at derrydiocese.org/news/the-bible-and-the-virgin-mary
 Register your participation by emailing info@cappaghparish.com or calling (028) 8224 3375

Charity Walk at An Creagán: Saturday 16th October, 10.00am to 1.00pm.
In aid of Samaritans, Omagh and The Tara Centre, Omagh • Please support

Western Health and Social Care Trust Adoption Team – Adoption and Foster Care Information Session:
 Monday 25th October at 3.30pm via Zoom. If you wish to participate, please email your request with your name and telephone number to anita.birney@westerntrust.hscni.net and confirm the email address linked to your Zoom account.

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Music Classes via Zoom: *For more info call Bridget on 07710 990 616*
 Classes will be on Whistle, Button Accordion, Fiddle and Banjo and all will run on Monday nights (except for the Banjo class which will run on a Thursday night)
 Classes are not face-to-face at this stage so are not suitable for complete beginners, we welcome musicians with a basic knowledge of their chosen instrument and those who are learning classical music on the violin / fiddle

Derry Diocesan Trust – Faith Formation Coordinator in Banagher and Claudy Parishes:
3-year Fixed Term Contract with possibility of extension

For application packs: **Address:** Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP
Telephone: (028 7126 2302 **Email:** payroll@derrydiocese.org
 Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to payroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 5.00pm on 22nd October.
Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and members of all communities

An Afternoon of Exploration – Understanding your Vocation:

St. Eugene's Cathedral is offering an afternoon of discussion and reflection on discerning vocation in our lives Sunday 17th October at 3.00pm. Whether it's your vocation to Diocesan Priesthood, Marriage, Single Life, Consecrated Life or Religious Life we will discuss ways in which we can learn to discern and recognise the voice of God calling us to be prophets of the Gospel. The venue is the Cathedral Hall, Windsor Terrace.
For further information call St. Eugene's Cathedral on (028) 7126 2894 or email: steugenes@btconnect.co.uk

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

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*

Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Evangelisation – Missionary Disciples: We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Dún Uladh – Online Traditional Music Classes: Lessons available in tin whistle, flute, concertina, fiddle, banjo, harp and button accordion with instruments also available to hire. From 28th September (flute and whistle 21st September).
To more info call the centre on 028 8224 2777 or e-mail info@dunuladh.ie

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

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

Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):
Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies
Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)

Thornhill Ministries – Beyond the Bruising: Saturday 9th October at 11.00am. An oasis hour for those seeking serenity as they live with fractured relationships. Available on zoom.
thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

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

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

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@jecon.ie

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

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by
Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt
Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action
Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk
To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

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.

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham
Masters in Catholic School Leadership: 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 currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Applications for the Autumn intake close Monday 30th September.
For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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%

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).

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*

Certificate in Christian Thought: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more. *Full details are available at derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 17th October – St. Ignatius of Antioch (bishop and martyr) Died a martyr in Rome c.107. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

Monday 18th October – St. Luke the Evangelist One of the Four Evangelists—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical Gospels. The early church fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel according to Luke and the book of Acts of the Apostles, which would mean Luke contributed over a quarter of the text of the New Testament, more than any other author.

Saturday 23rd October – St. John of Capistrano (priest) [1386-1456] Studied civil and canon law and joined The Franciscan Order. In a battle at Belgrade he contracted fever and died there. Patron Saint of jurists and military chaplains.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:

John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life of giving oneself for others. In spite of that James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life, and others benefit, when you act in this spirit of service?
2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish, or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.
3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others.

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*

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.

If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

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

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	Baptisms	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	First Communion	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	Weddings	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	Deaths and Burials	8

Catholic Marriage Encounter – *Marriage Enrichment Weekend*: An online experience using Zoom
 Starting Friday 5th November at 8.00pm and ending Sunday 7th November at 2.30pm
 Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance
Visit marriageencounter.ie for full details