



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

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

World Day of Migrants and Refugees [Year B] (18th January, 2015)

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World Day for Migrants & Refugees: Prayer for Emigrants

Lord Jesus,

Who in the very first days of your earthly life were compelled together with your Mother Mary and your Father Joseph to flee your native land and seek refuge in Egypt, knowing the discomfort of emigrants. Look kindly upon our brothers and sisters who are far from their native soil, from friends and family and are struggling to come to terms with new life in a foreign land.

Guide them on their journey, stay close to them in their loneliness and comfort the family and friends they have left behind. We pray Lord that we may be able to embrace them once more, at home or abroad, and for those that pass from this life, we pray that we may meet once more in your heavenly kingdom. *Amen*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Sunday 18th January (today) and continues through to Sunday 25th January with the theme for 2014 being *The Well is Deep*" (John 4:7). Use the Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide to join Christians around the world praying *That all may be one... that the world may believe* (John 17:21).

Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (19 th January – 25 th January)		
Saturday Evening (17th January) Do This in Memory (week 5)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
Sunday 18th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 19th January Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 20th January Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 21st January St. Agnes (virgin and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 22nd January St. Vincent (deacon and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 23rd January Second Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday Morning (24th January) St. Francis de Sales (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (24th January)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Peter Clarke
Sunday 25th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection of **£977** and **£22.50** in loose change.

Baptisms: As a parish community we welcome **Joseph Loughran** who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised and his parents and sponsors prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Eileen Carson** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Thornhill Ministries' Team – Supporting Parish Liturgy Series 1: 6th and 23rd February and 2nd, 9th 16th and 23rd March in the Fir Trees Hotel, Melmount Road, Strabane. A six week workshop programme for members of liturgy teams, pastoral councils, and those who have an interest in supporting the liturgical life of the parish. Cost £40. Facilitators are Sr. Perpetua McNulty and Sr. Marie Wiley. *To book call (028) 713 51233 or email thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org • Series II will follow in the Autumn*

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 1st to 6th July. Gift vouchers are available from the Thornhill Centre (028) 7135 1233 and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre (028) 7136 2475. *Vouchers can be used as part or full payment towards the pilgrimage*

Do This In Memory: Our next Sunday gathering will be at the Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (14th February).

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre: **Every Friday Night at 8.30pm** Card playing

Tuesday 20th January at 8.00pm Broughderg Area Development Association's AGM *Important topic, opinion welcome*

Next Sunday's Readings: Jonah 3:1-5 • 10 Psalm 24:4-9, r/v 4 • 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • Mark 1:14-20 • (Lectionary I, page 743)
Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]

GAA Lotto Results: A • O • P • Q • T (4 with 3 letters winning £15 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,050

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 17th January</u> (DTIM Week 5) The family of Trea Clarke	Second Sunday after Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 18th January</u> The family of Tyler Gumley
<u>Wednesday 24th January</u> The family of Ryan Coney	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Thursday 25th January</u> The family of Joseph Hagan

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – *The Well Is Deep* (John 4:7)

Traditionally the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from 18th to 25th January (the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul). However, some groups observe it at other times of the year, for example around Pentecost which is also a symbolic date for the unity of the Church. How do we use the resources? The printed pamphlet contains the Bible readings, reflections and prayers for the eight days for use at home, in church or in a group. *These and more are available at ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer*

What is the reason for this year's theme?

This year's theme comes to us from the churches of Brazil. Brazilians, who have traditionally been tolerant of their various social classes and ethnic groups, are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable. The logic that undergirds this kind of behaviour is competition for the religious market. Increasingly, in Brazil, some Christian groups compete with one another for a place on the mass media, for new members and for public funds. The Brazilian churches have begun to recognise that intolerance should be dealt with in a positive way - respecting diversity and promoting dialogue as a permanent path of reconciliation and peace in fidelity to the gospel. We can share this recognition. Although the competition between churches is less obvious in our islands, we are well aware that competition and violent discrimination lie beneath the surface of our lives together. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge that diversity is part of God's design, to approach one another in trust and to see the face of God in the face of all men and women.

Further details can be found at ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

What are the aims of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

- To pray as Christ prayed "That they may be one".
- To pray for the unity of all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry.

The Week of Prayer offers opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations in your locality. Often new local initiatives emerge out of such meeting and praying together.

Is there all-age material for the Week of Prayer?

They will be available from ROOTS for Churches, the worship and learning resource (rootsontheweb.com)

You may also check the Vatican website at w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/it.html

Exploring Meaning With Thomas Merton And Viktor Frankl: Saturday 31st January from 11.00am to 5.00pm in Bethlehem Abbey, Ballymena Rd., Portlengone, Co. Antrim (Cost: €55 / £50). To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Thomas Merton, The Viktor Frankl Institute of Ireland and Thomas Merton Fellowship invite you to this One-Day Workshop.

Facilitators: Dr Stephen J. Costello, Director, Viktor Frankl Institute of Ireland • Rev. Dr. Scott Peddie, Thomas Merton Fellowship for Peace & Contemplative Living in Ireland

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) A Trappist monk, poet, social activist and author of the spiritual classic *The Seven Storey Mountain*.

Viktor Frankl (1905-1997) A neurologist, psychiatrist, philosopher, founder of logotherapy and existential analysis, concentration camp survivor and author of *Man's Search for Meaning*.

Thomas Merton was much influenced by Viktor Frankl's writings on meaning and often cited the latter's *Man's Search for Meaning*. This day will explore our spiritual search for meaning within a logotherapeutic perspective, relating it practically to our personal quest for purpose and values, through lectures, meditations, and reflective and experiential exercises.

MARA Project (Maximising Access to Services, Grants and Benefits in Rural Areas): Could you benefit from a FREE home visit to see if you are eligible for a referral to: Rural Community Transport (EasiLink), Translink Bus Pass, Cavity / Loft Insulation, Boiler Replacement Grant, Home Safety Check, Benefits Entitlement Check or Support Services?

Please call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to receive a confidential home visit at a time that suits you

The MARA Project is managed from Omagh Forum, Omagh Community House, 2 Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT78 1DP

Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore – Open Day / Night: For Year 7 Pupils on Monday 19th January. Open Night for parents and pupils beginning with the Principal's address in the assembly hall at 7.30pm.

Holy Trinity College, Cookstown – Open Night: For P7 pupils and parents on Thursday 22nd January. Principal's talk at 7.00pm.

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. *Please familiarise yourself with the policy by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church*

Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them - every day begin the task anew.

St. Francis de Sales

Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Peace: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.
Evangelisation – Consecrated Life: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

Pope John Paul II Award: Tuesday 10th February in the Millennium Forum, Derry. This is the 8th year of the award in the Derry Diocese and it will be launched in several other diocese this year.
Fr. Hasson would like Year 13 students undertaking the award program to offer their gifts for service in our parish

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs:
Saturday 14th March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

Couples Preparing to Celebrate Marriage in Northern Ireland: You are asked to note that the period of notice for marriage, which is required by civil law, is increasing from a minimum of 14 days to a minimum of 28 days, with effect from 2nd March. Couples must give at least 28 days notice of marriage to the civil Registrar local to the place where marriage is to be celebrated.

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***Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:** 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (**this will take place in Greencastle on Wednesday 15th February**). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. **Living:** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

Irish Language Class for Beginners: Every Thursday in Greencastle GAA Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Teenagers and adults are welcome.
Call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses
St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
6th and 7th February • 6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April
8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Tuesday 20th January – St. Fabian (pope and martyr) Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius in 250.
St. Sebastian (martyr) May have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.
Wednesday 21st January – St. Agnes (virgin and martyr) Wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early 4th century. Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.
Thursday 22nd January – St. Vincent (deacon and martyr) Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture.
Saturday 24th January – St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1567-1622] Bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron Saint of writers, editors and journalists.
Saturday 25th January – The Conversion of St. Paul (Apostle) St. Paul preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his own life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples.

Parish Liturgy for January, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Sionhan McKenna	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of the Faithful	-- TBC --	-- TBC --	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Raymond Bradley	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Anne Tuohey, Alice Keenan and Anne Donnelly		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

Warm Homes – Are you entitled to Free Insulation and Heating?
Call 0800 988 0559 or visit warm-homes.com.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 1:35-42: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*
1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them, e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.
2. Accepting an invitation to 'Come and see' may be part of exploring a new path in life. When has this been so for you? Who issued you the invitation? What benefits came to you from accepting the invitation?
3. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?
4. Jesus looked at Peter and could see what he would become. Who have been the people who have been able to name for you your potential? For whom have you been able to do this?

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
'It is absolutely clear that ecumenism, the movement promoting Christian unity, is not just some sort of "appendix", which is added to the Church's traditional activity. Rather, ecumenism is an organic part of her life and work, and consequently must pervade all that she is and does; it must be like the fruit borne by a healthy and flourishing tree which grows to its full stature.'
Ut Unum Sint, On Commitment to Ecumenism (Thursday 25th May, 1995)

The Deep End – Come and See: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*
Today marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and this year's theme for the week is 'Jesus said to her: "Give me to drink",' from the story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well.
The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman invites us to try water from a different well and to also offer some of our own. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an opportunity for encounter and dialogue with others, and a time to ask God for the gift of unity.
Today is also the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Speaking last summer when he met with migrants and asylum seekers on the Mediterranean island of Lampedusa, Pope Francis urged 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings.
There is a Brazilian proverb used when a visitor is leaving one's home: 'Whoever drinks of this water keeps coming back'. Today's readings see Jesus invite the disciples to 'come and see' where he lived. He welcomed them into his home and they stayed with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation to all, and to spend time with others in conversation and friendship.

2014 Parish Statistics				
Baptisms 8 Boys 8 Girls	Confirmations 4 Boys 7 Girls	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation 7 Boys 8 Girls	Marriages 5 within parish 5 outside parish	Funerals 22
Station Masses in October 5	Parish Pilgrimage Sunday: This was marked with our pilgrimage to the Mass Rock at Dorville on Sunday 3 rd August where our special guest and main celebrant was our new bishop, Bishop Donal McKeown on his first visit to the parish. We have now completed our series of pilgrimages to the Penal Mass sites located within our parish boundaries. <i>Thank you for sharing your photographs</i>			

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015

Sacramental Celebrations	Friday 13 th March	St. Patrick's	6.30pm	First Confession
	Sunday 26 th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	St. Patrick's	2.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	Sunday 17 th May Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am	First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 3 rd May	St. Patrick's	
		Sunday 30 th August	Our Lady of the Wayside	
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Wednesday 11 th February • Monday 6 th April • Friday 29 th May Sunday 19 th July • Tuesday 8 th September • Thursday 29 th October			St. Patrick's
	Sunday 19 th July			Our Lady of the Wayside
	Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates			
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4 th and 5 th July)	Saturday Evening (4 th July)	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm	Vigil Mass
	Sunday Morning (5 th July)	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am	Mass
	Monday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion				
Saturday 17 th January	Third Week in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	
Saturday 7 th March	Second Week of Lent	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	
Friday 13 th March	Third Week of Lent	6.30pm	First Confessions (Reconciliation)	
Saturday 28 th March	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	
Saturday 18 th April	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 17 th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am	First Holy Communion	
Saturday 6 th June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	