

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year A] (18th May, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Easter [Year A] (19th May, 2014 – 25th May, 2014)

Saturday Evening (17th May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 18th May Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass
Monday 19th May Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 20th May Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 21st May Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Thursday 22nd May Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Friday 23rd May Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	7.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary 8.00pm Mass
Saturday 24th May Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (24th May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass: John J. Donnelly (Anniversary)
Sunday 25th May Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass

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Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£880**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Francis (Myles) McCullagh**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Mass Times: First Holy Communion for Year 4 will take place at 11.00am Mass in St. Patrick's on Sunday 1st June (Feast of the Ascension) – 9.00am Mass on that morning will be at Our Lady of the Wayside.

Fan the Flame Open-Air Mass: For all the children in the diocese who have received the sacrament of Confirmation this year. Thursday 5th June in Celtic Park, Lone Moor Road, Derry BT48 9LB from 11.20am to 1.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for all the children in the diocese sealed in the Holy Spirit to come together in the celebration of the Eucharist. *It will also mark in a special way the ending of their primary school years*

Greencastle Retirement Club – Annual Fundraising Dance: Friday 23rd May in Greencastle Community Centre, 10.00pm to 12.30am. Music by Larry & Co. *Admission is £5 including supper*

Fostering Fortnight: If you are interested in fostering children, or know of someone else who is interested, please note that there will be a Fostering Information evening at the Silver Birches Hotel, Omagh on Tuesday 20th May at 8.00pm.

An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Annual Guest Tea: Friday 6th June at 8.30pm. Dancing afterwards to Bleed'n Cowboys. *Tickets available from centre and committee members*

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.
St. Thomas Aquinas

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65: 1-7, 16, 20, r/v 1; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 17: 1-11; (Lectionary I, page 534) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Lotto Results: A • G • J • R • W (8 with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,350

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 17 th May The family of Cara-Rose Brogan	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 18 th May The family of Caitlin Warnock
Saturday 24 th May The family of Nicole Cahill	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 25 th May The family of Caitlin Warnock
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. What can you volunteer? Thanks to all who participate		

Following the success of last year's conference the Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference is holding its second Annual Conference **Marriage and Family at the Heart of the Parish** on Saturday 14th June next at the Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin. The Conference will explore how parishes can support families in their calling to live, pass on and share their faith, given the pastoral challenges that affect families today. The day will involve an opening address by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, input from Dr. Tony Fahey of UCD and from Ms Colette Furlong (Sligo Parishes Cluster Catechist) and drama presentations followed by reflection and discussion.

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 Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co Kildare (087) 6220 349 and bookings can be made to cmconference@iecon.ie*

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.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 4th May to Sunday 12th October.
Check out knock-shrine.ie and consider a trip for your family this summer

Bus Travelling to Knock Shrine: Sunday 1st June. *Book with Pat McSwiggan (028) 8164 7099*

Annual Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalité Collection: This fund is very dependent on the money raised from this one collection to support people from throughout the diocese who are sick and in need of medical care and who wish to travel on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1st to 6th July): £599. The new Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown, is delighted to be able to lead the Pilgrimage this year. *As many pilgrims as possible is appreciated*

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage 2014: Monday 26th June to Saturday 3rd July. We will embark on a 100km journey to Santiago de Compostela.
For more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

Living With Cancer Day Retreat, Lough Derg: Thursday 22nd May. A day dedicated to anyone who is living with and beyond cancer, including those who minister and provide support. This is a guided day with two guest speakers, Kathleen Gleenon and Brenda Drumm and offers time for peaceful reflection and prayer on the island. Advance booking is essential. *For more details contact Maureen or Sharon on 0719 861 518 or info@loughderg.org*

Enrich Your Faith with a Day of Prayer at Knock Shrine Basilica – Called to be a Light to the Nations: Saturday 31st May (Feast of the Visitation) from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The day will include talks (including Consecration – *The Way Forward and Ireland – Where to Now?*), stations, Rosary and Holy Mass.
For more info and Buses call (086) 1678 027 or visit foyerofcharity.ie

Foyle Hospice Female Walk/Run: Sunday 8th June at 1.30pm. Starting at the Templemore Sports Complex and finishing at Ebrington Square.
 Register now at Foyle Hospice 61 Culmore Road 028 71359888 or Foyle Hospice Shop, Waterloo Place. Together We Care

Pope Francis' Intentions for May (please remember these in your personal prayer)			
Universal: That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.			
For Evangelisation: That Mary, Star of Evangelisation may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.			
Parish Liturgy for May, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Nuala Glass	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Seoirse / Kevin Conway	Peter Fox	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Eugene Tracey Brendan Conway	Sean Clarke Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Kathleen Tracey and Maria Morris		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make yourself known Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community			

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*

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
The Second Reading today reminds us that we are living stones being built into a spiritual house for God; each one necessary; each one important. We cannot build the house solely ourselves. Neither can we simply absent ourselves from the construction without affecting the whole. And yet many individuals who leave the Church today later remark how nobody ever came after them to ask them 'why?' Our collective weaknesses should not deter us from belonging. W.B. Yeats once wrote that 'Bees build in the crevices of loosening masonry.' Here, too, in our very brokenness, there is life.

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, 1.30 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

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The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)	The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)	The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls us to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist

Following our recent parish finance committee meeting we publish today our annual summary financial statement
Greencastle Parish Summary of Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December, 2013

	INCOME	2013	2012	SPECIFIC EXPENSES	2013	2012
Routine income (envelopes etc.)		50,461	52,207	Light and Heat	6,066	7,342
Investment Income		105	3,101	Maintenance	10,632	12,174
Exceptional Items (Ins. Claim, Special Donations)		906	7,649	Normal Requisites	2,420	4,012
		<u>51,472</u>	<u>62,957</u>	Insurances	3,689	3,689
				Rates	1,077	827
	EXPENDITURE					
Property Expenses (Rates, Insurance, Maintenance etc.)		23,884	28,044		23,884	28,044
Administration Expenses (Salaries etc.)		25,434	23,196	Telephone etc.	1,791	1,299
		<u>49,318</u>	<u>51,240</u>	Accountancy	1,920	1,008
NET PARISH INCOME		<u>2,154</u>	<u>11,717</u>	Bank Charges	322	423
				Bank Interest	664	---
					4,679	2,730
				Pass Through	5	(30)
					4,702	2,760
				Diocesan Assessment	6,787	7,196
					<u>11,489</u>	<u>9,897</u>

Prepared by Patrick Friel (Accountant) - High Street, Omagh, Co. Tyrone

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.

Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3rd August): For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith. *Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it*
Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1st June to 13th August): Check out the Lough Derg website for details.

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 14:1-12: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?
4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.' Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

The Deep End – The Way: *Francis Cousins (Editor – Columba Centre, Maynooth)*

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus say 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'. By calling himself the Way, Jesus is stating that the way to the Father was through him. It is also interesting that the early Church community described themselves as followers of the Way (see, for example, Acts 9:2).

The First Reading today, which is taken from the first section of the Acts of the Apostles outlines one of the more fundamental concerns which faced the early followers of the Way – some of the widows from the Greek-speaking part of the community were not being fed. The disciples did not want to neglect the work of God, but they also saw the importance of acts of charity, and seven men 'full of the faith and the Holy Spirit' were appointed to look after the welfare of the more vulnerable members of the community.

These seven, the first deacons, not only served in acts of charity, but also began to serve the Word, with Stephen explaining the Scriptures before facing his martyrdom, and Philip spreading the gospel to Samaria and converting the Ethiopian who was struggling to understand a passage from Isaiah. We, who are following the same Way 2,000 years later, can take comfort that the earliest followers of Christ, who placed their trust in the Holy Spirit, were able to achieve so much while building the Way on the solid foundations of justice and charity

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Sunday 1st June		St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
Feast of the Ascension			
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 24th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Thursday 29th May • Saturday 19th July		St. Patrick's
	Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October		
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5th and 6th July)	Saturday 5th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 6th July	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
Sunday 1st June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion	
Saturday 22nd June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass	