



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (18<sup>th</sup> July, 2021)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Thought for the Week:** "More than ever before in our history, we need a new kind of personal and social fuel. Not fear, but love. Not prejudice, but openness. Not supremacy, but service. Not inferiority, but equality. Not resentment, but reconciliation. Not isolation, but connection. Not the spirit of hostility, but the holy Spirit of hospitality." *Brian McLaren*

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>12 noon</b> Wedding Mass <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass: John and Mae Coyle (6 <sup>th</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversaries) <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Nellie O'Brien (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**There will be NO MASS from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**Adoration will continue Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm**

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Jimmy Daly (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Parish Anniversary Notices:** Any further anniversary notices for the next two weekend's masses (24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August) should be left with the mass celebrant before the mass. Any notices left on the parish phone, email and at the Parochial House after this weekend may not be picked up for reading out at mass. *Thank you for your cooperation*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **John (6<sup>th</sup>) and Mae (4<sup>th</sup>) Coyle** and **Nellie O'Brien (4<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur now and all our deceased relatives, friends and neighbours.

**COLLECTIONS**      **Weekly:** £660      **Peter's Pence:** £590      *Thank you or your generosity*

**STEPS (Suicide – Talking – Education – Preventing – Support), Draperstown:** The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major effect on our lives. Many of us are facing challenges that can be stressful, overwhelming, and cause strong emotions in adults and children. We have always been community led, so we want to hear your voices.  
*Please complete our survey by visiting forms.gle/RbnrsB5JsVGq2qzL6 before the closing date of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 12.00pm to help us support you*

**Giving Thanks for Summer**  
 Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. *Amen*

**The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the Lough Shore:** Open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Several info boards highlight features of particular interest. *Leaflets available at Visitors Centre*  
**Guided Walk Experience:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July with Mass outdoors weather permitting.  
*Further dates for late August and early September will follow*  
 For bookings and further info email info@loughderg.org or call 0(0353) 71 9861518  
 loughderg.org      Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

**Next Week's Readings:** 2 Kings 4:42-44 • Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18, R/ v 16 • Ephesians 4:1-6  
 John 6:1-15 • Lectionary 1:780      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Townland Mass Rota**

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b>	Formil
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Sheskinshule, Crockanboy

**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*

**The Deep End – Take a Break:** *Triona Doherty (trionad@gmail.com)*

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

**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*

**Preparing Our Parishes for the Future:** As we journey through these summer months where for many the pace of life slows down a little we have an opportunity as the Parishes of Greencastle and Badoney Lower to reflect on our future direction and needs.

Over these next few weeks we will share some thoughts from various church sources on the challenges we face. We begin with the new Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Dermot Farrell where the challenges are especially pronounced, he said, "[The Laity] constitute the vast majority of the people of God. Indeed, as St. John Henry Newman, remarked perceptively, 'The Church would seem foolish without them'."

Leadership in the Church is not about telling people what to do, it is about promoting co-responsibility and overcoming the mindset which runs the risk of relegating the baptised to a subordinate role, effectively keeping them on the edges of Church life.

That is what we mean by a synodal Church – a church on the way with each other. The very first place synodality is expressed is at parish level. If it doesn't happen in the parish, it will not happen at all." Food for thought as our parishes face our own challenges in the very near future.

With challenge comes opportunity so let us face them together with trust and confidence in the Lord.  
*Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*

**Pope Francis' Intention for July (please remember this in your personal prayers)**

**Universal – Social Friendship:** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**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*

**Catholic Engaged Encountered – Online Marriage Preparation Course via Zoom:**

Planned for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

*For more information and to book call (028) 2763 8512 or visit marriageencounter.ie*

**Kindercare Fostering NI:** Could you help a child in need? Northern Ireland is currently experiencing a severe shortage of foster carers and particularly carers from the Catholic Community. We are a not-for-profit organisation which works to find safe, secure and loving homes for children and young people in need in Northern Ireland. If you are interested in finding out more:

**Tel:** (028) 90941690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

**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*

**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)*

**SUSE+ New Courses:** Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can offer help and support to get into further education, training and employment. We complete job searches, CV building, interview preparation. Mentors work 1-to-1 with participants to help secure opportunities in the local area.

New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success and Wellbeing, Digital Skills, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management and Business Administration.

*For more information email tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk or call 074 3653 3475*

**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

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

**Towards Peace:** A spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions are offered and they are free.

**Website:** towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@iecon.ie

**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*

**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. The next intake will be Autumn, 2021.

*For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@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*

**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)  
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 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*

**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](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)*

**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](http://derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought)*

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 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – St. Lawrence of Brindisi (priest and doctor of the Church) [1559-1619]**  
 A Capuchin who preached the Counter-Reformation.  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July – St. James (apostle)** James, son of Zebedee and brother of John, was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostela in Spain.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:** *John Byrne OSA ([jbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbyrneosa@gmail.com))*

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm? Did your experience during the Covid19 pandemic give you any new insights about this?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

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