



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

**St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (18<sup>th</sup> September, 2016)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis**

"Nevertheless, all of us know well the experience of sin. We know that we are called to perfection (cf. Mt 5:48), yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Though we feel the transforming power of grace, we also feel the effects of sin typical of our fallen state. Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain."

**Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 22)**

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016 – 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016)			
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm – 5.45pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am – 10.45am</b> Confession	
	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Januarius (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Rose McGurk (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Andrew Kim Taegon (priest), St. Paul Chang Hasang and Companions (all martyrs)	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b> St. Matthew (Apostle and Evangelist)	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass	
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (priest) and St. Eunan (abbot)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> St. Finbarr (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass:	
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm – 5.45pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Jeanie Keenan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)	
	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am – 10.45am</b> Confession	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass: Ferdinand and Elizabeth McCrory (Anniversaries)	

**Parish Collection:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's parish collection of **£1,020.**

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the repose of the soul of **Kay McCrory (formerly of Crock)** who died during the week and for comfort and consolation to her family circle. We also pray for the soul of **Rose McGurk** whose anniversary occurs now.

**Enrolment Mass for the Children of Primary 4 and their Families:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October during the 6.00pm Vigil Mass (not Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September as indicated on the Offertory Gifts rota distributed last week).

**Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October after 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg. *More details in later bulletins*

**Station Masses:** A very sincere thank you to those who have volunteered for a Station Mass this October. Please see below the days taken and townlands where masses will be held. Please consider taking any of the other days still available.  
*Contact Fr. Gallagher either after mass or by calling (028) 8164 8474*

<b>Dates available</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> • Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> • Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> • Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> • Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Dates taken</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> (Muninamale) • Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> (Leaghan) • Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> (Teebane East) Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> (Aughminacroy) • Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> (Binnefreaghan) • Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October (Sheskinshule)

**Celebrating 10 Years of IOSAS Centre, Celtic Prayer Garden and White Oaks Acorn Project:** There will be an Open Day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00am to 2.00pm - we'll have stalls of our own produce as well as local businesses; tours of the Projects, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts. On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin in St. Canice's Oratory, Celtic Garden. *All welcome*

**Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers:** If you are interested in volunteering your services please visit [trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer](http://trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer) or freephone 0800 912 1200

**Parish Finance Council Meeting:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.

**Next Week's Readings:** Amos 6: 1, 4-7 • Psalm 145: 6-10, R/ v 2 • 1 Timothy 6: 11-16  
 Luke 16: 19-31 • Lectionary I, page 914 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September</u> The family of <b>Charles Conway</b>	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</u> The family of <b>Nicole Cahill</b>
<u>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September</u> The family of <b>Lee Coyle</b>	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</u> The family of <b>Niamh Clarke</b>
<u>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October</u> The family of <b>Danielle Gumley</b>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</u> The family of <b>Aoibhin Coyle</b>
<b>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</b> We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

**Lough Derg Parish – Upcoming Retreat. Advance booking essential**  
**Tel:** Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861 518 • **Email:** [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) • **Website:** [loughderg.org](http://loughderg.org)  
 Few months remain of this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* and one of Ireland 's oldest places of pilgrimage  
 Lough Derg offers a One Day Retreat on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
 Take time out in the nurturing peace of the Island and cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Patrick's Basilica  
**Living With Suicide** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
 For those who have been affected by suicide in any way, an opportunity for deeper understanding and support to 'make sense of it all'.  
*Guest Speakers are* **Conor McCafferty, ZEST - Healing the Hurt - and Geraldine Kennedy, a personal experience**

**Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:** *Suggested Donation: £5*  
**Tel:** (028) 7135 1233 • **Email:** [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org) • **Website:** [thornhillministries.co.uk](http://thornhillministries.co.uk)  
**Quiet Moments of Meditation:** Every Wednesday at 10.30am, beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October in Thornhill Convent, Culmore Road, Derry. Using art, music and Scripture, this series of gentle mornings offers a space for stillness and contemplation.  
**“Let the Landscape Speak”:** Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30 to 8.45 pm for 4 Thursdays in Thornhill College, Culmore Road, Derry. Drawing on the poetry of O'Donoghue and Heaney, Mary Murphy will facilitate an exploration of poems where the landscape has been the vehicle of communication between the Author of All of Life, the poet and ourselves.

**Derry Catechetical Centre – Hike to Croagh Patrick:** Do you fancy a trip to Westport, Co. Mayo combined with a hike of one of Ireland's most famous mountains? The trip will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October for those aged 16 or over.  
**Cost:** £30 inc. dinner and bus • **Tel:** (028) 7126 4087 • **Email:** [ddcc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org)

**Greencastle Community Association – Proposal to Create Capital Development Plan for Community Centre:**  
 We are proposing this plan will have short, medium and long term objectives that benefit all our community. In order to allow us to develop these plans and secure potential funding we are calling on the help of our local community. If there are specific requirements / suggestions in relation to capital developments and or services that you or your group feel should be included within the plan the Community Association want to hear from you. *For more info email [fionatea@live.co.uk](mailto:fionatea@live.co.uk)*

**Cappagh/Badoney CCE – Music Classes:** Resumes Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge with registration taking place directly before beginner's classes at 6.15pm. Tuition available for banjo, mandolin, fiddle, whistle, flute and accordion.  
*For more info call Tom on (028) 8164 8719*

<b>Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events:</b> <i>To register call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706</i>		
<b>Crocheting / Knitting</b>	Fridays at 2.00pm. £4 inc. cup of tea. Wednesday nights. £25 for 6 weeks. Money must be paid advance.	<i>New and advanced crochets and knitters welcome People needed to run class</i>
<b>Children's Jiving</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September for 5 weeks from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for P3 to P10. £4 per child and £10 for family of 3.	<i>To reserve a place call Donna on 07845 391 778</i>

**Foyle Hospice – ‘Yer Man's' Male Walk / Run:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September – starting at 1.30pm from Sainsbury's.  
*For more info call the Foyle Hospice Fundraising Centre on (028) 7135 9888 or email [noelmcmonagle@foylehospice.com](mailto:noelmcmonagle@foylehospice.com)*

**Perinatal Hospice Care Conference:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 6.00pm-8.40pm at the Riddel Hall, Belfast. Learn about various adverse prenatal diagnoses and perinatal hospice care. Open to healthcare professionals in general practice, obstetrics, neonatology, nursing, midwifery, bereavement care. 2 CPD points awarded by RCP UK.  
*To register / for more info email [phconference16@gmail.com](mailto:phconference16@gmail.com)*

**Dún Uladh Music Classes:** Returns Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Registration is open by calling (028) 8224 2777, there will also be a registration night on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Spaces are available for various instruments, including:  
 Fiddle • Flute • Tin Whistle • Concertina • Button Accordion • Harp • Uilleann Pipes • Banjo • Bodhrán • Guitar

**Tuition Slots for Elocution Lessons:** Caters for all ages to help improve public speaking, presentation and acting techniques - Improve pronunciation and read with ease - Speak confidently, correctly and effectively. *For more info call 07821 583 866*

**Children in Crossfire – Ben Nevis Climb:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October flying from Derry Airport.  
**Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 • **Email:** [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org) • **Website:** [childrenincrossfire.org](http://childrenincrossfire.org)

**Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**Universal – Centrality of the Human Person:** That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre.  
**Evangelisation – Mission to Evangelise:** That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelise.

**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*

**St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests:** The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest. The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: *prayerforpriests.com*  
**Rosemary Johnson** 07810 387 825 - brendan\_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.co.uk  
**Siobhan Sweeney** 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - e\_cassidy@hotmail.com

**The Net – September Edition:** Now on sale, with coverage including:  
 Tributes to Bishop Edward Daly • Melmount Ordination • Limavady and Templemore HOPE Camps  
 Holy Family - Ballymagroarty • Faith Story • Newtownstewart Church Re-Opening  
 Claudy pilgrim shares Lough Derg experience • Clonmany celebration for Fr. Farrell,  
 Drumragh celebrates gift of priesthood • Greencastle parishioners enjoy Fr. Ryder's Diamond Jubilee  
 Wee House of Malin Mass • Tyrone Deanery Mercy Pilgrimage • Search Summer Scheme  
 Great World Youth Day experience for Derry pilgrims • Youth focus on faith • Children's Catechism Club  
*For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call / text 07809 292 852*

**Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack:** Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.  
**If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office**  
**Email:** t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

**Family Care Society:** We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)  
**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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Parish Liturgy for September, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McCullagh	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	---	---	Colleen Brogan
<b>Collectors</b>	Raymond Bradley Lawrence McBride	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Maria Morris and Kathleen Tracey		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

**ACCORD – Marriage Preparation Courses:** Each year over 20,000 people marry in the Catholic Church in Ireland. Despite the recession, numbers getting married have only fallen slightly in recent years. ACCORD Omagh provides Marriage Preparation Courses for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. Feedback from participants is very positive. Courses take place at the address below and can be booked via the following information.  
**Address:** Accord Suite, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre • **Website:** accord.ie **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439  
**Dates (Fridays and Saturdays):** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November

**ACCORD – Relationship Counseling:** A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-judgmental setting.  
*An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com*

**Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption?** We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.  
**Rachael (Belfast Office):** (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592  
**Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

**Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm:** If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Contact us using the details below.  
**Address:** IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal  
**Tel:** (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • **Website:** celticprayergarden.com • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

**White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:**  
 If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us. Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor.  
 Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St. Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 2407

**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. *See poster at entrances*

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.

**St. Patrick's:** Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass  
 First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding  
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass

**Our Lady of the Wayside:** Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass

**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](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Web:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.co.uk)

**The Good Ship Lollipop – *Appeal For Child Refugees:*** The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*  
**Website:** [tuesdayschild.ie](http://tuesdayschild.ie) • **Email:** [info@tuesdayschild.ie](mailto:info@tuesdayschild.ie) • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362  
**Donation by Texting:** TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g.TUES75 £5)

**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](http://towardspeace.ie) • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** [towardspeace@jecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@jecon.ie)

2015 Parish Statistics			
<b>Baptisms</b> 6 Boys 8 Girls	<b>Confirmations</b> 8 Boys 8 Girls	<b>First Holy Communion / Reconciliation</b> 10 Boys 9 Girls	<b>Marriages</b> 10 within parish 5 outside parish
<b>Station Masses in October</b> 7	<b>Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE</b> Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
<b>Funerals</b> 13	<b>Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson</b> Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

**Craft Training Ltd:** A leading training organisation that provides 16-18 year olds with the opportunity to fulfil their potential in a vocational area, through the Training for Success programme. Gain the skills you need to kick start your career free of charge and earn £40 per week, range of qualifications include ICT, Hairdressing, Joinery, Painting and Decorating, Hospitality and Catering, Retail and much more.  
**Tel:** (028) 8225 9377 • **Office:** Kelvin Avenue, Omagh • **Email:** [joincraft@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joincraft@hotmail.co.uk)

**The Deep End – *The Lost Parables:*** *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*  
 If you think that all the parables that Jesus told were nice stories about people of integrity then today's parable will surely make you think again. This is a parable about a scoundrel, yet it praises him and his wisdom.  
 The manager has been given notice by his CEO and he decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. The manager is praised for his astuteness, he has his priorities straight, he is happy to let debt go, to redistribute the load. Of course, there is self-interest on his part but Jesus is telling us that the only value the money really has is in the way it is disposed of and in doing this the manager wins the hearts and minds of the workers.  
 The manager won't be the most successful man on the planet compared to the 'children of the light' who are more concerned with accounts than with real people. The manager is free-spirited and can be trusted to value what is really important. He knows that none of this material wealth is permanent and uses the authority that he has to relieve the suffering of those who are indebted to his company. Yes, he is a bit of a scoundrel, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use.  
 God's dream for creation is different from Pharaoh's dream or Rome's dream or Wall Street's dream. And at the centre of God's economy is the idea of redistribution ... It is an invitation to holy mischief! *Shane Claiborne*

**MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas):** Find out if you're missing out on benefits, services or grants by booking your FREE home visit. Referrals can be made for benefits checks, home safety visits, occupational therapy assessments as well as others. You'll also receive a FREE bag containing £25 worth of items to help keep you warm this winter.  
*Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *Luke 16: 1-13:*** *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?
2. It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half-hearted in your efforts?
3. Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?
4. 'No servant can be the slave of two masters'. When have you experienced the truth of this statement?

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

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – **St. Januarius (bishop and martyr)** While no contemporary sources on his life are preserved, later sources and legends claim that he died during the Diocletianic Persecution, which ended with Diocletian's retirement in 305.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – **St. Andrew Kim Taegon (priest), St. Paul Chang Hasang and Companions (all martyrs) [1839-1867]** St. Andrew Kim Taegon, the first Korean priest, Paul Chang Hasang, a catechist and 101 others were martyred during the persecution of the Church in Korea.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – **St. Matthew (Apostle and Evangelist)** St. Matthew the tax collector may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus in Mark 2:13. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants and book-keepers, tax collectors, customs officers and security guards.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – **St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Padre Pio (priest)** Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer, died in September of 1968.  
**St. Eunan (abbot) [624-704]** Born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is The Life of Colmcille.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – **St. Finbarr (bishop)** Came to Lach Irce (Gaugane Barra) and lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

### Musings *Siobhain Tighe (Parish Pastoral Worker of the Archdiocese of Dublin with responsibility for Youth Evangelisation)*

Choose... to share God's wealth

The actions of the manager, in this Gospel, on hearing that he is to be fired are counter-intuitive. Instead of storing up wealth by demanding payment immediately or charging extra, he wipes the portion of 'interest' owed to him from their debt. He is thinking of the long-term, that they might in turn show kindness to him when he is in need.

Jesus sees the gift this use of wealth has in the life of the poor and praises it. The Christian life is a call to stewardship in which the wealth we handle is not our own but wealth God wishes the entire world would share. Challenging as it may be we are called to reflect on our use of wealth.

Jesus makes clear that we must choose – the wealth of God or the wealth of this world.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – **Luke 16: 1-13.**

*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?
2. It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half-hearted in your efforts?
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