

## GREENCASTLE (G)

SAT 17 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Michael McGarvey, RIP</i>
SUN 18 DEC	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Mass	<i>Peter Daly, RIP</i>
TUE 20 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	12.30pm	Mass followed by Adoration to 5.00pm	
SAT 24 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	<i>Fr. J. Ryder, RIP</i>
SUN 25 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	8.30am	Christmas Mass	
	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Christmas Mass	<i>Barney McCrory, RIP</i>

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

SUN 18 DEC	1.30pm Greencastle	5.00pm Rouskey	7.30pm Plumbridge
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## CHRISTMAS MASSES – ARDSTRAW EAST, BADONEY LOWER, BADONEY UPPER, GREENCASTLE

SAT 24 DEC	6.00pm Greencastle	7.30pm Gortin	9.00pm Plumbridge	9.00pm Glenock
<i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>				
SUN 25 DEC	8.30am Greencastle	8.30am Plumbridge	10.00am Rouskey	
<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	10.00am Cranagh	11.30am Broughderg	11.30am Glenock	

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK	SUN 18	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – “The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means “God is with us” Isaiah 7:10-14
	TUE 20	St. Fachanan, Bishop and Patron Saint of Kilfenora Diocese (6 <sup>th</sup> Century)
	WED 21	St. Peter Canisius, Dutch priest, defender of the church in Germany (1521-1597)
	FRI 23	St. John Kety, Polish priest, Physicist and Theologian (1390-1473)

## BAPTISM (G): We offer our prayers and best wishes to the family and friends of

Isla Marie Conway (Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg) – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

WEDDINGS (G):	Eugene-Liam McCarroll (Fintona) and Emma Hood (Greencastle) – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Our prayers	Ciaran Conway (Greencastle) and Edel Kerlin (Donagheady) – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
and best wishes	John Warren (Bishopstown) and Louise McDermott (Greencastle) – Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October

FR. ROLAND'S VISITATION TO THE SICK (GREENCASTLE): Afternoon of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> DecemberREMEMBERING OUR DEAD (GREENCASTLE): Pray for Fr. John Ryder (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Michael McGarvey, Mary Conway, Barney McCrory, Peter Daly, Anna Rose McCullagh and Sean McCrory.

REPAIRS TO ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GORTIN: The church, which is approx. 130 years old has now reached a point where it needs substantial remedial work. The main areas of concern are the slates on the roof and the front doorsteps, both of which require complete removal and reinstatement in order to make the building safe and secure. In addition, there is urgent need to attend to woodworm throughout the roof, pews and the interior, and to storm glazing of windows. An estimation of costs to carry out these required works was mentioned to be around £600,000.

A further meeting will take place in mid-January when the outcome of St. Mary's Rouskey survey becomes available. In the meantime, we are invited to reflect and pray for discernment as a parish. Call on the Holy Spirit to guide us, through the gifts of wisdom and courage to make that right decision for the future.

## BADONEY LOWER (BL)

SAT 17 DEC	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm	Vigil Mass
SUN 18 DEC	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am	Mass
SAT 24 DEC	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm	Vigil Mass
SUN 25 DEC	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am	Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Greencastle: £875 Badoney Lower: £831 *Thank you*

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD (BADONEY LOWER): Pray for Marie McSwiggan and Paddy Maguire.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE – ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GORTIN:

Please use the side door when attending masses until repairs are finished on the steps.

## PRAYER FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

O God, help us in these final days of Advent to begin living more fully and faithfully the simple Gospel message of holiness to which You called Mary, and to which You call each of us. How easily we forget that Advent is a serious call to prepare our hearts and souls for the arrival of a King, our Saviour. Lead us to reconciliation with Jesus through confession, fasting and prayer in these final days to the coming of the Messiah. *Amen*

ADVENT is a sacred season, offering us the God-given gifts of waiting, watching, and reflecting. Advent looks at the THREE COMINGS of Christ, the first Coming in Bethlehem, the Second Coming at the end of time and the daily coming into our hearts. Advent points us towards repentance, renewal, and joy-filled hope. It's an opportunity to find time for prayer and Confession, to read Scripture, to focus on spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ.

*We pray for God's grace to open our hearts on the Advent journey*

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August Direct from Belfast  
Half-board in 4\* Leone Hotel Special offer

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO:

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May Spiritual Director Fr. Eddie Gallagher  
2 nights in Rome and 5 nights in San Giovanni, half-board £975 (special offer: £100 discount)

*Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or via WhatsApp on 07768 395 038 for more info*

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE wishes to extend a happy a peaceful Christmas to everyone in Greencastle and Gortin. Thank you very much for your support of the Advent Appeal. If you have an advent box at home, please return it at Christmas or send your donation directly to the charity. *Thank you*

ST. PATRICKS PS, GORTIN – P1 ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS: The way in which parents apply for P1 places has changed. Children born between 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 will be due to start school in September, 2023. Information on the procedures for P1 school admissions in September will be available at [eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://eani.org.uk/parents/admissions) on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Open: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 12.00pm Close: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 12.00pm

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS THE CHRISTMAS STORY  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church. *Everyone is welcome to attend*