



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

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

Third Sunday of Easter [Year B] (19th April, 2015)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week of Easter [Year B] (20 th April, 2015 – 26 th April, 2015)		
Saturday Evening (18th April) <i>Do This In Memory (week 8)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 20th April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 21st April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: John Anthony and Sara Ann McCullagh (Anniversaries)
Wednesday 22nd April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Confessions (particularly for families and sponsors of our candidates for Sunday's Confirmation)
Thursday 23rd April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 24th April Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass [NOTE TIME CHANGE]
Saturday Morning (25th April) St. Mark (Evangelist)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass:
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Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year B] Day of Prayer for Vocations	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's	2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 7 pupils at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

If you are a homemaker, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily during this Easter Season

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£998.50** and **£31.50** in loose change.

Annual Lenten Trócaire Collection: A further **£2,455** was received

Remembering Our Dead: Pray for **John Anthony and Sara Ann McCullagh, Barney McCullagh and Fr. John McCullagh**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Looking After Our Parish Cemeteries: These are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please co-operate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

Way of the Cross: The Sisters of Loreto have gifted us with the 'Way of the Cross' that graced their former Retreat Centre in Linsfort, near Buncrana, Co. Donegal. The project is almost complete and much work has been put into it by many people. Today as we thank them all for everything they have done. We encourage you to use these Stations for your prayer when you visit the cemetery in Greencastle.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association – Pioneers and Friends Annual Buffet and Dance: Friday 1st May in the Shepherd's Rest. Admission is £12.50 (by ticket only). Music by Cascades. Contact any Committee Member for further details / tickets.

Pioneer Council Meeting: Tuesday 21st April at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Donal McKeown Bishop of Derry will come to our parish to Confirm our young people on Sunday 26th April at 2.00pm. We will gather at the parish church, St. Patrick's Church. The parents, families and sponsors of the candidates are invited / encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on beforehand on Wednesday 22nd April at 6.30pm to nurture your own faith and give good witness to the next generation.

Ards Monastery, Co. Donegal – Legion of Mary Weekend Retreat: Friday 1st May. *Book by calling (028) 8164 8436*

To do for the Easter Season: Read a CTS booklet available at the Church entrances.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 • Psalm 117 • 1 John 3:1-2
 John 10:11-18 • (Lectionary I, page 490) **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 18 th April (DTIM Week 8) The family of Patrick Morris	Offertory Gifts Rota Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 19 th April The family of Caitlin Clarke
Saturday 25 th April The family of Ryan McGlinchey	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 26 th April The family of Aoife Conway

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.
What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: In the Church's teaching, Confirmation, is one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ for the conferral of sanctifying grace and the strengthening of the union between individual souls and God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in its paragraphs 1302-1303 teaches: It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

*It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15);
 It unites us more firmly to Christ; It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; It renders our bond with the Church more perfect
 It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:*

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts. The roots of confirmation are found in Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17, "Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the holy Spirit." See also the Gospel of Saint John, chapter 14 where Christ speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. In the Latin-Rite Catholic Church, the sacrament is customarily conferred only on persons old enough to understand it, and the ordinary minister of confirmation is a bishop. "The practice of the Latin Church more clearly expresses the communion of the new Christian with the bishop as guarantor and servant of the unity, catholicity and apostolicity of his Church, and hence the connection with the apostolic origins of Christ's Church." Reserving administration of the sacrament to a bishop, who cannot be present at every infant baptism, means that large groups of older children and young adults are confirmed together, making the occasion something of a rite of passage and an opportunity to profess personal commitment to the faith. However, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1308 warns: "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election and does not need 'ratification' to become effective." In the early twentieth century, Pope Pius X encouraged the admission of children to reception of the eucharist as soon as they reached the age of reason, in contrast to the later age at which they had been admitted for some centuries. Since the age for confirmation remained as before, those being confirmed generally received the eucharist several years earlier. However, the three sacraments of Christian initiation, baptism, confirmation and eucharist, are increasingly conferred, within the Latin-Rite Catholic Church, in the traditional order, which is obligatory when an adult is baptised. The Catholic Church teaches that, like baptism, confirmation marks the recipient permanently, making it impossible to receive the sacrament twice. One of the effects of the sacrament is that "it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1303). This effect has been described as making the confirmed person "a soldier of Christ". The same passage of the Catechism of the Catholic Church also mentions, as an effect of confirmation, that "it renders our bond with the Church more perfect". This mention stresses the importance of participation in the Christian community. The "soldier of Christ" imagery, which remains valid but is downplayed if seen as part of the once common idea of confirmation as a "sacrament of maturity", was used as far back as 350, by St Cyril of Jerusalem. In this connection, the touch on the cheek that the bishop gave while saying "Pax tecum" (Peace be with you) to the person he had just confirmed was interpreted as a slap, a reminder to be brave in spreading and defending the faith: "Deinde leviter eum in maxilla caedit, dicens: Pax tecum" (Then he strikes him lightly on the cheek, saying: Peace be with you). When, in application of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the confirmation rite was revised in 1971, mention of this gesture was omitted. However, the French and Italian translations, indicating that the bishop should accompany the words "Peace be with you" with "a friendly gesture" (French text) or "the sign of peace" (Italian text), explicitly allow a gesture such as the touch on the cheek, to which they restore its original meaning. Information on other effects and broader matters concerning this sacrament can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285-1321. Confirmation name. In many English-speaking countries and in German-speaking lands it is customary for a person being confirmed in the Catholic Church to adopt the name of a saint with whom he/she feels a special affinity, thus securing an additional patron saint to be his/her protector and guide. The saint's name is often used in conjunction with the confirmer's middle name, and is without effect in civil law, unless, of course, the confirmand pursues the appropriate legal avenues.

Thank you to the Prayer Friends from our adult faith community who have been praying our special parish prayer of support for this year's candidates for Confirmation. Please continue to do so in their final week of preparation.

Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Creation: That people may begin to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.
Evangelisation – Persecuted Christians: That Persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

Parish Liturgy for April, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of the Faithful	Megan McKenna	Rosemary McCullagh	Brianna Gillen
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Colum Devlin	Patrick Tuohey Frank Keenan (Kate)	Tony Donnelly Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead			

Gamblers Anonymous – Open Meeting: Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm in Omagh Community House, Drumragh Avenue. Are you worried about you or a friends gambling? At this open meeting you can talk to members of the Gamblers Anonymous group, hear experienced speakers talk of their experience of gambling and get some advice and help. *For more information visit the Gamblers Anonymous website at gamblersanonymous.org.uk*

Omagh Golf Club Ladies Committee – Function to Help Raise Funds for Alzheimer's Society: Tuesday 21st April from 8.00pm. Guest speaker for the evening Professor Peter Passmore will discuss the topic "Can we prevent dementia?" Adele Doherty from Alzheimer's Society will talk about the services, information and support provided by the Society in this locality. have taken up the challenge of raising funds for Alzheimer's Society. In doing so, they hope to increase awareness of dementia as well as highlight the information and support available to the people of Omagh and the surrounding areas. *For more information call Maeveen McNabb, Alzheimer's Society on 07912 295 750*

Lough Derg – Upcoming Events: **Tel:** 00353 71986 1518 • **Email:** info@loughderg.org
One Day Retreats: Begins Saturday 2nd May and continues on 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 23rd and 25th May. *Advance booking is essential*
Three Day Pilgrimage Season: From Friday 29th May. You can begin on any day between then and Thursday 13th August. *Pre-booking not required*

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 Church entrances*

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Mileage rate is 45p per mile. *(028) 8225 1116*

Registration of the Religious of the Diocese: Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card. *Thank you!*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Saturday 25th April – St. Mark (Evangelist) Traditional author of the Gospel of Mark. He is one of the Seventy Disciples, and the founder of the Church of Alexandria, one of the original four main episcopal sees of Christianity.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 24:35-48: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?
2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?
3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.
4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc.?

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Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
 Why was it necessary in today's Gospel for Christ to show his disciples his hands and his feet; to invite them to touch him, and for them to witness him actually eating a piece of fish? Precisely to show them that his risen body was a real body and not simply an apparition. Many Christians at that time could not accept that God really became human; they preferred to think that Christ was pure spirit. Likewise, many people today think only in terms of souls going to heaven – and not bodies. But that was not what happened to Christ. We need to re-discover the concept of the Resurrection of the Body.

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The Deep End – Rest in God: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*
 You may have heard it said that it is a wonderful compliment when someone falls asleep in your company – it means they trust you and feel comfortable with you. Many of us are at our most relaxed with members of our families or our oldest friends. And then there are the lovely occasions when we meet someone new and feel at ease with them straight away.
 Today we hear a story of the disciples encountering the risen Jesus. They are not immediately at ease; they are alarmed as they think they are seeing a ghost. But as soon as they are convinced it really is Jesus, they are filled with joy, and they settle down to eat with him. They are back in the company of their beloved friend and teacher. The disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus had a similar experience – they immediately felt comfortable in Jesus' company, even when they thought he was no more than a learned stranger, and invited him to dine and to stay with them.
 Our relationship with Jesus should be one of ease and trust. But we need to spend time with him to reach that level of closeness. Today's Psalm describes beautifully the joy and comfort that this relationship can bring: 'I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.'

TinyLife – Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies: Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.

Our Volunteers: All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.

How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer? Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.

Next Training Dates: Saturday 9th, Saturday 16th and Saturday 30th May, 2015

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015			
Sacramental Celebrations	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	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 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