



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



Second Sunday of Easter [Year A] (19th April, 2020)

Thought for the Easter Season: "Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered."

Pope Benedict XVI (Benedictus, 128)

Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week of Easter [Year A] (19th April – 26th April)

Saturday 18th April	Facebook Live	12 noon Regina Coeli and Rosary 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Divine Mercy Sunday): Francis and Regina McLaughlin (60 th Wedding Anniv.)
Sunday 19th April Second Sunday of Easter	Facebook Live	11.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 12 noon Regina Coeli and Rosary 3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions with Benediction
Monday 20th April	Facebook Live	10.00am Mass 12 noon Regina Coeli and Rosary
Tuesday 21st April	Facebook Live	10.00am Mass: John Anthony McCullagh (14 th Anniv.) 12 noon Regina Coeli and Rosary
Wednesday 22nd April	Facebook Live	12 noon Regina Coeli and Rosary 5.00pm Eucharistic Adoration 6.30pm Regina Coeli, Rosary, Reflection and Benediction 7.30pm Mass
Thursday 23rd April	Facebook Live	10.00am Mass 12 noon Regina Coeli and Rosary
Friday 24th April	Facebook Live	10.00am Mass 12 noon Regina Coeli and Rosary
Saturday 25th April	Facebook Live	12 noon Regina Coeli and Rosary 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Jane McNamee (9 th Anniv.)
Sunday 26th April Third Sunday of Easter	Facebook Live	11.00am Mass (Missa pro Populo) 2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation Devotions

COLLECTIONS 5th April, 2020: £1,276 12th April, 2020: £753 *Thank you for your generosity*

Remembering our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **John Anthony McCullagh (14th)**, **Barney McCullagh, Fr. John McCullagh, James Clarke Snr (33rd)** and **James Clarke Jnr. (39th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversary Masses and Names: As mass continues to be celebrated every day from the Parochial House Oratory it is still possible to request a mass for deceased loved ones. The mass can be offered as the intention for each day apart from Sunday which is Missa pro Populo (Mass for the People of the Parish). You can also continue to have the names of the deceased prayed for at the weekend masses and included in the Parish Bulletin Online / Facebook and in the restricted number of printed copies. Call Fr. Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474 or leave a note at the Parochial House or in the new letterbox on the side door of the Sacristy facing the road.

Confirmation Service: Originally our parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Donal McKeown was to take place on Sunday 26th April at 2.00pm. To mark what would have been a wonderful occasion and looking forward to what will be an important day for the Primary 7 Children of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, when this situation passes we will have a short service of readings, reflection and music to mark this day. *The Service will be available live from 2.00pm on the above date on our Parish Facebook Page*

The Net Newspaper: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the April edition of the diocesan newspaper, The Net is only available on the Diocesan website, the publication will be available in parishes after the restrictions are lifted. *Visit greencastparish.com for a link to this month's edition which includes our own Maria Bradley, reflecting on Living and Praying while in Isolation (page 24)*

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

Next Week's Readings: Acts 2: 4, 22-33 • Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, R/ v 11 • Peter 1:17-21
Luke 13:13-35 • Lectionary 1:461 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Community Coordination Hub: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Covid-19 Community Coordination Hub will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline to assist residents who may have become isolated and vulnerable due to the impacts of Coronavirus and the associated mitigation measures. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure those most at risk will have access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. **Access to Food Parcels** provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who can't leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, don't have support through family, friends or access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. Please complete the Food Parcel Request Form and a member of the Council's Community Coordination Hub will contact you. We aim to respond to requests within 24 hours. Referrals to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Coordination Hub for other support services are directed through the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline:

Freephone 0808 802 0020 **Text ACTION** to 81025 **Email** covid19@adviceni.net
Support and advice is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week.

Farewell Mr. McCloy: This weekend marks the official end of Mr. Neil McCloy's time as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. As he moves on to St. Peter and St Paul's Primary School in Foreglen in the Parish of Banagher we wish him well and thank him for the total giving of himself to the children and school community during his time with us. Our Vice-Principal Mrs. Diane McCann will be Acting Principal in the meantime.

Please pray for both of them as they take up their new roles

Wedding Congratulations: In our parish bulletin we usually acknowledge our newly married couples, but with no weddings taking place right now we thought it would be appropriate to mark a very special Wedding Anniversary this weekend. On Wednesday 20th April, 1960 Francis and Regina McLaughlin shared the Sacrament of Matrimony with each other in St. Patrick's Church Cranagh. It was a unique occasion as it was a double wedding with Regina's sister Elizabeth marrying Paddy Keenan Aughascribba (both now deceased). The prayers, congratulations and best wishes go out to you both for your example to us all. We look forward to celebrating the Vigil Mass this weekend for your continued health and happiness.

Look out for some special photos on our website and Facebook page after the mass on Saturday evening

How Great Thou Art Reflection: The Christian message is one of hope. It is the story of the journey, the pilgrimage from sadness to joy, darkness to light and from birth to death and new life with God in eternity. Through the generations we have come through persecution and famine, World War and the Troubles and as a people of hope we know we will come through this pandemic too. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans put it best when he wrote, "For I am certain of this; neither death nor life ... nothing already in existence and nothing to come ... nor any created thing can come between us and the love of God...." *Romans (8:31ff)* So like the Phoenix we too can and we will rise from the ashes. Whether we're in New York or Bergamo, in Madrid or London, in Derry or Greencastle we can with faith and trust in God say, despite everything, O Lord. how great thou art!

Rosary Walk: Our praying and walking resumes with 3 new routes, beginning at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

Join in solidarity with your own prayer as I pass by

Monday 20th April	Mullydoo Road / Crockanboy Road junction going onto Blackbog Road, turning left onto Rock Road and turning right onto Gorticashel Road then right onto Blackbog Road returning to Crockanboy Road / Mullydoo Road junction.
Tuesday 21st April	Broughderg Community Centre turning right onto Keerin Road then right onto Davagh Road, left onto Broughderg Road and right onto Blackrock Road, right onto Davagh Road and left onto Broughderg Road to Community Centre
Thursday 22nd April	Cashel Road (at Coyle's) then right onto Leaghan Road and right onto Barony Road passing Brackagh South and right onto Greencastle Road and returning to first junction with Cashel Road.

Regina Coeli Prayer: This prayer in honour of our Lady and our Lord to mark the Lord's Resurrection replaces the Angelus during the Easter Season which concludes on Pentecost Sunday.

Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia: Pray for us to God, alleluia.
For He Whom you did merit to bear, alleluia, Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
Has risen as He said, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, Who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Pope Francis' Intention for April (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Freedom From Addiction: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Can't stop? There is a solution.
Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email csoofaa@btinternet.com. alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

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

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 service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.
If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

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.

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

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by
Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt
Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action
Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk
To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

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

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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 or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

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

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

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

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*

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*

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

Covid-19 – Notice: All GAA activities, card playing and community activities suspended until further notice

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)

Foster Carers – Urgently Required in the WHSCT Area:

To meet the unfortunate demand for foster placements. If you think you can help call 0800 0720 137

Church Candles / Sanitiser: When lighting candles in St. Patrick's Church please use the sanitiser for your hands on the table beside the candelabra and spray the lighter each time with the cleanser provided and then wipe with the kitchen towel and place in the bin below.

DO NOT PLACE ANYTHING ELSE, ESPECIALLY MATCHES IN THE BIN

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 courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg GAA / Greencastle Community Association: Like all communities at the minute Greencastle is about to enter into unfamiliar territory as we face the influx of the Covid-19 coronavirus. No one knows what the incoming days and weeks bring, however, what we are sure of, is that we as a community will be supporting each other. We have a number of volunteers within our community who have already put their names forward to help where needed. If you, your family or someone you know is currently in self isolation and require some help please contact any of the individuals below. We would encourage everyone to make a call to your neighbour as they may need help and again please contact any of the individuals below. We have a team of volunteers willing to help where required, it may be something like picking up some shopping, posting some mail, lifting a prescription or just a friendly phone call. *For up to date info and advice visit*

www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus

Collie Touhey: 07970 379 741

Fiona Teague: 07813 935 996

Briege Beggs: 07799 058 273

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2019
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	1 within parish • 6 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	11

Lent 2020 in the parishes of the Diocese of Derry

Throughout Lent resources and parish events for Lent will be published on the diocesan website and its social media channels. You are encouraged to follow and share these resources:

Web: derrydiocese.org **Twitter:** @DioceseOfDerry **Facebook:** @derrydiocese

You are also asked to recite daily during Lent the following Diocesan Lenten Prayer

Loving Father, to prepare for His mission of proclaiming Your kingdom to the world your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the quiet of the desert. In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by that same Spirit, to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I will seek opportunities for daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of kindness. With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord. *Amen*

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.

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%

Family Care Adoption Services *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*

For free info contact us **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk