

 Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (19th November, 2017) Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU Website: greencastleparish.com • Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com • Tel: (028) 8164 8474	
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Thought for the Week: "The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world." *Pope Saint John Paul II*

Liturgy Schedule for Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 19th November – Sunday 26th November)

Saturday 18th November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Mickey (3 rd), Dedication of Basilicas
Sunday 19th November	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass

Please note that there will be NO MASS between Monday 20th and Friday 24th November

Saturday 25th November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Annie Tracey (5 th) Do This in Memory (week 3)
Sunday 26th November	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Solemnity of Christ the King [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass

Weekly Collection: £910 • **Retired Priests:** £610 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

Marriage: We congratulate and pray for **Orla Clarke (Binnefreaghan) and Shane Kennedy (Dunleer, Co. Louth)** who shared the Sacrament of Matrimony with each other on Saturday 11th November in St Patrick's Church.
May God grant them the graces and blessings they need as they live their married life together

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased and enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society **May Coyle** and **Nellie O'Brien**. We also pray for the souls of **Brian O'Neill (21st)**, **Eileen Clarke (2nd)**, **Charlie Donnelly (2nd)**, **Mary McCullagh (50th)** and **Mickey (3rd)**, **Mick (10th)** and **Mary Hollywood (24th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sunday 26th November in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, beginning immediately after 11.00am mass and concluding with Benediction at 4.30pm.
Times of visitation for the various townlands in the parish will be published in next week's bulletin

Adoration Renewal: We welcome the members of the Diocesan Adoration Committee who will address us this weekend. We look forward to announcing an Inaugural Mass and starting date in next week's bulletin. The Parish Adoration Group will meet again on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church to put final Adoration arrangements in place.
Please pray for the success of this important parish initiative

All Ireland Consecration to Jesus through Mary: Sunday 5th November to Friday 8th December.

Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith: Sunday 26th November (Feast of Christ the King) at 2.30pm. The Rosary on the Coast Ireland Group invite us to go to the coasts of Ireland to pray the Rosary for the Preservation of Faith in Ireland and the Protection of Life in Ireland. Individuals, families, prayer groups etc. are asked to participate. **Email:** kathysinnott@gmail.com • **Tel:** +353 87 2786 552 • Find us on Facebook

Precious Life – Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith: On Sunday 26th November (Feast of Christ the King) at 2.30pm the Rosary on the Coast Ireland invite us to go to the coasts of Ireland to pray the Rosary for the Preservation of Faith and Family Life. There will also be a Holy Mass at 1.00pm in St Mary's Chapel Lane, Belfast to launch the event. *To become a coastal organiser in North call (028) 9027 8484 or visit coastalrosaryireland.ie*

Clanabogan Drama Circle – Table Quiz: Friday 24th November at 8.00pm in Village Inn, Killyclogher. *Prize draw*

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness
For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

Next Week's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 • Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6, R/ v 1 • 1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Matthew 25:31-46 • Lectionary 1:729 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 18 th November The family of Cailum McKenna	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 19 th November The family of Caolan McKenna
Saturday 25 th November* The family of Aine McNamee	Solemnity of Christ the King	Sunday 26 th November The family of Tara Haughey
Saturday 2 nd December The family of Aoibheann McNamee	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 3 rd December The family of Gearoid McNamee

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented
***Do This in Memory Programme (Week 3)** We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Rouskey Christmas Shopping Trip – Date Change: Saturday 2nd December. We are going to Ballymena town centre and to shopping centres in Ballymena. Leaving Gortin at 9.00am. £10 Deposit will secure your seat.
Call Bridie on 07591 047 556 to book your seat

Fr. Shields Old Clothes Collection: Please call / text Siobhan on 07909 734 893, Tracey on 07470 626 782 or Fiona on 07879 252 29 who will arrange to collect any bags you have for return.
They will be available after 6.00pm mass in Greencastle on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th November to collect bags

Holy Trinity College, Cookstown – Sister Act: Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November at 7.30pm in the College Assembly Hall. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased from the general office or online by following the link from the college website or Facebook page

Crib Festival: Friday 24th November (12.00pm to 6:30pm) and Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November (10.30am to 6.00pm) in Thornhill House, Derry. A truly inspirational event with all sorts of cribs (creative, contemporary, traditional and in augmented / virtual reality).
Selection of seasonal gifts available. Proceeds in support of the work of Thornhill Ministries. All welcome!

Greencastle Community Association – Upcoming Events:

Pass the Ball Challenge Fundraiser Sunday 26th November. A county-signed ball will be brought from Malin Head to Greencastle. The ball will first travel 10 miles with the walkers before being passed on to the cyclists for 40 miles. After that, the runners will take up the challenge for a further 10 miles which will take us up to Broughderg Chapel. We hope that as many of the community as possible will then walk with us from Our Lady of the Wayside church to the football field, leaving at 1.30pm.
To raise funds for defibrillators and heater cabinets to be situated around the parish

Annual Bazaar Sunday 10th December from 4.00pm

Greencastle Community Association has secured some funding for the older members of our community. The programme will consist of an activity programme and a grow your own programme. The 4 week grow your own programme begins on Wednesday 22nd November from 1.30pm to 2.30pm in Greencastle Community Centre.
Activity programme details will follow later. Everyone welcome!

Greencastle 5 Mile Road Run • Tuesday 26th December • 10.30am walk • 12noon run • £12 entry fee
Enter online at greencastle5.com • Proceeds in aid of Care for Cancer • Call 077 6771 8029 to find out more

Greencastle Youth Club have been selected for ASDA Cookstown's Green Coin giving scheme so anytime that you are shopping in ASDA Cookstown please vote for them by asking for Green Coins at the till and putting them in our box at the door.
This runs until December so please keep voting until then

Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events: **Email:** kathleenburnsill@gmail.com • **Tel:** (028) 8775 7800

Walking Group: Meet every Monday in Pomeroy Forest Car Park, 11.00am-12.00pm

Women's Health Programmes (with trained tutor): Wednesday 22nd and 29th November and Wednesday 6th December, 10.30am-1.00pm

Month's Mind Masses: Now taking bookings for light refreshments afterwards

Prayer to Blessed Michael Archangel: Blessed Michael the Archangel, defend us in our hour of conflict. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust Satan down to hell and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

Pope Francis' Intention for November (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Christians in Asia: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday
Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

Family Care Adoption Services: We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children
 For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.
Tel: 01 443 4510 • **Email:** reservations@med-irishcentre.com

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

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

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 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Liturgy for November, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Hood	Monica Coyle	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Maeve McCullagh	Michaela Gillen	Caoileann Maguire
Collectors	Noel McElhatton Raymond Bradley	Frank Keenan Leo Donnelly	Pat McGuigan Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Siobhan McKenna, Ciara McKenna and Alannah Coyle		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

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*

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

Children in Crossfire Recruitment – Office Based Volunteer and Parish-Based Volunteers for Advent:
 Please call (028) 7126 9898 or email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org as soon as possible
By volunteering together we can make a difference! Thank you.

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

Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour: Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.
Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 25:14-30: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. A gift given in love is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life?
2. On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be 'traded' with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it, and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?
3. Likewise with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?
4. Pope Francis in his letter *Evangelii Gaudium* wrote, 'I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities. ... The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters' (EG, 33). How is your parish responding to this call?

Musings

Anonymous

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way:
what need I fear when thou art near,
O King of night and day?
more safe am I within thy hand
than if a host should round me stand.
My destined time is known to thee,
and death will keep his hour;
did warriors strong around me throng,
they could not stay his power:
No walls of stone can man defend
when thou thy messenger dost send.

The Deep End – Dive In!

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated. He communicates using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care – as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, *I Found My Tribe*, about her experiences.

It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship, hope.

Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way.

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 21st November – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Originated in the East and was included on the General Calendar in the 16th century. With the feasts of Immaculate Conception and the Nativity of Mary, this feast reminds us that Mary was the chosen vessel of God from the very first moment of her life.

Wednesday 22nd November – St. Cecilia (virgin and martyr) The patroness of music and musicians, was a 2nd or 3rd century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded. Her association with music and the representations of her playing the organ probably grew from a misunderstanding of a 5th century account of her life.

Friday 24th November – St. Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) and Companions (martyrs) In the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries in Vietnam many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19th June, 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these, 96 native Vietnamese men and women, 11 Dominican missionaries from Spain and 10 French missionaries.

Sunday 25th November – St. Catherine [335-397] Martyred in 310 at Alexandria. Her body is venerated at the monastery on Mount Sinai.

St. Colman Born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by Satin Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to East Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

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

The Net – November Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:

- St. Columba's Clady celebration • Kilrea 'Jealous of the Angels' Charity Concert
- St. Mary's Limavady and St. Patrick's Maghera prizegiving ceremonies • Faughanvale Mission Remembering Susan at Ballerin Coffee Morning • Lavey 'Darkness into Dawn' Walk
- Carnhill Fatima Statue Crowned • Inishowen War Memorial Unveiled in Iskaheen
- Long Tower 'Mary and Mercy' feature • Galliagh farewell to Bro Patrick • Moville Ecumenical Walk
- St. Eugene's Choral Evening • Bishops' pilgrim walks from Claudy to Strabane and Limavady to Glenuilin
- 'The Joy of Love' Ardmore talk • Fahan heritage feature • Termonbacca Triduum honours St. Therese
- Annual Pioneer Diocesan Gathering • Safeguarding Thanksgiving Mass • Parishes gather for WMOF2018 talk
- New Trócaire award has family focus • Children's Catechism Club • In the Garden • Quiz Time
- Diocesan Diary • Parish Post-its • Apostolate Activities • Community Calendar.

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2016 Parish Statistics

Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16) 7 within parish 9 outside parish	Funerals (10) 8 within parish 2 outside parish	Station Masses in October 8
Events The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 th October		