



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (20th February, 2022)
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Thought on Synodality: "Synodality is a constitutive element of the Church. In this Church, as in an inverted pyramid, the top is located beneath the base."
Pope Francis (Address Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Synod of Bishops, 2015)

Saturday 19th February	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Josie Keenan (Month's Mind)
Sunday 20th February	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Mass: Mary Fox (4 th Anniversary)

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]

There will be NO MASS from Monday 21st to Friday 25th February
Adoration will continue Wednesday 23rd February from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Saturday 26th February	St. Patrick's	12.00pm	Wedding Mass
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Maggie Bradley (6 th Anniversary)
Sunday 27th February	Our Lady of Wayside	11.30am	Mass: Laurence O'Neill (Month's Mind)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]

Weekly Collection: £840 *Thank you for your generosity*

Baptism: We congratulate the parents, family of **Niamh Brigid McNulty** who was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 13th February in St. Patrick's Church.

Wedding: We offer our best wishes and prayers to **Fiachra McNulty (Badoney Lower) and Shanley Clarke (Greencastle)** who shared the Sacrament of Matrimony with each other Friday 11th February in St. Patrick's Church

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary Fox (4th)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and for those recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society for the period ending Friday 31st December, 2021 **Francis (Jack) Cahill, Jim Morris and Patrick McNulty.**

Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarians and Priests: On Tuesday 1st March at 8.00pm there will be an opportunity for men to join in on a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from a priest and from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. The Zoom session should end by 9.30pm at the latest. There will be a short time spent watching YouTube videos on priesthood and vocation and a questions and answers session with the seminarians and the panel.
For more info and registration details email info@vocations.ie or visit vocations.ie/zoom

Thornhill Ministries – Bring a Hymn: Monday 21st February at 6.30 pm. Church music leaders are invited to consider appropriate music for Lent and Holy Week and, if they wish, some of us might be willing to share a resource or two with others. *To register and receive zoom details email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org*

Cleaning Rota for February
Our Lady of Wayside: Martina McBride **St. Patrick's:** Brenda Conway, Mary Conway and JP2 students

Catholic Engaged Encountered – Marriage Preparation Course:
 Planned for Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April in the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry.
 A positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.
For more information and to book call (028) 2763 8512 or visit marriageencounter.ie

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 27:4-7 • Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v 2 • 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
 Luke 6:39-45 • Lectionary 1:859 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Townland Rota			
Saturday 19th February	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule, Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy
Sunday 20th February	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Teebane East, Aughascribba, Muninamale, Alworries, Aughminacroy, Coneyglen
Saturday 26th February	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Sunday 27th February	Our Lady of Wayside	11.30am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy

New Church Arrangements

Over the last two years we have all had our lives disrupted and turned upside down. This has especially been the case for families who have suffered illness or death during the pandemic. Our way of being church has changed too and we have endeavoured to reach out as best we could during this time including the use of social media.

Now the time has come to invite you back to attend Sunday Mass in person each weekend. While the use of Facebook and YouTube has been helpful and will continue into the future, it can never replace being here together as the family of God gathered in prayer, praise and worship.

It may take some time for all of you to have the confidence to return here but we have missed you and the church, the family of God, the parish has missed you.

When you are ready a warm welcome awaits you in the churches of Badoney Lower and Greencastle parishes. During these two years our situation here has also changed with the retirement of Fr. Forbes and no resident priest in Gortin. I take this opportunity to ask you to consider attending mass across any of the 4 churches in our parishes. The Saturday Vigils at 6.00pm in Greencastle and 7.30pm in Gortin and Sundays at 10.00am in Rouskey and 11.30am in Broughderg from the beginning of March. I am hoping to have the assistance of Fr. Peter McCawille, recently retired SMA priest from time to time to help lift the burden.

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped to keep our churches and ceremonies safe throughout this pandemic and have ensured the organisation of this. It gives hope for the future to know there are people ready to step forward when their parish needs them as will increasingly be the case in the years to come.

Please pray for our parishes and diocese at this time as we endeavour to return to normality.

We seek the intercession of our Parish Patrons,
 St. Patrick, pray for us,
 Our Lady of the Wayside, pray for us.
Fr Eddie Gallagher PP

Employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St. Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal:
 Applications are invited for an Operations Manager which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for smooth running of all day-to-day operational activities at pilgrimage centre.
For further details and an application pack call Mary at (+353) 7198 61518 or email mary@loughderg.org

Parish Office Opening Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11.00am to 3.00pm
Tel: (028) 8164 8203 **Email:** greencastlepp@yahoo.com
All bookings to be done through the Parish Office please

Greencastle Club and Community – 10 Year Plan surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GREENCASCADE22
 We want this plan to provide a roadmap to steer the future direction for our club and community!
 Visit the link above and complete the survey to be in with a chance to win £100 (ends Monday 21st March).
 Paper copies will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School and the O'Neill's Centra.
In association with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

Important Dates		
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	Thursday 31st March at 7.00pm First Confession (Greencastle)	Saturday 9th April at 11.00am Confirmation (Greencastle)
Saturday 14th May at 11.00am First Communion (Greencastle)	Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June Blessing of the Graves in Greencastle / Broughderg	

Pope Francis' Intention for February (please remember this in your personal prayers)

For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Kindercare Fostering NI: Could you help a child in need? 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) 9094 1690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

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 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*

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

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.

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

Our Faith – Developing What We Were Taught in School:

- Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice?
- Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith?
- Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist?
- Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life?

The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, addresses these questions and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. *More info, enrolment visit drumalis.co.uk/pathways*

Prayer for Synod on Synodality (2021 – 2023)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen*

Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.

You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)

Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)

'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)

Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

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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

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

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

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

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

What is Spiritual Communion? It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

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

Prayer for the End of the Virus: Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster? Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.
To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit barnardos.org.uk/foster

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@jecon.ie

2020	PARISH STATISTICS	2021
(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	10 Boys • 7 Girls [17]
(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls	First Communion	7 Boys • 9 Girls [16]
(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	10 Boys • 6 Girls [16]
0 within parish • 1 outside parish	Weddings	5 within parish • 2 outside parish [7]
8	Deaths and Burials	12

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer of 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.

Northern Ireland Adoption and Foster Care:
 With an increase in children and young people needing foster homes across Northern Ireland, we need you now. Every child deserves to have a happy, loving and safe home where they'll feel cared for, valued and supported.
 It's always the right time for fostering.
 Call us on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net
 #HSCNIFosterCare #FosterForYourCommunity #CouldYouFoster

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%

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This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Tuesday 22nd February – Chair of St. Peter the Apostle This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided the Chair of St. Peter over the family fortunes. The texts today celebrate Peter as Bishop of Rome. We recall Christ's choice of Peter for service to the whole Church.
Wednesday 23rd February – St. Polycarp (bishop and martyr) Bishop of Smyrna or Izmir in modern Turkey. Born around the year 69 and was a disciple of Saint John the Apostle. He was martyred in 155.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:

John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)

1. Our natural tendency when attacked is to self-protection and when we are attacked, we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another, or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experience of another way of acting?
2. When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return.
3. Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity and says that the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps you have experienced rewards, even in this life, from generous behaviour.