

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (20th June, 2021)
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Thought for the Week: "[As Paul writes,] "By grace you have been saved" [Ephesians 2:8]. That's one of the earliest insights in the Christian tradition: it's not by what you do that you earn God's love. Not because you are so bright and light and have purged out all the darkness does God accept you, but as you are. Not by doing something, not by your works, but gratis you have been saved. That means you belong. God has taken you in. God embraces you as you are—shadow and light, everything. God embraces it, by grace. And it has already happened."
Brother David Steindahl-Rast OSB

Saturday 19th June	St. Patrick's / YouTube	11.00am First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday 20th June 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	St. Patrick's / YouTube	6.00pm Vigil Mass 11.00am Mass
Monday 21st June St. Aloysius Gonzaga (religious)	Gortin / YouTube	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 22nd June	St. Patrick's / YouTube	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 23rd June	St. Patrick's / YouTube	11.00am P7 Leavers Mass and Presentations 2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass
Thursday 24th June Nativity of St. John the Baptist	St. Patrick's / YouTube	10.00am Mass: Sally Glass (6 th Anniversary)
Friday 25th June	St. Patrick's / YouTube	10.00am Mass
Saturday 26th June	St. Patrick's / YouTube	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 27th June 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	St. Patrick's / YouTube	11.00am Mass

Baptism: We offer our prayers and best wishes to the family and friends of **Ruairi Doimnic Ó Géibheannaigh** who was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism Sunday 6th June in St. Patrick's.

First Communion: We offer our prayers and congratulations to the children of Primary 4 of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School and to their parents and families who made their First Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 19th June. We thank our principal Mrs. Donnelly, class teacher Miss Treacy, classroom assistants who helped prepare the children for the sacrament and Ciara Fox for her beautiful music and singing. We look forward to the children now having an even closer relationship with Jesus, the Bread of Life and Food for the Journey.
 Tess Donnelly • Natasha Gumley • Caolan Meenan • Mya Molloy • Tori-Lee Monaghan • Cahir Mullin
 Sarah Kate McAleer • Ella Rose McAleer • John Anthony McCullagh • Anna Mae McElduff
 Logan McKenna • Shae McKenna • Jayden McNally • Oisín Treacy • Erin Warnock • Cathaoir Neill

Wedding: We offer our congratulations and prayers to **Andrew Duncan (Culdaff)** and **Karen Keenan (Greencastle)** who shared the Sacrament of Matrimony with each other on Saturday 12th June in St. Patrick's Church
May God bless them as they live out the vocation of Marriage

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Sally Glass (6th)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and for all who have died due to Covid-19

Weekly Collection: £845 *Thank you for your generosity*

St. Angela's College, Sligo – Master of Arts in Religious Education and Social Justice:
 Online part-time MA, starting in September. The closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 16th June.
Site: stangelas.nuigalway.ie • **Tel:** Mary Kearns on 00353 71919 5550 • **Email:** mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie

Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24 • Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R/ v 2 • 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
 Mark 5:21-43 • Lectionary 1:768 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Townland Mass Rota

Sat. 19th June	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Sun. 20th June	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Alworries
Sat. 26th June	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil
Sun. 27th June	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan

Fr. Ryder Acknowledgement: I was joyfully amazed at all the good wishes from you, my friends in the parish on the occasion of my 90th Birthday and the 65th Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Thank you very much for your prayers. Please continue the prayers. It is now almost 14 years since my departure after 19 happy years with you and I can look back on so many great memories. There are also some sad memories of the many who have died. May they rest in the peace of Christ. I no longer say a public Mass but I do remember you in my private Masses. Thank you again and may God bless you.
Fr. John Ryder

Precious Life Rally for Life will be holding 'Life Chains' in towns and cities throughout Northern Ireland on Saturday 3rd July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. *For more info call Precious Life on 028 9027 8484 or email info@preciouslife.com*

Certificate in Christian Thought: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more.
Full details are available at derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought

Lough Derg 2021 Pilgrimage: Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three-Day Pilgrimage or for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on Saturday 3rd – Monday 5th July. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. For more info from Lough Derg office call 0(0353) 71 9861 518 or visit loughderg.org

Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events: 20 The Diamond Pomeroy, Co Tyrone – (028) 8775 7800
 Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July – Enrol for £60.
Online Feile Gaeltacht Thir Eoghan: *For more info email lmcgurk@gmail.com*

Blessing of the Graves: This year we will be having a scaled down Blessing of the Graves ceremony. It will consist of mass offered for the now 5 areas of the parish broken into townlands. At the end of the mass families will be invited to make their way to their graves where they can pray at the grave and sprinkle it with Holy Water. A prayer will be provided for you as you come in or leave the church. You can of course do this any time if the mass time for your area doesn't suit you. The prayer will be available in card form and in the parish bulletin. For those intending to go to mass please stick to your Townland. Weather permitting, you may choose to remain in the graveyard during mass. A church gate collection for the upkeep of our Parish Cemeteries will take place as you leave. Schedule is as follows:

Saturday 3rd July	St. Patrick's, 6.00pm Our Lady of Wayside, 8.00pm	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Brackagh South Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneglen
Sunday 4th July	St. Patrick's, 11.00am St. Patrick's, 1.00pm St. Patrick's, 3.00pm	Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Alworries, Aughascribba, Muninamale Sheskinshule, Crockanboy Formil, (including Aughascribba Road, part of Formil)

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 Draperstown pupils create garden for Our Lady • St. Eithne's PS may procession
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 Renewal – Parish leader mentoring • Baroness O'Loan inspires at Pope John Paul II Awards by Hollie Frystal
 Young writers share thoughts on Difficulties in praying, Sacraments of Initiation, Martyrdom, Education and Poverty

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

Evangelisation – The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Catholic Engaged Encountered – Online Marriage Preparation Course via Zoom:

Planned for Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September. This 2-day course is 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

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

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

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)

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*

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

SUSE+ New Courses: Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support to gain qualification and employment. We run Job Searches, CV Building, Interview Preparation. Mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in local area.

New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success & Wellbeing, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management, Retail, Business Administration, Barista and Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy. *For more information email tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk or call 074 3653 3475*

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

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

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.

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Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn, 2021.

For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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

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*

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

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.

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.

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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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

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*

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*

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Little Way Novena • Children's Catechism Club – C3 by Veronica Harley
Derry faithful delighted to attend St. Columba Feast Day Mass
Colmcille wood sculptures have new home in The Wells by Ivor Doherty
Columba Community reflect on yielding to the Spirit
Waterside faithful mark 40th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church
Fr. Michael Canny appointed as Vicar General • Newtownstewart mystery walk by Fr. Roland Colhoun CC
Creggan man Martin McLaughlin publishes life story • Tribute to the late Fr. Brian O'Donnell (Waterside and Lavey)
Fr. John Downey reflects on priesthood and the Pioneers • Pioneers share thoughts on their pledge
Reflections on martyrdom and journeying with Jesus • Bishop Donal introduces new Diocesan Safeguarding Team
Lord, I am not worthy by Fr. Johnny Doherty CSsR
Marriage is a three-partner relationship by Geraldine McNamee, ACCORD
Ardú Céime do Chnoc Mhuire - Irish Page by Fr. Oliver Crilly
Getting the message out there by Fr. John McLaughlin SSC

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).

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a 'Jesus person' came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.
2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.
3. The significance of miracles in the gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

The Deep End – ‘Let Us Go Across to the Other Side’: *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

‘Let us go across to the other side’ is an important phrase in Mark’s Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus’ geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple’s astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ After all, Jesus has led them, and ‘other boats’ into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today’s Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, ‘Peace! Be Still’. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them.

May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing. *Shane Claiborne*

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 20th June – *The Irish Martyrs* Dozens of people who have been sanctified in varying degrees for dying for their Roman Catholic faith between 1537 and 1714 in Ireland.

Monday 21st June – *St. Aloysius Gonzaga (religious)* Joined the Jesuits. As a model novice he worked in the plague hospital and caught fever, dying in 1691 at the age of 23. Patron of Youth.

Thursday 24th June – *Nativity of St. John the Baptist* We rejoice at the coming of John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. John means, ‘The Lord has shown favour’. This feast relates to summer solstice, when days begin to grow shorter, recalling John’s words, ‘He must increase, but I must decrease’.

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*

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*

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	Baptisms	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	First Communion	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	Weddings	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	Deaths and Burials	8