

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

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (20th October, 2013)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (17th October 2013 – 24th October 2013)

Saturday Evening (19th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Do This In Memory Enrolment 8.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary
Sunday 20th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass
Monday 21st October Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 22nd October St. Teresa of Avila	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 23rd October St. John of Capistrano (priest)	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass: Kevin Coyle (Anniversary)
Thursday 24th October In the home of P. Joe and Bridie Clarke (Formil) St. Ignatius of Antioch (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass 7.00pm Station Mass (confessions available 25 minutes beforehand)
Friday 25th October Blessed Thaddeus MacCarthy (bishop)	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 8.00pm Mass:
Saturday Morning (26th October) Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass:
Saturday Evening (26th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Do This In Memory Enrolment 8.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary
Sunday 27th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£850**.
Annual Mission Sunday Collection: This will be taken up this weekend, please be as generous as you can (there is a special envelope in your box of envelopes).

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Patrick 'Patsy' Anthony Daly**, whose Requiem took place on Saturday, he is survived by his brother Jimmy and other siblings living abroad. We also pray for **Kevin Coyle** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Congratulations to the Greencastle U21s on their fine victory against Coalisland last Sunday afternoon

Centering Prayer: This is a method of prayer, similar to meditation but grounded in the Christian contemplative tradition. There will be an introduction to Centering Prayer on Saturday 2nd November in St. Augustine's church hall, Derry from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The Introduction is provided free of charge but participants are asked to bring own lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. *To book a place or for more info contact Janice on 07734 417 824*

Greencastle GAA – Christmas Fayre: Sunday 8th December in the Community Centre.
Anyone who would like to take a stall can contact Leona on 07789 687 564

Broughderg Group – Public Information Evening on the Hidden Truths about Industrial Wind Turbines:
 Broughderg Community Centre on Sunday 20th October at 7.00pm *For more information visit windwatch.co.uk*

Greencastle Youth Club Rota	Monday 21 th October	6.30pm to 8.00pm 8.00pm to 9.30pm	Michelle Meenan / Mickey Morris Noel McElhatton / Martina Cullen
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Please Note: Halloween trip forms must be returned by Monday 21st October in order to secure a place

BADA – Upcoming Events: **Friday 25th October** | Weekly card game, begins at 8.00pm. *Refreshments served*

Next Sunday's Readings: Ecclesiastes (Sirach) 35:12-14, 16-19; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
 Lectionary I 925; Luke 9:1-6; Lectionary II, page 330 **Sunday: Year C • Weekday Year 1**

Lotto Results: B • H • I • K • W (1 patsy with 3 letters winning £50) **Next Jackpot:** £4,800

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 19 th October* The family of Eoin Bradley	Offertory Gifts Rota Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 20 th October The family of Meaghan Clarke
Saturday 26 th October The family of Cara-Rose Brogan	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27 th October The family of Aine Lucas
Saturday 2 nd November The family of Nicole Cahill	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 3 rd November The family of Miceal McCann
Saturday 9 th November The family of Niamh Clarke	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 10 th November The family of Daniel McCrory
Saturday 16 th November The family of Aoibhin Coyle	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 17 th November The family of Leah McGuigan
Saturday 23 rd November** The family of Ronan Coyle	Solemnity of Christ the King	Sunday 24 th November The family of Shane McKenna

*** Do This In Memory Week 1 ** Do This In Memory Week 2**
 As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership.
What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community.
We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle for available dates. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It would be a blessing on our whole community if one family in each town-land were willing to host a Station.

DATE	TOWNLAND	IN THE HOME OF
Thursday 24 th October at 7.00pm	Formil	Bridie and P. Joe Clarke

"The waste of food is but one of the fruits of the 'throw away culture' which often leads to sacrificing men and women to the idols of profit and consumption." *Pope Francis' Message for World Food Day*

On the occasion of the World Food Day, which this year has as theme: "Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition," the Holy Father Francis sent to the Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a Message the text of which was read by the Holy See's Permanent Observer to FAO, Archbishop Luigi Travaglino, in the course of the solemn ceremony held this morning at the Organization's headquarters in Rome.

Vatican City Wednesday 16th October [zenit.org]

The Holy Fathers Message: To Mr. Jose Graziano da Silva, Director General of FAO
 The World Food Day places us before one of the most serious challenges for humanity: that of the tragic condition in which millions of hungry and malnourished people still live, among them many children. This acquires even greater gravity at a time like ours, characterized by unprecedented progress in many fields of science and ever greater possibilities of communication. It is a scandal that there is still hunger and malnutrition in the world. It is not just a question of responding to immediate emergencies, but of addressing together, in all areas, a problem that challenges our personal and social conscience, to achieve a just and lasting solution. No one should be obliged to abandon his country and his own cultural environment because of the lack of essential means of subsistence. Paradoxically, at a time in which globalization enables us to know the situations of need in the world and to multiply exchanges and human relations, the tendency seems to be growing to individualism and to shutting ourselves in on ourselves, which leads to a certain attitude of indifference – at the personal, institutional and State level – vis-a-vis those who are dying of hunger or suffer malnutrition, almost as if it were an unavoidable fact. However, hunger and malnutrition can never be considered a normal event to which one must become accustomed, as if it were part of the system. Something has to change in ourselves, in our mentality, in our societies. What can we do? I think that an important step is to bring down, with determination, the barriers of individualism, of being shut-in on...
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Pope John Paul II Award Festival in Knock: There will be a national festival in Knock, Co Mayo on Saturday 26th October for all young people who have completed or are participating in the Pope John Paul II Award. The day will have talks, workshops, drama and music by Elation Ministries. It will be an excellent programme and a very enjoyable trip. There is no cost for the day and transport will be provided. Students will require a packed lunch and U18s will need parental consent.
For more info contact the Catechetical Centre by Monday 21st October. Email: ddcc@derrydiocese.org Tel: (028) 7126 4087

PTAA – Month of the Holy Souls: Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrificial act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise! Take the SHORT-TERM pledge for NOVEMBER.
For more information visit pioneerassociation.ie

"I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else—God is in this person's life. You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."
Pope Francis interview with La Civiltà Cattolica (Monday 30th September)

Pope Francis' Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – People Who Feel Crushed by Life: That those who feel weary from the heaviness of life, and even long its end, may sense the closeness of God's love.
Missionary – World Missions Day: That the celebration of World Missions Day may make all Christians aware that they are not only recipients but also proclaimers of the Word of God.

< **continued from above** > ...ourselves, of the slavery of profit at all cost; and this, not only in the dynamic of human relations, but also in the global economic and financial dynamic. I think it is necessary, today more than ever, to educate ourselves in solidarity, to rediscover the value and meaning of this very uncomfortable word, often left to one side, and to make it become a background attitude in decisions on the political, economic and financial plane, in relations between persons, overcoming egoistic and partisan visions, in the end, we will also be able to achieve the objective of eliminating forms of indigence determined by the lack of food. A solidarity that is not reduced to different forms of welfare, but which makes an effort to ensure that an ever greater number of persons are economically independent. Many steps have been taken in different countries, but we are still far from a world where all can live with dignity.

The topic chosen by FAO for this year's celebration speaks of "sustainable food systems for food security and nutrition." I think I read in it an invitation to rethink and renew our food systems from a perspective of solidarity, overcoming the logic of unbridled exploitation of creation and orienting better our commitment to cultivate and look after the environment and its resources, to guarantee food security and progress towards sufficient and healthy food for all. This implies a serious question on the need to really change our lifestyle, including that of food, which in so many areas of the planet is marked by consumerism, the waste and squandering of food. The data furnished, in this connection, by FAO indicates that approximately one third of the global production of food is not available because of ever greater losses and wastefulness. It would be enough to eliminate them to reduce drastically the number of hungry people. Our parents educated us in appreciating what we receive and have, considered as a precious gift of God.

However, the waste of food is but one of the fruits of the "throw away culture" which often leads to sacrificing men and women to the idols of profit and consumption; a sad sign of the "globalization of indifference," which makes us "accustomed" slowly to the suffering of others, as if it were something normal. The challenge of hunger and malnutrition does not just have an economic or scientific dimension, which refers to the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the food chain, but also and above all and ethical and anthropological dimension. To educate in solidarity means, therefore, to educate ourselves in humanity: to build a society that is truly human means to always put the person and his/her dignity at the center, and never sell him/her off cheaply to the logic of profit. The human being and his/her dignity are "pillars on which to build shared rules and structures that, overcoming pragmatism or the mere technical data are capable of eliminating divisions and of more than satisfying the existing differences" (cf. Address to the Participants in the 38th Session of FAO, June 20, 2013). We are already at the doors of the International Year that, by FAO's initiative, will be dedicated to the rural family. This offers me the opportunity to propose a third element for reflection: education in solidarity and in a way of life that overcomes the "throw away culture" and really puts every person and his/her dignity at the center, as is characteristic of the family. From it, which is the first educational community, we learn to take care of the other, the good of the other, to love the harmony of sustainable creation. To support and protect the family so that it educates to solidarity and to respect, is a decisive step in moving towards a more equitable and human society. The Catholic Church follows this path with you, aware that charity, love, is the soul of her mission. May today's celebration not be a simple annual event but a real opportunity to urge us and institutions to act according to a culture of encounter and solidarity, to give adequate answers to the problem of hunger and malnutrition, as well as to other problems that affect the dignity of every human being.

In formulating cordially my best wishes, Mr. Director General, that FAO's work is ever more effective, I invoke upon you, and upon all those who collaborate in this fundamental mission, the Blessing of Almighty God.
FRANCIS Vatican, October 16, 2013

Prayer from the Community at Taize: God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in Syria and elsewhere in the world. So we turn to you - you do not let us give in to discouragement. You bring us to understand that our prayer and our compassion count. Be close to those who are suffering and send your Holy Spirit, that all humans may be inspired to make signs of peace.

Parish Liturgy for October, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Emmett Bradley	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Megan McKenna	Aidan Clarke	Helen McKenna
Collectors	Mary Bradley Lawrence McBride	Michael Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Sean McKenna Jimmy Donnelly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Martina McBride
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013			
Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick's	Derry Diocesan Mass	
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)	

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, in good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.
Adoption: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Mission Month – Mission Sunday:
 'The activity of the Pontifical Mission Societies (World Missions Ireland) is meant to animate and deepen the missionary conscience of every baptised Christian and of every community, by reminding them of the need for a more profound missionary formation of the whole people of God and by encouraging the Christian community to contribute to the spread of the Gospel in the world.' *Pope Francis' Message for Mission Sunday, Sect. 5*
 Please include a prayer for all missionaries in your prayers and give what you can in the collection today so that World Missions Ireland can continue to contribute to the support of our young churches of the south.

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?
For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
 15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
 Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2014: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travels to Lourdes every Easter Sunday with young people and children from all over Ireland. The Derry, Tyrone and Donegal groups are currently accepting applications from young people of any religious denomination with:

- A physical disability or illness (aged 9-18)
- Very seriously ill children under 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative
- A learning disability (aged 11-21)
- Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness.

The young person travels without their family but accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. This week is a great experience for the young person as they have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence and often provides respite for parents/carers. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Alice on 086 856 6432 or James on 07989 303 896 for further details and an application form.

Please note closing date for applications is 31st October. If you are interested in volunteering with The Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer please contact either of the numbers above. All volunteers pay their own fare

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan’s comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it’s already been settled, don’t bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don’t go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don’t use the other’s weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON’T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don’t take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 23rd October – St. John of Capistrano (priest) [1386-1456] Studied civil and canon law and joined the Franciscan Order. In a battle at Belgrade he contracted fever and died there. Patron Saint of jurists and military chaplains.

Thursday 24th October – St. Anthony Claret (bishop) Born in Sallent, Bages comarca, near Barcelona, on 23rd December, 1807, the son of a small woollen manufacturer. He received an elementary education in his native village, and at the age of twelve became a weaver. Later he went to Barcelona to specialize in his trade, and remained there until he was twenty. Meanwhile he devoted his spare time to study and became proficient in Latin, French and engraving.

Friday 25th October – Blessed Thaddeus MacCarthy (bishop) [1455-1492] His appointment as Bishop of Ross was opposed and Pope Innocent VIII then appointed him bishop of Cork and Cloyne. He set out as a humble pilgrim to Rome where he was confirmed as bishop of Cork and Cloyne. On his return journey in 1492 he died at Ivrea in Italy.

Sunday 27th October – St. Otteran (monk) Descendant of Conall Gulban, is usually identified with Odhran who preceded Columba on Iona. His death is recorded in 548 and his grave was greatly revered in Iona. He was chosen by the Vikings as patron saint of the city of Waterford in 1096 and later patron saint of the diocese. [Not celebrated this year]

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 18:1-8:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The purpose of prayer is not to change God’s mind, but to change ourselves – and we can be slow to move. When have you found that persistence in prayer strengthened your faith in the presence of God with you in that struggle?
2. The context of the story may be a concern about the delay in the final coming of the Lord. Have there been times when your persistence in prayer, or action, was eventually rewarded after a period when you had doubts about the outcome? What were the fruits of your persistent prayer?
3. Behind the story lies the final question of Jesus: Who does have faith? Who have been models of faith and trust in God for you? How has that trust been shown in their lives? How is it shown in yours?

The Deep End – A Sting in the Tail!

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

On the face of it, today’s Gospel is a parable about perseverance: if even a corrupt judge will give in to persistent ‘pestering’, how much more will God answer our prayers when we pray continually? We can only imagine the help God makes available to those who ask him. Don’t lose heart, Jesus tells us. Your prayers will be answered.

But there is a sting in the tail, and Jesus also has a challenge for his followers. Almost as an after-thought he poses a question: ‘But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?’ The real question is not whether our prayer can move God. Jesus turns this question on its head and asks instead: can our prayer move us?

Does our faith spur us into action? The widow in the parable is seeking justice, and she refuses to stop fighting until it is granted. We cannot ask God for what we want or need, and then sit back and expect it to happen. That is not faith. Our prayer life goes hand in hand with our willingness to fight for what is right, to live as Jesus asks us to. We are part of the process!