

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] – Mission Sunday (20th October, 2019)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Thought for the Week: "The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.' All this is an expression of our profound Christian belief in the love of the Father..."

Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Family (Amoris Laetitia, chapter 8, #290)

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (20th October – 27th October)

Saturday 19th October St. Paul of the Cross (priest)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Francis O'Hagan (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 20th October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass: Mary Rose McCullagh (2 nd Anniversary) and Margaret Leddy
Monday 21st October	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Deceased members of DDS
Tuesday 22nd October	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 23rd October St. John of Capistrano (priest)	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.15pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass
Thursday 24th October	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 25th October	Formil	7.30pm Station Mass
Saturday 26th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Mary McBride (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 27th October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

Weekly Collection: £1,430 *Thank you for your continuing generosity to the parish*

Baptism: We welcome **Cahir John McAleer** into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated Saturday 12th October in St. Patrick's Church.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Francis O'Hagan (5th), Mary Rose McCullagh (2nd) and Margaret Leddy** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Pre-Sacramental Meeting: The parents and guardians of children of Primary 4 and 7 who will receive the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School are invited to a Pre-Sacramental Preparation Meeting in the School Assembly Hall on Thursday 24th October at 7.30pm. The evening will be led by the team from the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre and we ask that you bring your children along as they'll have their own session led by the Derry Youth Community Team

Station Mass: This week it is being hosted Friday 25th October in the home of Damien and Anne Coyle, Aughascribba Road, Formil. Next week it is being hosted Monday 28th October in the home of Francis and Brigid Keenan, Carnanrancy Road, Aughascribba. The ceremonies begin with the availability of Confession from 7.30pm followed by Mass including the Blessing of Holy Water and of the Family Home.

Mass for the Faithful Departed- The Annual Mass to pray all our Family and Parish Dead will take place this year on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. This is to avoid a clash with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 2nd November and an uncomfortably large congregation at this important mass.

Fr. Bill Healing and Faith Renewal Retreat: Monday 4th to Friday 8th November in St. Mary's Convent, Knock. Given by Fr. Anthony Saji VC. *For more info call Roisin on 074 93 63336*

Annual Derry Diocesan Pioneer Mass: Celebrated by Bishop McKeown on Sunday 27th October at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Ballerin, Co. Derry. Refreshments will be served in the nearby Errigal Hall. Everyone welcome.

Next Week's Readings Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19 • Psalm 33: 2-3, 17-19, 23, R/v 7 • 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 (Mission Sunday): Luke 18: 9-14 • Lectionary I, page 925 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
19 th October • Caoimhe Coyle	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 th October • Danielle Gumley
26 th October • Emma Fox	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 th October • Katelyn Gumley

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented

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

Regional Adoption and Foster Care Service – Recruiting: Could you foster to meet the growing demand of children and young people who need to be cared for in Northern Ireland? You can apply to foster whether you are married or single; you have children of your own or not; you are in employment or are claiming benefits; you own or rent your own home. All foster carers receive financial allowances, ongoing training and 24-hour social work support.

If interested visit adoptionandfostering.hscni.net or call 0800 0720 137

Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Applications are invited from / for young people (11-30 years) with a medical condition, physical disability, illness, learning disability, social or emotional need. Applications also invited for very seriously ill children under the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or close relative. Those over 11 years travel without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers. Those participating have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence. The pilgrimage can also provide respite for parents / carers. The IPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Call Maureen Devine after 5.00pm on 0044 7717 7325 50 or Mary Dunion on (087) 7962 047 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October. irishpilgrimagetrust.ie. *Volunteers, particularly male, are also required; training will be offered*

Autumn Gala Concert in Aid of Trócaire: Frs. Martin and Eugene O'Hagan of 'The Priests' and Derry soprano Margaret Keys have announced details of an Autumn gala concert in aid of Trócaire. The concert will be held in Clonard Monastery, Belfast on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm and will feature the three vocalists together with the choir of St. Dominic's Grammar School in Belfast. Admission will be free by ticket with a suggested donation on the night of £10. *To reserve tickets visit eventbrite.co.uk and search 'Trócaire Autumn Gala Concert', email infoni@trocaire.org or call (028) 9080 8030*

Diocese of Derry – Cursillo – Men's Renewal Weekend: 24th to 27th October in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry. *For more info call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174*

Pat Larry's Self-Catering Cottage – Fundraising Event for Omagh Branch of MS: Saturday 26th October, 10.00am to 6.00pm, craft fair, Various selection of stands, Music by local talent and fancy dress optional, tickets on sale on day for raffle, refreshments served all day, all welcome to support worthy cause, contributions welcome.

Meditative Mornings – She Inspires Me: Monday 21st and 28th October from 10.30am to 12noon in Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry. A series of meditative mornings that allow women from the Scriptures to inspire us as we are led into reflection on texts from the Bible (suggested offering £7.50).

For more info call (028) 7135 1233, email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit thornhillministries.co.uk

An Caisleán Glas – Gala: Saturday 9th November in Silver Birches, Omagh. Celebrate 50 continuous years of An Caisleán Glas. Tickets will be available to purchase at the club rooms immediately after Saturday's mass. greencastle50gala@outlook.com

Thornhill Ministries, 121 Culmore Road, Derry – Upcoming Events:
 Tel: (028) 7135 1233 • Email: thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • Website: thornhillministries.co.uk

Annual Crib Festival:	Last weekend of November. Do you have a crib that you would be willing to lend us for our display as we bring alive the true story of Christmas? If so, please contact us before Thursday 31 st October.
Oasis Day:	Fr. Paschal McDonnell offers a gentle day's reflection and meditation on 'Harvesting Experience's Wisdom' - Tuesday 5 th November from 9.30am to 2.15pm. Booking essential. Suggested Offering £20 (includes Eucharist and light lunch).

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events: *To enquire call Tom on (028) 816 48719*

Music Lessons:	Monday nights at 6.30pm in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge – whistle, fiddle, banjo and accordion. All levels catered for beginners – advanced. <i>Call Tom on number above for relevant class times</i>
Singing Classes:	With Ciara Fox Sunday 27 th October and 17 th and 24 th November at 2.30pm in Plumbridge. <i>Call Tom on the number above to register</i>

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Upcoming Events: saconlon15@hotmail.co.uk • (028) 8775 7800

Reading Group:	Every Tuesday (10.30am to 11.30am). <i>Please donate your old books / magazines</i>
Walking Group:	Continues every Monday (11.00am – 12.00noon). Meet in Pomeroy forest car park.

Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)
A Missionary "Spring" in the Church: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church

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

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

Owenkillew Credit Union – Death Benefit Insurance (DBI):
 DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
 To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.
Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

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

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

Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):
 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) • Join our faith family!

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.
If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Armchair Exercises: Continues every Monday night in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. *Suitable for all ages*

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

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

Drink Wise, Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?
For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240

ACCORD – 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

Parish Liturgy for October, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Patricia Reusch	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Sean Conneely	- - -	Cara Rose Brogan
Collectors	Michael McNamee Shea McElhatton	Frank Keenan Michael Clarke	Tony Donnelly Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

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

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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

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

St. Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth – Diploma in Pastoral Theology at Drumalis
 Applications are now being accepted for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September
Website: drumalis.co.uk • **Email:** maura@drumalis.co.uk • **Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / 2827 6455

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

In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II – 10 Night Pilgrimage to Poland: Tuesday 21st April to Friday 1st May, 2020.
 Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit the capital of Divine Mercy, venerate the messenger of Mercy, St. Faustina's relics, see the cell that imprisoned St. Maximilian Kolbe (martyr) as well as visit the largest Marian shrines and sanctuaries in Poland – daily Mass and spiritual activities.
 Flights from Belfast, luxury coach travel and excellent accommodation.
For more info, a detailed itinerary and price email Fr. Micheál McGavigan at michealmcgavigan@icloud.com

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

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.
Sunday 27th October – St. Otteran (monk) Irish monk associated with Columba of Iona. Some claim that he was an abbot from County Meath but that is not definite. Patron Saint of graves and cemeteries.

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

1. In his prayer Jesus, asserts that eternal life consists in knowing God and Himself as one sent by God. We receive this life through hearing the word of God spoken to us by Jesus, receiving it, and believing in it. Bring to mind times when accepting and believing the words of Jesus was a source of life to you.
2. Jesus prayed that those who believed his word would be protected in time of trial. How have you experienced Jesus as a protector in life?
3. Jesus prayed that his followers would be one, something unfortunately still far from a reality. Perhaps you have experienced both the pain of division and the joy of unity. Recall times when you felt a deep unity with others. What lessons did you learn from the experience?
4. As Jesus was sent into the world by the Father, so he in turn sends us into the world. At this moment in your life, what do you see as the practical consequences for you of this mission from Jesus?

The Deep End – Crying Out: *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas.

On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice.

At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion?

May God bless you with discomfort
 At easy answers, half-truths,
 And superficial relationships...
 And may God bless you
 With enough foolishness
 To believe that you can
 Make a difference in the world,
 So that you can do
 What others claim cannot be done
 To bring justice and kindness
 To all our children and the poor.
Franciscan Blessing

PARISH EVENTS IN 2018

Thursday 1st February Service of Light for P7	Thursday 8th March First Confession for P4
Monday 12th March 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral	
Sunday 22nd April Confirmation by Bishop McKeown	Saturday 19th May First Holy Communion
Thursday 14th June P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry	
Thursday 21st June Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal	
Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries	
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park	
Saturday 1st September Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	
Sunday 2nd September All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin	Friday 2nd November Mass for Parish Deceased
10th November Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal	
Wednesday 21st November Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council	
Sunday 16th December Advent Penance Service	Saturday 22nd December 2 New Altar servers welcomed
31st December Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018	

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	12

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall
 For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent
Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

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Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland Weekend: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney.
 For more information and / or booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call 07702 812 321 or (087) 784 0408

World Premiere of The Beating Heart of Ulster: Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre through Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and the RSPBANI. Showcasing local, young traditional talent celebrating shared culture through the medium of music, song, storytelling and dance. The first show takes place in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh on Saturday 2nd November at 7.30pm with a second showing in the Ardhowen Theatre, Enniskillen on Saturday 9th November at 7.30pm. Admission is £5 per person, with concession price at £3 per person and family rates available. To book your tickets visit struleartscentre.co.uk and ardhowen.com.
 For more info on the event call Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre on 028 8224 2777 or e-mail info@dunuladh.ie

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Family Care Adoption Services Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children
 For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
 us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019

Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

'Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have."

This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: "Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear." Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.'

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*

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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

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

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

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

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%

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

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

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages (April to October): 7 nights B&B and Airport

Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing.

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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

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