

 Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr Solemnity of Christ the King [Year C] (20 th November, 2016) Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheshkinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU Website: greencastleparish.com • Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com • Tel: (028) 8164 8474		
Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 25) "In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old" Ps. 25:6		
Liturgy Schedule for the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (20th – 27th November, 2016)		
Saturday 19th November <i>Do This in Memory (week 3)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Charlie Donnelly (1 st Anniversary) 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession 11.00am Mass
Sunday 20th November Solemnity of Christ the King [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	10.00am Mass 7.30pm Mass
Monday 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Tuesday 22nd November St. Cecilia (virgin and martyr)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Wednesday 23rd November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass followed by Confession and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 11.00am
Thursday 24th November St. Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass <i>Sick and housebound visitations</i>
Friday 25th November St. Catherine and St. Colman	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass followed by Confession and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until 11.00am 5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Charlie and Mary Morris (Anniversary)
Saturday 26th November Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession 11.00am Mass
Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	
Weekly (6th Nov.): £945 • Mission Sunday: £870 • Weekly (13th Nov.): £915 • Retired Priest: £600 <i>If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more</i>		
Sick and Housebound Visits: Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care on Friday 25 th November at the usual times.		
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the souls of Charlie Donnelly, Abina Coyle, Peter McCaffrey, Katie Teague, Brian O'Neill and Michael Gillen whose anniversaries occur at this time. We remember also all our deceased relatives and friends during this month of November.		
Finding Peace... A Day of Quiet Reflection for Advent: Sunday 27 th November. St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Co Donegal will host this one day retreat and opportunity for quiet reflection. Led by Breige O'Hare it will begin at 11.00am and close with Mass at celebrated by Fr Neal Carlin of the Columba Community 3.00pm. Places are limited and cost €30 / £25 (lunch provided). <i>To book or for more info call the centre on 07493 683 70 (00353 7493 68370 from NI) or email sarce@eircom.net</i>		
Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6 th to Wednesday 13 th September, 2017 £619 for half-board (£499 if paid by Friday 9 th December) • <i>Price increase due to falling rate of sterling</i> For more information call (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038		
Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9, R/ v 1 • Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44 • Lectionary 1:3 Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]		

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 19 th November* The family of Shane Molloy	Offertory Gift Rota Solemnity of Christ the King	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 20 th November The family of Mollie McCullagh
Saturday 26 th November The family of Mary-Jo Morris	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 27 th November The family of Brian McDermott
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented *Do This in Memory Programme (Week 3) We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		
New Altar Server Invitation: We would like to invite your children to become Altar Servers in the Parish. I hope you encourage and allow to them to join in this service, it will take their time and your commitment. However, it will be a beautiful way for your children to express their active participation in the life of the Church and learn how to become more responsible. I hope you consider our invitation and share it with your children. In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. Please fill in the form given out in school this week and return it to the school. If your child goes to a school outside the parish and would like to be an altar server please approach Fr. Gallagher after mass. Our plan is to have practices beginning sometime in late November and early December. We will be in contact in due course.		
Broadband Consultation: The Department for the Economy (DfE) Telecoms Branch is undertaking an exercise to ascertain those post codes where superfast broadband services are unlikely to be available in the next few years. This will be the beginning of a process to consider where further funding might be used to improve local services. To support this exercise please submit addresses and post codes of areas which you feel may have minimal or no broadband coverage to sharon.mcgillion@fermanaghmagh.com by Thursday 1 st December at 12 noon so that the relevant data can be forwarded to DfE Telecoms Branch in advance of the deadline.		
Annual Pioneer Retreat: Sunday 4 th December in Termonbacca. <i>Contact any Committee Member to book</i>		
Knock Shrine – Upcoming Events 44th Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil: Wednesday 7 th December, beginning with confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation from 10.00pm, followed by the Vigil at midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Candlelight Procession, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr. Brendan Walsh, S.C.A. Concelebrated Mass will then take place at 4.00am with Fr. Freddy Warner, S.M.A. Watch the Vigil live online at knockshrine.ie/watch. <i>For more information call (094) 93 88100 or email info@knock-shrine.ie</i> Living in Hope Day Retreat with Deirdre Ní Chinnéide: Saturday 26 th November from 10.00am to 3.00pm will take place in the Prayer Guidance Centre, Knock Shrine. At some point in our lives we experience darkness and even despair. Take some time out on a quiet day in God's presence, allow the light of his presence to shine a light in the darkness and lead us to new hope. €30 fee which includes lunch at Knock House Hotel <i>To book call (094) 93 75355 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie - visit knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal to find out more</i>		
Pilgrimage to Knock: There will be a bus going en route from Cookstown through Omagh to Knock to the annual all-night vigil for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday 8 th December. Pick-ups will be along the main Cookstown Road, Omagh bus station and Cravanagh Park and Ride on Wednesday 7 th December around 6.00pm. Bus: £15 • Meals: €12 (optional) • For more info call Mona on (028) 8673 7954 or Una on 07743 575 969		
Children in Crossfire Advent Appeal: Boxes for this appeal are available at the church porch over the next few weekends. Please consider taking one for this very worthy charity and during this season of excess please remember in the run up to Christmas the children and communities supported by this charity in countries across the world. Camino De Santiago Walking Challenge: Thursday 30 th March to Tuesday 4 th April. Walk the way of St. James. Places are limited. Website: childrenincrossfire.org • Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • Tel: (028) 7126 9898		
Prayer Request from Trócaire for Syria: The world stood by in 1994 as genocide was unleashed on Rwanda. One year later, we again stood aside as thousands were massacred in Srebrenica. The United Nations special envoy to Syria, Staffan De Mistura, has warned that Aleppo will be "totally destroyed" by Christmas. We can't let this happen. Pope Francis has called us to urgently pray for peace. We ask you to pray in your homes communities and parishes for peace. Please find here this prayer that you can use <i>Lord our God, Father of all humanity; change the hearts of all peoples and their rulers, so that peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, love and righteousness. May the Spirit of Peace descend upon the people of Syria and upon our world until all conflicts cease and peace reigns on earth. AMEN</i>		

Pope Francis' Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayers)
Universal – Countries Receiving Refugees: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.
Evangelisation – Collaboration of Priests and Laity: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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

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
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass

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

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest.
 The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: *prayerforpriests.com*
Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com
Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

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

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

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

Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.
Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592
Email: email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Parish Liturgy for November, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Ryan Clarke	Rosemary McCullagh	Cayla Donnelly
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Eugene Tracey Brendan Conway	Pat McGuigan Francis Keenan
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

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

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/or 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 entrances*

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.

If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office
Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.
 For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – MA in Catholic School Leadership: In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. 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 who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.
For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

2015 Parish Statistics			
Baptisms 6 Boys 8 Girls	Confirmations 8 Boys 8 Girls	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation 10 Boys 9 Girls	Marriages 10 within parish 5 outside parish
Station Masses in October 7	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
Funerals 13	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 23: 35-43:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus as a person who never used power for his own selfish advantage. Who have you known who used power for the benefit of others rather than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?
2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion, not in a wonderful display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?
3. Jesus is an example of someone in apparent helplessness. In human terms, he was powerless. It was his trust in the love of God with him that helped him through. It was only later with the hindsight of the resurrection that the moment of helplessness could be seen as one in which the power of God was present. Have you had experiences on which you can look back now and see that the power of God was at work in your moments of helplessness?
4. We may also identify with the good thief, reaching out in support of the innocent Jesus. Who has reached out to you when you experienced unfair treatment? To whom have you reached out in that way?
5. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that forgiveness given, or received, was a source of new life for yourself or for others?

Musings – Christ the King:

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This is the final Sunday of Year C and, as we draw to a close, of our reading of Luke's Gospel, we hear the account of Jesus' crucifixion. It is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. Jesus' kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few 'kings' can measure up to this: responding to violence with forgiveness, giving those with no hope a reason to hope. Today's Gospel gives a powerful image of Jesus as servant King, like a beacon light for society in today's world. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship, making daily sacrifices in endless service to those around them?

The power of truth, of honesty, of forgiveness – with no frills! How different the world would be if it was governed by this kind of power. *Michel de Verteuil*

The Deep End – A New Kind of Royalty:

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

Kings, queens, princes and princesses – all hold a fascination for us ordinary folk, their lives so far removed from our day to day lives. Newspapers and magazines make a big business of keeping readers up to date on what real-life royals are up to, often attempting to emphasise how 'ordinary' their lives are too – they are normal people just like you and me! Children continue to enjoy 5 involving princes and princesses – but the genre has been somewhat subverted in recent years with the advent of unconventional royal heroes such as Frozen's Elsa or Brave's Merida. Our perception of what it means to be royalty is slowly changing.

In Jesus' time, people had certain expectations of a king. They expected that the great messianic king would lead a rebellion and bring war and judgement, and that he would establish his kingdom on earth. The Jesus that we see in today's Gospel appears to be the exact opposite, which is why he is mocked on the cross. A true king would be able to save himself from humiliation and death.

But Jesus is a different sort of king, and one of the criminals hanging beside Jesus is the first to recognise this – the first person, too, to witness the forgiveness and reconciliation that Jesus came to bring. That is what his kingdom is all about.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Monday 21st November – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Originated in the East and was included on the General Calendar in the 16th century. With the feasts of Immaculate Conception and the Nativity of Mary, this feast reminds us that Mary was the chosen vessel of God from the very first moment of her life.
- Tuesday 22nd November – St. Cecilia (virgin and martyr)** The patroness of music and musicians, was a 2nd or 3rd century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded. Her association with music and the representations of her playing the organ probably grew from a misunderstanding of a 5th century account of her life.
- Thursday 24th November – St. Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) and Companions (martyrs)** In the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries in Vietnam many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19th June, 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these, 96 native Vietnamese men and women, 11 Dominican missionaries from Spain and 10 French missionaries.
- Friday 25th November – St. Catherine [335-397]** Martyred in 310 at Alexandria. Her body is venerated at the monastery on Mount Sinai.
- St. Colman** Born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by Satin Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to East Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne.

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