



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

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

Second Sunday of Lent [Year C] (21st February, 2016)

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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Paragraph 14 of Misericordiae Vultus

"To refrain from judgement and condemnation means, in a positive sense, to know how to accept the good in every person and to spare him any suffering that might be caused by our partial judgment, our presumption to know everything about him."

Liturgy Schedule for the Second Sunday of Lent [Year C] (21st February, 2016 – 28th February, 2016)

Saturday Evening 20th February <i>Do This In Memory (week 6)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st February Third Sunday of Lent [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 22nd February Second Week of Lent	St. Patrick's St. Patrick's	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 23rd February Second Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 24th February Second Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Thursday 25th February Second Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	8.00am Mass <i>Note change in time due to a scheduled power cut from 9.00am to 5.30pm</i>
Friday 26th February Second Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	7.00pm First Confession for P4 children 7.30pm Mass and Stations of the Cross: Rose Morris (6 th Anniversary) <i>Note Mass on Friday will be at 7.30pm during Season of Lent</i>
Saturday Evening 27th February	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Rose Kirk (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 28th February Third Sunday of Lent [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£945** and **£35** in the loose plate

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the souls of **Jim McLaughlin, Michael Keenan** and **Rose Morris** whose anniversaries occur at this time and the deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society from the parish that were recently enrolled, **Rita Fox** and **Charles Donnelly**.

Baptism: We welcome in to God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism **Daithi John McGarvey** who was baptised on Sunday 14th February 14 in St. Patrick's Church.

First Confession: We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with the children of P4 of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School on Thursday 25th February at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church. Pray for the children and their families as they prepare for this important moment in their faith journey.

Irish Pilgrimage Trust: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travel to Lourdes every Easter with children and young people from all over Ireland with physical needs / illness, intellectual disabilities and social needs. One of the groups from the Derry area is urgently looking for a nurse to travel with the group on the 27th March for 6 nights. If interested please call Jimmie on 07802 545 282 or Mary on 00353 87796 2047 as soon as possible for more details.

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 3: 1-8 • Psalm 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11 R/ v8 • 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6
Luke 13: 1-9 • Lectionary I, page 245 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 20 th February* The family of Niamh McGlinchey	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday 21 st February The family of Cathal Keenan
Saturday 27 th February The family of Katie McGurk	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday 28 th February The family of Cathair McAleer
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and thank them *Do This In Memory (week 6) • We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre – Living Justly in the Year of Mercy: Saturday 27th (9.30am to 4.30pm) and Sunday 28th (9.30am to 1.00pm) February. A weekend workshop by the SMA Justice Office, on the central place of Justice in a life of faith, including a focus on Migrants and Refugees and living justly with the stranger in our midst.

Free but meals / accommodation must be booked and paid for • Places are limited and must be reserved by Monday 22nd February • Call Dymna Mallon on (028) 3082 1024 or email laity@sma.ie to find out more

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local rep / branch of Pioneer Association). Take this opportunity to help someone you know / love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being.

Some locals are forming a group for those interested in the Irish language, our local history and our culture
You do not need to be an Irish speaker to take part, you just need to be passionate about our Gaelic heritage
If you wish to take part or find out more information call Sinéad on 07849 394 001 or email ni_mhearnog@hotmail.com

Engaged Encounter – Preparing for Marriage? Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March in St. Malachy's Parish Centre, Coleraine. Designed for couples preparing for Marriage to enrich communication in all aspects of their relationship.
For details and booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call (028) 2763 8512

Notice from Bishop Donal McKeown to Parishioners: An important key to maintaining and handing on the faith is knowledge of the faith. In seeking to help us deepen our knowledge, I have arranged for every person in the parish to have trial access to online resources from the Augustine Institute (USA). Every parishioner will have free 24/7 access on any device including computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access, until Thursday 17th March. You will find high quality videos, courses and other material that explain the Catholic faith, explore Scripture and reflect on the deepest meaning of Marriage and Baptism, as well as many other inspiring audio talks and books on a variety of topics relevant to our faith.

After the period of free trial access, the Augustine Institute hopes to be able to offer a service to parishes who then wish to subscribe on a permanent basis. You are encouraged to look at this online material and your feedback is welcomed by your Parish Priest.

Get Engineering Careers Fair – For a Career with Real Potential.

Saturday 5th March in South West College, Dungannon from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses: All couples intending to be married in the parish are expected to have completed a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course. Please book well in advance of your wedding date.

1st and 2nd April • 6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June

To book (opening time can be found on the website):

Website: accord.ie • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439 • **Email:** omagh@accordni.com

I AM Alive – Christian ROCKS Concert: Easter Sunday 27th March from 8.00pm to 10.00pm in St Columb's Hall, Derry. Take part in a musical celebration of our love for Jesus and his love for us. A 14-piece band will deliver music in a fresh new way aimed at lifting your soul and inspiring your faith.

Tickets (available at Veritas): Adult (£10) • Students (£7)

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 2nd April.

If you would like more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

<p>Pope Francis' Intentions for February (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>Universal – <i>Care for Creation</i>: That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.</p> <p>Evangelisation – <i>Asia</i>: That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.</p>
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<p>Lourdes Pilgrimage (Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July): The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office is now open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm. <i>Forms available from Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: (028) 7126 0293 / 07517 965 751 (Mon. to Fri. 9.00am to 6.00pm)</i></p>

<p>Thornhill Ministries 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd September. There are still a few places are still available. For more details call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org</p>

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<p>Drink Wise Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use? <i>For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240</i></p>
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<p>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. <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
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<p>GCSE Irish Class: Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh. This is also open to students from other schools and to adult learners of Irish. Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • Tel: (028) 8225 6220</p>

<p>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – <i>Use of Photography and Video</i>: 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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. <p>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. <i>From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>

<p>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. <i>See poster at entrances</i></p>

Parish Liturgy for February, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling Donaghy	Catriona McCullagh	Barry Maguire
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Cayla Donnelly
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Frank Keenan Patrick Tuohy	Pat McGuigan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Eileen McKenna, Anne McAleer and Lauryn Hollywood		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinéad for info			

<p>The Good Ship Lollipop – <i>Appeal For Child Refugees</i>: The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. <i>Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid</i> Website: tuesdayschild.ie • Email: info@tuesdayschild.ie • Tel: (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362 Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g. TUES75 £5)</p>

<p>Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – <i>Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership</i>: A post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles or with an interest in the Catholic School system. <i>For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org</i></p>

<p>YOUTH 2000 Group: Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm in The Oratory, Main Street, Newtownstewart. Prayer, music, friendship and Newtownstewart coffee! This will also be our Pope John Paul Award Project for 2015-2016.</p>

<p>Towards Peace: A new 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</p>
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<p>Yoga with Margaret Franklin: Every Tuesday at 7.15pm in An Creagán.</p>

<p>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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass</p>
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<p>St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese, and their contact details, are as follows. Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmail_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com <i>prayerforpriests.com</i></p>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS <i>Please note that events for the Year of Mercy will be added at later date</i>		
Thursday 25th February at 7.00pm First Confession	Thursday 17th March St. Patrick's Day	Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday
Thursday 24th March (Mass of the Lord's Supper) at 10.00am in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry Holy Thursday Mass of Chrism (Blessing of Holy Oils and Priestly Renewal of Vows)		
Friday 25th March Good Friday	Saturday 26th March Holy Saturday	Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday
Sunday 24th April at 2.00pm Confirmation	Saturday 14th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion	
Sunday 26th June at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Melmount, Strabane Ordination of Rev. Christopher McDermott to the Priesthood for Derry Diocese		
Saturday 2nd July Intercession for the Dead in Greencastle Cemetery	Sunday 3rd July Intercession for the Dead in Broughderg Cemeteries	
Wednesday 2nd November Mass for the Dead	Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 25th December Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)

Musings

Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)

The philosopher, Gabriel Marcel 'appreciated that to love someone is, in effect, to say to that person 'you must not die, but live forever'. Love's profound approval cannot tolerate the idea of the beloved no longer being there. The loving approval of God dramatized in the whole story of Christ brings with it something that human love alone can never achieve: the fullness of life forever'. The divine love, deployed in creation and even more in redemption, is more powerful than death. It not only delivers from death but also holds out a new, transformed and definitive life to come'

Gerald O'Collins (Jesus Our Redeemer [page 197])

The Deep End – Call to Transformation:

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top in today's Gospel. In that space, they have a profound experience and are invited to see Jesus for who He really is. One can empathise with the disciples in this story as they do not want to leave that space. We all have had experiences that we want to last forever and are hugely disappointed when they are over. However, commitment to any cause very often involves a long and painful journey. Like the disciples in the Gospel today, there is a 'hook' moment, when Jesus or any leader shows us something different, a vision, a dream, something that is so wonderful and hope-filled that we commit there and then to making it happen. Then we realise that there is much work to be done and the path will not be so easy. Obstacles will arise, people will fall away, enthusiasm will waver, there will be set backs and disappointments. We are being called to commitment today, to the more difficult path. We are being called to open our ears and eyes to the Gospel message of transfiguration, of transformation.

Per capita, Ireland is one of the highest polluters in Europe. This is not a statistic to be proud of. We know we can do better. Coming down from the mountain, like the disciples, means making changes in our lifestyles that lower each of our carbon footprints. We start with ourselves.

We require a new and universal solidarity... All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own cultures, experience, involvements and talents.'

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 14

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		

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Alzheimer's Society Carer Information and Support Programme (CrISP)

CrISP is a series of workshops for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. It provides an opportunity for you to talk in a friendly and confidential environment about your experiences and the impact they are having on you.

Week 1 – Induction and Welcome Welcoming everyone to the programme

Week 2 – Understanding Dementia Explores the physical, psychological and emotional impact of dementia

Week 3 – Legal and Money Matters Explores legal and financial issues to help you understand the importance of planning for the future

Week 4 – Providing Support and Care Explores concerns/challenges that may arise when supporting a person with dementia

Week 5 – Coping Day to Day Looking at the physical, psychological and Emotional impact that dementia may have on you as a carer

The free workshops are run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers for a group of up to 12 people who care for a family member or friend with dementia

If interested Paula Canney on (028) 8225 0103 / 07718 322 726 or email paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk

The Net – February Edition Now Available: For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call / text 07809 292 852. This month's coverage includes the follow.

Malin youth retreat • Ballymagroarty Baby Blessing • Award for Waterside youth volunteer
Bellaghy's young stars shine • Lenten youth evenings • St. Eugene's scouts feature • Moville's Crafty Guides
Drumragh's youth entertain seniors • Castletinn centenarian's celebration • Limavady Mercy Day
Cappagh's Christian Unity Service • Bellaghy Prayer Week • Banagher SVP mark retirement
Beautiful Icon for Banagher Cenacle • Coleraine author's book to kick-start faith dialogue
Buncrana tribute to late Fr. Michael Kelly • Fahan's final fundraising push
Newtownstewart Mercy easels unveiled • Bellaghy, Fauganvale and Desertmartin enjoy SVP gatherings
Parish Post-its • Diocesan Diary • School Scene

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 9: 28-36.

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. On the mountain, the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendships there are experiences when we get to know a friend in a deeper way. A marvellous moment. This can also happen in our relationship with God. Recall such experiences in your life. Remember what it was like for you, and give thanks. How do such memories sustain you in difficult times?
2. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud. It was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning an important truth about yourself, or about your relationship with God, from moments of confusion as well as from times of joy?
3. The disciples were prepared for this experience by getting an invitation from Jesus to come apart, to withdraw to the mountain. Have there been times when going apart was an important element in preparing you for a significant experience?
4. Peter wanted to build three tents. He wanted to hold on to the experience. Have there been experiences that you wanted to hold on to?