



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (21st August, 2016)
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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 21)
"If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness."

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (21st August, 2016 – 28th August, 2016)

Saturday 20th August St. Bernard (abbot and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession
Monday 22nd August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass
Tuesday 23rd August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 24th August St. Bartholomew (apostle)		NOTE: There will be no Mass every Wednesday throughout August unless stated otherwise
Thursday 25th August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 26th August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	12 noon Wedding Mass 8.00pm Mass: Jimmy Daly (Month's Mind)
Saturday 27th August St. Monica	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Rita Fox (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 28th August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession
	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass

The parish collections for recent weeks were as follows, Many thanks for your kind generosity throughout this time
17th July €935 • **24th July** £1,135 • **31st July** £1,090 • **7th August** £905 • **14th August** £935

Bishop Edward Daly: Last week, our beloved retired bishop, Edward Daly, returned to God. It has been a time to remember Bishop Daly's faithful service of God and the people of this diocese. Over the days many people shared their experiences of meeting with Bishop Edward and the kindness and compassion he showed, in actions both great and small. It was my privilege to lead the Funeral Mass and burial rites. I thank you, the people of this diocese, for your overwhelming response to the death of Bishop Edward, for attending his wake, the liturgies which were celebrated and his funeral. In prayer, we now entrust Bishop Edward's soul to our Eternal Father, that he may be welcomed into his Heavenly Kingdom.
 May he rest in peace +*Donal McKeown (Bishop of Derry)*

Baptism: We congratulate and pray for the family of *Callum Joseph Conway* who received the Sacrament of Baptism and was welcomed into God's family on Friday 12th August in St. Patrick's Church.

Wedding: Congratulations to *Demot McCullagh (Greencastle)* and *Coralee Brines (Badoney Upper)* who shared the Sacrament of Matrimony with each other on Saturday 13th August in Sacred Heart Church Plumbridge.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Jimmy Daly (Binnefreaghan)* whose Month's Mind occurs this coming Friday and for the souls of *Annie McCullagh* and *Paul McCullagh* whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society *Sally Glass, Cheryl McCullagh* and *Jane McNulty*.

Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage: Sunday 11th September. Chief Celebrant will be Archbishop Michael Neary, Patron of the CGA with a refectory by Catherine Wiley, the founder of the CGA. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with music and song will be at 2.30pm and the Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary will be at 3.00pm. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their grandparents which will be blessed at the pilgrimage (please send prayers to our office at the following address) **Address:** Castlebar St, Westport, Co Mayo • **Tel:** 098 248 77 **Email:** info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com • **Web:** catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Wednesday 31st August to Wednesday 7th September. *Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 for details*

Next Week's Readings: Ecclesiastes 3: 17-20, 28-29 • Psalm 67: 4-7, 10-11, R/c v.11 • Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24
 Luke 14: 1, 7-14 • Lectionary I, page 900 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Blessing of Motorbikers: Sunday 11th September at 1.30pm in St. Aengus' Church, Burt. This year, we are having a short prayer service and blessing for all bikers and their bikes. There will be a collection taken up for the RNLI at the church and a Motorbike Run to the RNLI Station at Ned's Point, Buncrana. *All are very welcome*

Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Auction: BADA are now accepting lots for our upcoming auction on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd September. All donations are greatly accepted plus items which you may want to sell. To enter anything in this auction please contact us on one of the following numbers.
Broughderg Post Office (028) 8675 1633 • **Committee members** (028) 8675 1570 / (028) 8164 8180
 Items can be collected if required and include household items, furnishing, kitchen essentials, antiques and collectibles

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events: Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706
Pilates with Breada Turbiitt: Tuesday 13th September at 7.00pm. Free training and new training programme facilitated by South West College. A 12 week programme of training and personal development available to anyone aged 16-65 years who is not working or working 15 hours or less per week, or not in full time education / training.
Rouskey Respiratory Support Group: Rouskey Community Centre considering setting up a Respiratory Support Group facilitated by Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke. Respiratory conditions include illnesses like COPD, asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. A respiratory condition is not always obvious to others, and is often referred to an 'invisible illness'. NICHSS's Respiratory Groups meet often to offer support to people living with respiratory conditions and their families and carers.

Children in Crossfire 7 County Cycle Derry • Tyrone • Fermanagh • Cavan • Sligo • Leitrim • Donegal
 3 day Challenge • 200 miles • Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September
Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 • £60 deposit secures place

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*

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ACCORD – Marriage Preparation Courses: Each year over 20,000 people marry in the Catholic Church in Ireland. Despite the recession, numbers getting married have only fallen slightly in recent years. ACCORD Omagh provides Marriage Preparation Courses for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. Feedback from participants is very positive. Courses take place at the address below and can be booked via the following information.
Address: Accord Suite, Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre • **Website:** accord.ie **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439
Dates (Fridays and Saturdays): 9th and 10th September - 7th and 8th October - 4th and 5th November

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

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

Bishop Edward Daly Quote *Taken from the Preface of a Troubled See Memoirs of a Derry Bishop*
 "We live in a hugely different world than that in which I began my priesthood. The Catholic Church in Ireland is less dominant and much more defensive now than it was in the 1950s. There are not as many people attending mass or affiliated as regular members. However, it is, in many ways, a much healthier church than it was. I feel that the church is at its best when it is a minority in the society that it finds itself, when it is powerless rather than powerful."

Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Sports: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.
Evangelisation – Living the Gospel: That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour.

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

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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

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

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

The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees: 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. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*

Website: tuesday.schild.ie • **Email:** info@tuesday.schild.ie • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362
Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g. TUES75 £5)

Parish Liturgy for August, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Rosemary McCullagh	Shauna Morris
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Mary Bradley	Frank Keenan Patrick Tuohey	Pat McGuigan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Rosemary and Ciara McNally		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

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

White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:

If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us. Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor.

Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St. Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 2407

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- Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com
- Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com *prayerforpriests.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 11.30am 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

ACCORD – Fertility and Wellbeing Service: An educational service, offering instruction / counseling in Fertility Awareness and Natural Family Planning (NFP) for women / couples who wish to achieve a pregnancy or plan their family. ACCORD Fertility and Well Being practitioners are people who have been specifically selected and trained to deliver this service. These practitioners use this knowledge and training to inform, educate and support individuals and couples with regard to their fertility.

Appointments are held in the Omagh centre and can be made by calling (028) 8224 2439

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd November Mass for the Dead	Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent	Sunday 25th December Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)
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Year of Mercy – Local, National and International Pilgrimages as Arranged by the Diocese

Long Tower Thursday 11 th September (begins 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass) Rome and Assisi Friday 2 nd to Thursday 8 th September

Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy: Monday 22nd August to Thursday 25th August (10.00am to 3.00pm daily) in Campsie Playing Fields, Omagh for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years.
For bookings and further details call Sean Davis FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach on (028) 7126 3044

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 • **Web:** kindercareni.co.uk

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

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 13: 22-30. *John Byrne OSA (john@orkagh.ie)*

- The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?
- 'Strive to enter by the narrow door'. Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What is it like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there?

Musings *Fr. Bernard Cotter (Bandon, Co Cork)*

Men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast. *Luke 1: 29*

This is one of the times when it's useful to live in a rural parish. When I hear of people coming from the fringe to take their places at the feast, I imagine the dwellers in the townlands at the edge of the parish pushing out the people at its core. These residents of liminal townlands sometimes have divided loyalties: we who live at the centre of the parish, near the parish church, feel it is left to us to keep everything going. But in the vision in today's gospel, it is these people on the edge who will come to the feast, while we dwellers at the heart of things are pitched out. Is this just or unjust? Jesus is clear. The people at the feast are the ones who deserve to be there.

Lord, help me not to forget that there are no reserved spaces at the banquet, that there is equal access, by your grace. *Amen*

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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The Deep End – Do I Know You? *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

What a frightening thought, that the master would reject us and deny that he knows us. To think that we would have done our best to live a good life, only to meet him at the narrow door and be denied admission!

Yet many of us think we have it all sussed. Like those in today's Gospel, we think we are surely safe. But there is a certain complacency in the voices that plead to the master 'We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets' – as if it is enough to have a passing acquaintance with Jesus. Those are not the words of someone who really knows the master and deserves to enter his house. We may think we won't be denied eternal salvation because we say our prayers, go to Mass every Sunday, and try our best to live good and holy lives. Wouldn't it be disappointing after all that if we turned into someone that Christ does not recognise?

There are elements in all our lives that Christ would not recognise. What are the areas in our lives that need to change, in order that he might invite us in?

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

Craft Training Ltd: A leading training organisation that provides 16-18 year olds with the opportunity to fulfil their potential in a vocational area, through the Training for Success programme. Gain the skills you need to kick start your career free of charge and earn £40 per week, range of qualifications include ICT, Hairdressing, Joinery, Painting & Decorating, Hospitality & Catering, Retail and much more.
Tel: (028) 8225 9377 • **Office:** Kelvin Avenue, Omagh • **Email:** joincraft@hotmail.co.uk

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 24th August – *St. Bartholomew (apostle)* His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit." The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages. Tradition has the place as Abanopolis on the west coast of the Caspian Sea and that he also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, and Egypt. The Gospel of Bartholomew is apochryphal and was condemned in the decree of Pseudo-Gelasius.

Saturday 27th August – *St. Monica [332-387]* Converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron Saint of mothers.

Sunday 28th August – *St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [354-430]* Bishop of Hippo where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on understanding God's grace. Patron Saint of theologians. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]