



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

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time [Year A] (21st September, 2014)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (22nd September, 2014 – 28th September, 2014)

Saturday Evening (20th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 21st September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 22nd September Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 23rd September St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (priest) and St. Eunan (abbot)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 24th September Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Lourdes PS	10.00am Mass to mark the opening of the new school year
Thursday 25th September St. Finbar (bishop)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 26th September St. Cosmas and St. Damian	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday Morning (27th September) St. Vincent de Paul	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (27th September) <i>Do This In Memory (week 1)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 28th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£877** and **£33** loose change.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Sean Daly** whose Requiem took place in Dunamore last Sunday. We also pray for **Imelda Tracey, Philomena Devlin, Ferdinand McCrory** and **Elizabeth McCrory**, whose anniversaries occur now.

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group Meeting: Tuesday 23rd September (St. Padre Pio's Feast Day) in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry, starting with Mass at 7.15pm.

Dean Maguire College – Mass to Mark Beginning of School Year: Wednesday 24th September at 9.30am in St. Colmcille's Church, Carrickmore. *All associated with the school are invited to be present*

Lough Derg Pilgrimages – One Day Retreats and Family Day: Reservations essential. Book at the Lough Derg Office. Tel / Fax: 00353 719 861 518 • Email: info@loughderg.org

Broughderg Community Centre – Tea / Coffee Morning: Sunday 28th September after Mass until 1.00pm for tea, coffee and treats. Donation on the door in aid of Charis Cancer Care. Contact Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – Information and Reflection Morning: Saturday 27th September from 10.30am to 1.00pm in St. Joseph's Conference Room, St. Eugene's Cathedral. Facilitated by the diocesan RCIA team. This is the rite through which adults are received into the Catholic Church.

If you have someone in your parish who facilitates the rite or would be interested in finding out more about it please contact tferry@derrydiocese.org to confirm attendance by Monday 22nd September

Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 28th September, bus leaving Greencastle at 8.00am. Book by calling 07919 680 787

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalm 24: 4-9, r/v 6; Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32; (Lectionary I, page 705) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

GAA Lotto Results: A • J • U • X • Y (8 with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,250

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 20 th September The family of Ryan Coney	Offertory Gifts Rota Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 21 st September The family of Oisín Coyle
Saturday 27 th September* The family of Niamh Conway	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 28 th September The family of Rachael Devine

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community.

***Do This In Memory (Week 1)**

We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Stations Masses in October: Hosting a Station Mass is a long tradition in the life of our Catholic parish communities. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It will be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a Station.

DATE	TOWNLAND	IN THE HOME OF
Wednesday 8 th October at 7.30pm	Muninamale	Eugene and Rose McCullagh
Wednesday 22 nd October at 7.30pm	Formil	Martin McGurk
Monday 27 th October at 7.30pm	Sheskinshule	Michael and Caroline Coyle

Humanity has Still not Learned that War is Madness:

Vatican City (Sunday 14th September, 2014) [VIS]

Following today's Marian prayer, the Holy Father mentioned that tomorrow the Security Council of the United Nations begins peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic, to promote peace and protect the civil population that is suffering the consequences of a long-standing conflict. "I assure the peacekeepers of the support and prayer of the Catholic Church, and encourage the efforts of the international community to come to the aid of Central Africans of good will. May the violence give way to dialogue as soon as possible, and may the opposing forces set aside their particular interests and make the necessary provisions to ensure that every citizen, of every ethnic and religious group, may collaborate in constructing the common good. May the Lord accompany this work for peace!", he exclaimed. The Pope went on to speak about his visit on Saturday to the Austro-Hungarian cemetery and the military monument of Redipuglia, Italy, where he prayed for those who lost their lives in the First World War. "The figures are frightening: around eight million fallen soldiers and around seven million civilians killed. This shows us what madness war is! A madness from which humanity still has not learnt its lesson: it was followed by another world war soon after, and many others that are still in progress. When will we learn this lesson? I invite everyone to look to the Crucified Jesus to understand that hatred and evil must be met with forgiveness and goodness, to understand that the solution of war leads only to more evil and death!"

At the end of today's general audience, the Holy Father greeted those present in various languages. In his greetings in Arabic, he addressed the faithful of the Holy Land "from where the light of proclamation issued forth to the ends of the earth", urging them always to be, "despite difficulties, courageous and joyful bearers of the Message of salvation, truth and blessing".

Vatican City (Wednesday 17th September, 2014) [VIS]

The Catholic Chaplaincy, Queen's University, Belfast: 28 Elmwood Ave, BT9 6AY • (028) 9066 9737 • qubcc.org
Welcome Week Programme From Monday 22nd September **Trust Lunch** From Monday 22nd September

First Sunday Mass From Sunday 28th September at 8.00pm

Dedication of Studies Mass Sunday 12th October *All student and their families welcome*

Please remember to sign up to the chaplaincy via the online process

COR Weekend: Friday 26th September from 6.30pm and ending with Mass at 3.00pm on Sunday 28th September at the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly. A weekend designed for young people aged between 14 and 17. The weekend involves you in a new, exciting, and challenging approach to your Catholic faith and daily living. It is a well developed combination of prayer, reflection, sharing, activities and fun. Anyone who has made a COR weekend would say it is a weekend they will always remember for the rest of their lives. Come and join us for a great experience. Cost for the weekend is £45 STG (accommodation and full board)

Please contact COR Ireland's Facebook page or Lisa on 07725 907 787, Danny on 07716 270 499 or Niall on 07510 865 111 • Price reduced due to sponsorship

Living With Suicide Day Retreat in Lough Derg: Wednesday 24th September.

For info contact Maureen or Sharon on (071) 9861 518 (from NI 00353 71986 1518) or email info@loughderg.org

Fund-Raising Concert by St.Columba's Choir, Ballinascreen: Michael and Kathleen Trolan have asked for this to be brought to your attention. Friday 3rd October at Magherafelt Parish Centre –Nelson Mandela Tribute, a life and legacy told in music.

Admission is £10, payable at door

Strule Arts Centre – Upcoming Events: kevin.goodwin@omagh.gov.uk • 07747 899 249

Sean-Nós and Set Dancing Wednesdays from 6.00pm

Singing in Irish Wednesdays from 7.00pm (free)

Irish Classes for Beginners, Improvers and Advanced Levels Wednesdays from 8.00pm to 9.30pm

New York Times Opinion – Quotation of the Day (Saturday 13th September): I am convinced that wind and sun will be the central sources of energy, not only in Germany but worldwide. The question is: How can we turn the energy transition into a success story?
Patrick Graichen, who heads a think tank in Berlin, Agora Energiewende, devoted to studying the shift

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.
For Evangelisation: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

Omagh Zambia Fund – Variety Concert: Tenth and Final Fundraiser on Saturday 27th September at 8.00pm in St. Joseph's Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm. Admission is £10. M.C. is Declan Forde.

Jack and the Beanstalk: Monday 22nd December at 3.00pm. A relaxed performance is designed to create an enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere for young people with learning and sensory difficulties and their families to experience theatre. Early bird offer £10 before Friday 31st October.

Hike to Croagh Patrick: Saturday 4th October. A trip to Westport, Co. Mayo combined with a hike of one of Ireland's most famous mountains, for those aged over 16. Cost is £30 and includes dinner and bus. For further details about the trip or if you require a booking form contact Naoimh Moore at the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or on 07714 882 955. Alternatively you can drop an email at n.moore@derrydiocese.org.

Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults: A new resource from the Irish Episcopal Conference, designed to complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It has been adapted for an Irish audience and is written in accessible, easy to understand language. Whilst it can be used as an Individual private resource for reflection, it is also particularly useful for Parish Study Groups, Liturgy Groups, Parish Pastoral Councils and any individuals/groups working in parishes to promote catechesis / deepening of adult faith formation. A Study Guide to complement the Catechism has also been published. The Catechism is available from Veritas bookshops, at a cost of £19.99 / €24.99 and the Study Guide costs £11.00 / €12.99. Good discounts are available for multiple purchases. Tel: 02871 266888 or E-mail: derryshop@veritas.ie

Veritas – Information Evening on the New Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults: Thursday 25th September at 4.00pm, in the St Columba Heritage Centre (Aras Colmcille), Long Tower, Derry. Speaker will be Maura Hyland, Director of Veritas. Tea/Coffee will be served. Everyone is welcome, and the Information Evening will be of particular interest/benefit to members / groups in the parish working to promote catechesis / deepening of adult faith formation.

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
And those who were there the whole day long, working in the landowner's vineyard, grumbled. They had been there from early morning and yet the latecomers, those who had worked for only a single hour, received the same payment (a day's wage). This was simply not just. Surely the latecomers needed to be penalised in some way. Surely those who had been faithful workers from the start needed to be set apart from the rest of the crowd. Surely they were entitled to be favoured. It is the protest of the self-righteous: 'after all I have done for you ...'

Youthlife – Growing through Change Programme: Friday 26th to Sunday 28th September in The Sanctuary, Muff, Co. Donegal. For adults who have experienced bereavement and loss as a result of death, divorce or separation. There is no charge for this programme.
For an application form call Deidre on (028) 7137 7227, visit us at youthlife.org or call into the office on 23 Bishop Street, Derry

Do This In Memory of Me: Our First Holy Communion parish programme will begin next weekend. The Parish Liturgy group invites the parents / guardians of our children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation in 2014 to an introductory meeting at the Old School House on Wednesday 24th September at 9.00pm.

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the Sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates.
Monday 6th and 27th October • Tuesday 7th, 14th and 28th October • Wednesday 29th October

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014		
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Wednesday 29 th October St. Patrick's	
Saturday 1 st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

Parish Liturgy for September, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of the Faithful	Clare Tuohey	Brianna Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Tony Donnelly Sean Clarke
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

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

A Farmer's Prayer	
Jesus, you are the Bread of Life, Food for our journey, You are the Vine and we are the branches, Drawing our life from you. As we seek to make out living from the land,	Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch the beauty of your creation, Renew your love in our hearts. And as we see your plan at work in each season, Bring your peace to our home and to those we love.
Amen	

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

Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
10th and 11th October • 14th and 15th November • 5th and 6th December • 9th and 10th January
6th and 7th February • 6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation

In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast

The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone.

This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.

Tel: (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Email: maura@drumalis.co.uk • **Web:** drumalis.co.uk

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – **Pilgrimage Season:** Sunday 4th May to Sunday 12th October.

You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year

Family Care Adoption Services: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward.

Adopters Needed Now: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle
Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839*

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – **Matthew 20: 1-16:**

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. 'I was there first.' Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.
3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.
4. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?

The Deep End – **God's Love is Different:**

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

In today's parable Matthew is addressing an issue in the community where people are unhappy with certain groups being included in God's Kingdom... they were there first! We can identify with the characters: times when we felt hard done by; times we made comparisons between ourselves and others. Whereas 'THEY'? Well, 'they' are the cause of the problem, benefiting in some way from our perceived injustice.

'Friend, I am doing you no wrong.' This is a moment of grace where God is freeing people from jealousy; there is enough to go around, everyone has received what they were promised. Even in our relationships with one another, people sometimes want to possess and take all for themselves. In reality God (and people) can love others unconditionally without taking anything away from us. If we could liberate ourselves from such insecurities and not let them take hold, life would be a lot happier. Have you been wronged? Has an injustice occurred to anyone else? No, then why worry? The workers expect a judgemental God and often we too confine our image of God to a distributor of justice. God's justice is more concerned with generosity and compassion, there is plenty for all.

God's love is just... different.

True love is delicate and kind, full of gentle perception and understanding, full of beauty and grace, full of joy unutterable... With such a love one would see all things new; we would begin to see people as they really are, as God sees them.

Dorothy Day

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 21st September – St. Matthew (Apostle and Evangelist) St. Matthew the tax collector may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus in Mark 2:13. he is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. Patron of accountants and book-keepers, tax collectors, customs officers and security guards. [Not celebrated this year]

Tuesday 23rd September – St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Padre Pio (priest) Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer, died in September of 1968.

St. Eunan (abbot) [624-704] Born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is *The Life of Colmcille*.

Thursday 25th September – St. Finbarr (bishop) Came to Lach Irce (Gaugane Barra) and lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

Friday 26th September – St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs) Twin brothers, physicians, and early Christian martyrs born in Cilicia, part of today's Turkey. They practiced their profession in the seaport of Ayas, Adana, then in the Roman province of Syria. Accepting no payment for their services led to them being named "Avápyyupoi" (Unmercenary); it has been said that, by this, they attracted many to the Christian faith.

Saturday 27th September – St. Vincent de Paul (priest) [1580-1660] Founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of charitable works.