

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (22nd January, 2017)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Thought for the Week *Cardinal Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, Philippines*
 "God is like a gentle sun, the rays of which will heal our weaknesses"

Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (22nd January, 2017 – 29th January, 2017)

Saturday 21st January St. Agnes (virgin and martyr)	St. Patrick's <i>DTIM (Week 5)</i>	6.00pm Vigil Mass Patrick Glass (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 22nd January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass
Monday 23rd January Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 24th January St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Wednesday 25th January Conversion of St. Paul	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Thursday 26th January St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 27th January St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

Weekly Collection Amount: £1,020
If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary Ellen Daly (Crockanboy)** who was buried during the week, we pray for her family, neighbours and friends who mourn at this time. We also pray for the repose of the souls of **Patrick Glass (2nd)**, **Peter Clarke (3rd)** and **Eileen Carson (5th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
 £619 for half-board • *Price increase due to falling rate of sterling*
 Contact Maria ASAP on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

Thornhill Ministries – Holy Land Pilgrimage Retreat:
 If you are interested in travelling on a pilgrimage / retreat to the Holy Land in September, 2018 get in touch.

Vocations Information Day:
 Saturday 18th March from 11.00am to 4.00pm in Ardstraw House, 21a Buncrana Road, Derry.
 To find out more call Fr. Paul Farren on (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Special Charity Concert in Memory of the Late Bishop Daly: Saturday 4th February in St. Columb's Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go to Bishop Daly's chosen charities of Children in Crossfire, Foyle Hospice and Foyle Search and Rescue. Hosted by renowned comedian Gene Fitzpatrick, the evening will include entertainment from many well-known local artists. *Tickets can be purchased by calling (028) 7126 4455*

Columba House, 11 Queen Street, Derry – Monthly Healing Mass:
 Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm, celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin. *Everyone is welcome*

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

Next Week's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3, 3-12:13 • Psalm 145:7-10, R/ Matthew 5:3 • 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Matthew 5:1-12 • Lectionary 1:647 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 21 st January* The family of Laurance McCrory	Offertory Gift Rota Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 22 nd January The family of Cara Brogan
Saturday 28 th January The family of Caitlin McDonald	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 29 th January The family of Ronan Coyle
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented <i>*Do This in Memory Programme (Week 5)</i> We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events:
Music Classes: Every Monday night in St. Peter's Primary School, Plumbridge from 6.30pm onwards. Tuition available for fiddle, banjo / mandolin, tin whistle / flute and accordion / concertina.
Call Tom / Bridget on (028) 8164 8219 for further details.
Harp Lessons: Anyone who is interested please call Tom / Bridget on (028) 8164 8719 for further details.

Loreto Grammar School, Omagh – Open Night. *P6 and P7 girls and their parents or guardians are welcome*
 Wednesday 25th January with registration from 6.00pm and the Principal's Welcome at 6.30pm.
As parking is restricted in the school grounds visitors are requested to use adjacent public car parks

Catholic Schools Week – Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home:
 Sunday 29th January to Saturday 4th February. To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese, a Celebration of the Eucharist will be held in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Thursday 26th January at 10.00am. *Everyone is welcome*

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co Donegal: The next retreat will be held on Sunday 5th February. Breige O'Hare will lead a day of Guided Prayer and Quiet Reflection starting at 11.00am and concluding with Mass celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin at 3.00pm.
Cost: £22 / €25 • **Tel:** 00353 74936 8370 • **Email:** sarce@eircom.net

Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour: Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.
Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Bellaghy Youth Choir and Gribbin Girls – Service of HOPE: Sunday 29th January at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Bellaghy. A night of song and prayer to raise awareness of mental health, suicide prevention and life struggles. Also featuring Andrea Begley (winner of "The Voice UK"), Oonagh Clarke and Danny Devlin
Guest speaker from the Niamh Louise Foundation • Donations in aid of mental health and suicide prevention charities

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Walking Challenge:
 Thursday 30th March to Tuesday 4th April. Walk the way of St. James. *Limited places*
Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street Derry – Secretary Required: 14 hours per week on a temporary one year contract providing particular support to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office.
For an application pack call (028) 7136 3475 or email safeguarding@derrydiocese.org
The closing date is Thursday 9th February at 3.00pm with interviews being held week commencing 20th February
A full ad is available on the Diocesan Website at derrydiocese.org

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017		
Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm Service of Light (Primary 7 Children and Families)	Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday	Friday 17th March St. Patrick's Day
Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)	Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday	Friday 14th April Good Friday
Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday	Saturday 6th May at 11.00am Confirmation	Saturday 3rd June at 12.00noon First Holy Communion
Saturday 1st July at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead	Sunday 2nd July at 11.00am in Broughderg Cemeteries Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead	

Pope Francis' Intention for January (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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

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

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.mcmenam@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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

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

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

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 prayer 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

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

Parish Liturgy for January, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Hood	Siobhan McKenna	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Maeve McCullagh	Lauryn Hollywood	Cara-Rose Brogan
Collectors	Mary Bradley Raymond Bradley	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Brian Gillen Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Mary Conway and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

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

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – Use of Photography and Video:
The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.

Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.
From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

Child Safeguarding: If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI / local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively, if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities. *See poster at entrances*

The Net – January Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:
Maghera pupils prepare for School Aid Romania venture • St. Cecilia's College, Derry launches House System
Templemore JAM programme • Ballinascreen music ministry • Pope Francis signs Derry youth's t-shirt
COR Derry celebrate Nativity • Celebration of Eucharistic Adoration in Craighane and Claudy
Iskaheen trip to IOSAS Trail • Burt Church fundraiser • Ardmore 'Love in the Family' talks
Moneyneena Christmas cake baking • Desertmartin SVP Party • Urney and Castletinn pilgrim walk
Steelstown ladies keep retreat tradition alive • Cathedral music night raises over £3,000 for Aleppo
Emery Celtic Cross on Inishowen calendar • SPRED catechists commended for creating sacred space
Moville parishioner's faith story • Newtownstewart Divine Mercy image unveiled • Carndonagh Pioneers
Bethlehem came to Thornhill, Culmore • Charismatic Renewal gathering in Omagh
Archbishop Eamon re-imagines parish and diocese in Bellaghy talk
Centuries of Change at Mysterious Mamore • Children's Catechism Club

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.

St. Patrick's: Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass
 First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 22nd January – St. Vincent (deacon and martyr) Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Tuesday 24th January – St. Francis de Sales (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [1567-1622] Bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron Saint of writers, editors and journalists.

Wednesday 25th January – Conversion of St. Paul An event in the life of Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus

Thursday 26th January – St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops) Close to St. Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a Patron Saint in cases of stomach complaint. Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete.

Friday 27th January – St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious) [1474-1540] Founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness and concern for the individual.

Saturday 28th January – St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and Doctor of the Church) [1224-1274] Born in Italy, Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is a Patron Saint of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 4:12-23: John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)

1. 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light'. Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?
4. In v. 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

Musings – Jesus Begins His Ministry: Fr. David O'Riordan (Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda, Diocese of Cloyne)

A net is an expandable object. When the fish enter, it stretches. It's an image that reoccurs in parable and in the personal stories of the disciples up to and following the death and resurrection of Jesus. They understand the mystery of the Kingdom to be a net that gathers fish of all kinds. In today's Gospel they let go of the net of preoccupation and follow the Lord into discipleship. Christ's net is reminiscent of the biblical 'leading strings of love' which God uses to draw people to himself. The disciples' response contrasts with that of those who put their hand to the plough and turn back. Jesus's project is the Kingdom, not the material restoration of the Temple. Not power. As a Church, we must know our priority is the Kingdom of God's mercy and of the Spirit, but do we?

The Deep End – The Choice is Ours:

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

You may have heard this story before: 'An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A battle is going on inside all of us," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good – joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed".'

In a way, it is as simple as that. Each one of us faces hundreds of choices every day. Mostly, they are minor decisions that may not seem important at the time. But they all add up to something. They make us the person we are. Do our choices make us the kind of person who follows Jesus, or the kind of person who goes in the opposite direction?

We can stay stuck where we are, repeating the same old patterns, or we can leave it all behind and choose a new path, like Peter, Andrew, James and John did. They were called, and they took decisive action. This initial choice to follow Jesus was reinforced and remade, day in and day out, during their discipleship journey, just as it is on ours.

2016 Parish Statistics

Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16)	Funerals (10)	Station Masses in October
7 within parish 9 outside parish	8 within parish 2 outside parish	8
Events	The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 th October	