

 <b>Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)</b> St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year B] (22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015)</b> The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU Website: greencastleparish.com   Tel: (028) 8164 8474   Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com		
Thank you to Fr. Joseph O'Connor for celebrating Mass for us this weekend <b>Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Lent [Year B] (23<sup>rd</sup> March – 29<sup>th</sup> March)</b>		
<b>Saturday Evening (21<sup>st</sup> March)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Paddy Lennon (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> St. Turibius of Mongravejo (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> St. Macartan (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> Annunciation of the Lord	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Stations of the Cross <b>8.00pm</b> Mass: Willie Joe and Margaret Morris (Anniversaries)
<b>Saturday Morning (28<sup>th</sup> March)</b> Fifth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (28<sup>th</sup> March)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Annie Morris (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year B] <i>Penitential Services followed by opportunity to receive individual Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's, Greencastle St. Patrick's, Gortin Sacred Heart, Plumbridge	<b>3.30pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Weekly Offerings:</b> Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection of <b>£1,005.50</b> with <b>£14.50</b> in loose change. <b>Collection for Clerical Education and Formation:</b> Thank you for your contribution of <b>£600</b> taken up on St. Patrick's Day.		
<b>Remembering Our Dead:</b> We pray for <b>Paddy Lennon</b> and <b>Willie Joe and Margaret Morris</b> , whose anniversaries occur now.		
Moses then raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the branch; water gushed out in abundance, and the community and their livestock drank. <i>Numbers 20:11</i> <b>Trocaire's Lenten Campaign – Week 5:</b> Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March is World Water Day and a timely reminder of the millions of people in the world who do not have access to clean water for drinking, washing, sustaining livestock or growing food. Trocaire continues to work with communities to ensure they have access to this most precious resource. <i>Find out more at trocaire.org/len</i> <i>Keep Trocaire's Lenten Appeal 2015 before you for the next two weeks</i>		
<b>Pope Francis Announces an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy:</b> <i>Vatican City (Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March) [VIS]</i> Yesterday in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis declared the celebration of an extraordinary Holy year. The Jubilee announcement was made during the homily of the penitential celebration with which he opened the '24 Hours for the Lord' initiative. This 'Jubilee of Mercy' will commence with the opening of the Holy Door in the Vatican Basilica on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, on Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December and will conclude on Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016 with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. <i>The papal Bull will be made public on Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April), the Feast day instituted by St. John Paul II and celebrated on the Sunday after Easter</i>		
<b>GAA Cultural Night:</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter Monday). <i>For further information contact Michael Coyle</i>		
<b>Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b> <b>Universal – Creation:</b> That people may begin to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. <b>Evangelisation – Persecuted Christians:</b> That Persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.		
<b>Next Sunday's Readings:</b> Procession Mark 11:1-10 (Lectionary I, page 344) • Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7 • Psalm 21 Philippians 2:6-11 • Mark 14:1-15:47 (Lectionary I, page 310) <b>Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]</b>		
<b>GAA Lotto Results:</b> A • H • W • X • Y (4 with 3 letters winning £15 each) <b>Next Jackpot:</b> £4,500		

<b>Parish Liturgy for April, 2015</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Francis McDermott	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Megan McKenna	Rosemary McCullagh	Brianna Gillen
<b>Collectors</b>	Michael McElhatton Colum Devlin	Patrick Tuohy Frank Keenan (Kate)	Tony Donnelly Pat McGuigan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Nuala Glass and Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
<i>New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead</i>			
<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>	
<u>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March</u> The family of <b>Amy McGurk</b>	Fifth Sunday of Lent	<u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</u> The family of <b>David Morris</b>	
<u>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March*</u> The family of <b>Geroid McNamee</b>	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	<u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</u> The family of <b>Kieran Mullholland</b>	
Thanks to all who participate in the life and work of our parish faith-community. <b>*Do This In Memory Week 7</b>			
<b>Do This In Memory:</b> Our next Sunday gathering will be at the Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March).			
<b>Diocesan Pastoral Centre – Secretary Needed [17.5 hours per week • Temporary 1 Year Contract]:</b> Working as part of a small team, you will carry out a range of administrative duties with particular support to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. Having proficiency in Microsoft Office with the ability to demonstrate good communication and organisational skills, you will have a minimum of 5 GCSEs (including Mathematics and English to grade C) or equivalent and 2 years relevant experience. For application packs email safeguarding@derrydiocese.org or call (028) 7136 2475. Completed applications must be returned no later than 3.00pm on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ. <i>Note that interviews will be held during the week of 27<sup>th</sup> April • The Diocesan Pastoral Centre is an equal opportunities employer</i>			
<b>Children in Crossfire – 5K Colour Run / Walk:</b> Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March. Runners, walkers and families are invited. <i>Children Crossfire Web Online, Richmond Centre Kiosk, Top Floor or call office (028) 7126 9898</i>			
<b>Pope's Message for World Youth Day – Have the Courage to be Happy:</b>		<i>Vatican City (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February) [VIS]</i>	
<p>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" is the title of the Holy Father's message for the thirtieth World Youth Day, celebrated every year on Palm Sunday. The Pope continues his reflection on the Beatitudes, and after referring to his previous messages on "revolutionary meaning" and the "powerful summons of Jesus to embark courageously upon the exciting quest for happiness", he goes on to focus on "the desire for happiness", starting from the first chapters of the Book of Genesis which "shows to us the splendid beatitude to which we are called" and "consists in perfect communion with God, with others, with nature, and with ourselves".</p> <p>Francis divides his message into four parts. After speaking about the desire for happiness, he analyses the sixth beatitude paragraph by paragraph, explaining purity of heart. If the heart is considered in the Bible to be the "centre of the emotions, thoughts and intentions of the human person", its purity consists fundamentally in the absence of contaminants such as hate, cowardice, and envy. He then turns to the care for creation, so that it does not become contaminated, and invites a "human ecology" that "will help us to breathe the pure air that comes from beauty, from true love, and from holiness". Francis also urged the young not to allow their ability to love or be loved be instrumentalised or impaired, and not to trivialise love.</p> <p>In the third part, "... for they shall see God", he recalls that Jesus "awaits us always with open arms", and calls to all "in whatever place or situation you find yourself". "Encountering God in prayer, the reading of the Bible and in fraternal life will help you better to know the Lord and yourselves", writes the Pope. "Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, the Lord's voice will make your hearts burn within you. He will open your eyes to recognise his presence and to discover the loving plan he has for your life".</p> <p>"Have the courage to be happy", Francis concludes, recalling that this year's World Youth Day begins the final stage in preparation for the next great global event to be held in Krakow, Poland in 2016, thirty years after St. John Paul II instituted the World Youth Days in the Church. This "pilgrimage of young people from every continent under the guidance of the Successor of Peter has truly been a providential and prophetic initiative"...</p>			
<b>continued below →</b>			
<b>Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July):</b> Due to the great response from nurses, the Diocesan Pilgrimage is happy to say that there is a full care team in place to provide any medical/nursing/wheelchair assistance to pilgrims who would like to register for support. Anyone who wishes to be part of the pilgrimage and avail of this care needs a special application form. <i>These and all other application forms may be obtained from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at the Derry Diocesan Pastoral Centre / (028) 71260293</i>			
<b>Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars:</b> Sacred Heart Church, Omagh over the course of 7 Thursdays in conjunction with 7.30pm Mass. The first seminar 'God's Love' on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April will be celebrated as a Mass for Healing. <i>The seminars will conclude on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</i>			
Holy Spirit, you invite us tirelessly to turn towards God and to trust in the Gospel. Come and open our hearts to your call. <i>Prayer of the Taize Community, France</i>			

← continued from above [Pope's Message for World Youth Day – Have the Courage to be Happy]

Dear Young Friends,

We continue our spiritual pilgrimage toward Krakow, where in July 2016 the next international World Youth Day will be held. As our guide for the journey we have chosen the Beatitudes. Last year we reflected on the beatitude of the poor in spirit, within the greater context of the Sermon on the Mount. Together we discovered the revolutionary meaning of the Beatitudes and the powerful summons of Jesus to embark courageously upon the exciting quest for happiness. This year we will reflect on the sixth beatitude: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God".

### 1. The Desire for Happiness

The word "blessed", or "happy", occurs nine times in this, Jesus' first great sermon. It is like a refrain reminding us of the Lord's call to advance together with him on a road which, for all its many challenges, leads to true happiness.

Dear young friends, this search for happiness is shared by people of all times and all ages. God has placed in the heart of every man and woman an irrepressible desire for happiness, for fulfilment. Have you not noticed that your hearts are restless, always searching for a treasure which can satisfy their thirst for the infinite?

The first chapters of the Book of Genesis show us the splendid "beatitude" to which we are called. It consists in perfect communion with God, with others, with nature, and with ourselves. To approach God freely, to see him and to be close to him, was part of his plan for us from the beginning; his divine light was meant to illumine every human relationship with truth and transparency. In the state of original purity, there was no need to put on masks, to engage in ploys or to attempt to conceal ourselves from one another. Everything was clear and pure.

When Adam and Eve yielded to temptation and broke off this relationship of trusting communion with God, sin entered into human history. The effects were immediately evident, within themselves, in their relationship with each other and with nature. And how dramatic the effects are! Our original purity as defiled. From that time on, we were no longer capable of closeness to God. Men and women began to conceal themselves, to cover their nakedness. Lacking the light which comes from seeing the Lord, they saw everything around them in a distorted fashion, myopically. The inner compass which had guided them in their quest for happiness lost its point of reference, and the attractions of power, wealth, possessions, and a desire for pleasure at all costs, led them to the abyss of sorrow and anguish.

In the Psalms we hear the heartfelt plea which mankind makes to God: "What can bring us happiness? Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord". The Father, in his infinite goodness, responded to this plea by sending his Son. In Jesus, God has taken on a human face. Through his Incarnation, life, death and resurrection, Jesus frees us from sin and opens new and hitherto unimaginable horizons.

Dear young men and women, in Christ you find fulfilled your every desire for goodness and happiness. He alone can satisfy your deepest longings, which are so often clouded by deceptive worldly promises. As Saint John Paul II said: "He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives".

### 2. Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Let us now try to understand more fully how this blessedness comes about through purity of heart. First of all, we need to appreciate the biblical meaning of the word heart. In Hebrew thought, the heart is the centre of the emotions, thoughts and intentions of the human person. Since the Bible teaches us that God does not look to appearances, but to the heart, we can also say that it is from the heart that we see God. This is because the heart is really the human being in his or her totality as a unity of body and soul, in his or her ability to love and to be loved.

As for the definition of the word pure, however, the Greek word used by the evangelist Matthew is katharos, which basically means clean, pure, undefiled. In the Gospel we see Jesus reject a certain conception of ritual purity bound to exterior practices, one which forbade all contact with things and people (including lepers and strangers) considered impure. To the Pharisees who, like so many Jews of their time, ate nothing without first performing ritual ablutions and observing the many traditions associated with cleansing vessels, Jesus responds →

← categorically: "There is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness".

In what, then, does the happiness born of a pure heart consist? From Jesus' list of the evils which make someone impure, we see that the question has to do above all with the area of our relationships. Each one of us must learn to discern what can "defile" his or her heart and to form his or her conscience rightly and sensibly, so as to be capable of "discerning the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect". We need to show a healthy concern for creation, for the purity of our air, water and food, but how much more do we need to protect the purity of what is most precious of all: our heart and our relationships. This "human ecology" will help us to breathe the pure air that comes from beauty, from true love, and from holiness.

Once I asked you the question: "Where is your treasure? In what does your heart find its rest?". Our hearts can be attached to true or false treasures, they can find genuine rest or they can simply slumber, becoming lazy and lethargic. The greatest good we can have in life is our relationship with God. Are you convinced of this? Do you realise how much you are worth in the eyes of God? Do you know that you are loved and welcomed by him unconditionally, as indeed you are? Once we lose our sense of this, we human beings become an incomprehensible enigma, for it is the knowledge that we are loved unconditionally by God which gives meaning to our lives. Do you remember the conversation that Jesus had with the rich young man? The evangelist Mark observes that the Lord looked upon him and loved him, and invited him to follow him and thus to find true riches. I hope, dear young friends, that this loving gaze of Christ will accompany each of you throughout life.

Youth is a time of life when your desire for a love which is genuine, beautiful and expansive begins to blossom in your hearts. How powerful is this ability to love and to be loved! Do not let this precious treasure be debased, destroyed or spoiled. That is what happens when we start to use our neighbours for our own selfish ends, even as objects of pleasure. Hearts are broken and sadness follows upon these negative experiences. I urge you: Do not be afraid of true love, the love that Jesus teaches us and which St. Paul describes as "patient and kind". Paul says: "Love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things".

In encouraging you to rediscover the beauty of the human vocation to love, I also urge you to rebel against the widespread tendency to reduce love to something banal, reducing it to its sexual aspect alone, deprived of its essential characteristics of beauty, communion, fidelity and responsibility. Dear young friends, "in a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of 'enjoying' the moment. They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision, 'for ever', because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, I ask you to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility, that believes you are incapable of true love. I have confidence in you and I pray for you. Have the courage to 'swim against the tide'. And also have the courage to be happy".

You young people are brave adventurers! If you allow yourselves to discover the rich teachings of the Church on love, you will discover that Christianity does not consist of a series of prohibitions which stifle our desire for happiness, but rather a project for life capable of captivating our hearts.

### 3. ...For They Shall See God

In the heart of each man and woman, the Lord's invitation constantly resounds: "Seek my face!". At the same time, we must always realise that we are poor sinners. For example, we read in the Book of Psalms: "Who can climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart". But we must never be afraid or discouraged: throughout the Bible and in the history of each one of us we see that it is always God who takes the first step. He purifies us so that we can come into his presence.

When the prophet Isaiah heard the Lord's call to speak in his name, he was terrified and said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips". And yet the Lord purified him, sending to him an angel who touched his lips, saying: "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven". In the New Testament, when on the shores of lake Genesareth Jesus called his first disciples and performed the sign of the miraculous catch of fish, Simon Peter fell at his feet, exclaiming: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord". Jesus' reply was immediate: "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be fishers of men". And when one of the disciples of Jesus asked him →

← “Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied”, the Master replied: “He who has seen me has seen the Father.

The Lord’s invitation to encounter him is made to each of you, in whatever place or situation you find yourself. It suffices to have the desire for “a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter you; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day”. We are all sinners, needing to be purified by the Lord. But it is enough to take a small step towards Jesus to realise that he awaits us always with open arms, particularly in the sacrament of Reconciliation, a privileged opportunity to encounter that divine mercy which purifies us and renews our hearts.

Dear young people, the Lord wants to meet us, to let himself “be seen” by us. “And how?”, you might ask me. St. Teresa of Avila, born in Spain five hundred years ago, even as a young girl, said to her parents, “I want to see God”. She subsequently discovered the way of prayer as “an intimate friendship with the One who makes us feel loved”. So my question to you is this: “Are you praying?” Do you know that you can speak with Jesus, with the Father, with the Holy Spirit, as you speak to a friend? And not just any friend, but the greatest and most trusted of your friends! You will discover what one of his parishioners told the Curé of Ars: “When I pray before the tabernacle, I look at him, and he looks at me”.

Once again I invite you to encounter the Lord by frequently reading sacred Scripture. If you are not already in the habit of doing so, begin with the Gospels. Read a line or two each day. Let God’s word speak to your heart and enlighten your path. You will discover that God can be “seen” also in the face of your brothers and sisters, especially those who are most forgotten: the poor, the hungry, those who thirst, strangers, the sick, those imprisoned. Have you ever had this experience? Dear young people, in order to enter into the logic of the Kingdom of Heaven, we must recognise that we are poor with the poor. A pure heart is necessarily one which has been stripped bare, a heart that knows how to bend down and share its life with those most in need.

Encountering God in prayer, the reading of the Bible and in the fraternal life will help you better to know the Lord and yourselves. Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, the Lord’s voice will make your hearts burn within you. He will open your eyes to recognise his presence and to discover the loving plan he has for your life.

Some of you feel, or will soon feel, the Lord’s call to married life, to forming a family. Many people today think that this vocation is “outdated”, but that is not true! For this very reason, the ecclesial community has been engaged in a special period of reflection on the vocation and the mission of the family in the Church and the contemporary world. I also ask you to consider whether you are being called to the consecrated life or the priesthood. How beautiful it is to see young people who embrace the call to dedicate themselves fully to Christ and to the service of his Church! Challenge yourselves, and with a pure heart do not be afraid of what God is asking of you! From your “yes” to the Lord’s call, you will become new seeds of hope in the Church and in society. Never forget: God’s will is our happiness!

#### 4. On the Way to Krakow

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”. Dear young men and women, as you see, this beatitude speaks directly to your lives and is a guarantee of your happiness. So once more I urge you: Have the courage to be happy!

This year’s World Youth Day begins the final stage of preparations for the great gathering of young people from around the world in Krakow in 2016. Thirty years ago St. John Paul II instituted World Youth Days in the Church. This pilgrimage of young people from every continent under the guidance of the Successor of Peter has truly been a providential and prophetic initiative. Together let us thank the Lord for the precious fruits which these World Youth Days have produced in the lives of countless young people in every part of the globe! How many amazing discoveries have been made, especially the discovery that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life! How many people have realised that the Church is a big and welcoming family! How many conversions, how many vocations have these gatherings produced! May the saintly Pope, the Patron of World Youth Day, intercede on behalf of our pilgrimage toward his beloved Krakow. And may the maternal gaze of the Blessed Virgin Mary, full of grace, all-beautiful and all-pure, accompany us at every step along the way.

**Gamblers Anonymous – Open Meeting:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in Omagh Community House, Drumragh Avenue. Are you worried about you or a friend’s gambling? At this open meeting you can talk to members of the Gamblers Anonymous group, hear experienced speakers talk of their experience of gambling and get some advice and help.  
*For more information visit the Gamblers Anonymous website at [gamblersanonymous.org.uk](http://gamblersanonymous.org.uk)*

**Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community:** Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.  
*(028) 8225 1116*

**St. Mary’s and St. Joseph’s Colleges of Education – Mass for Class of ’71:** St. Mary’s, Falls Road on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm in the College Chapel. Were you or a relative a student teacher who commenced their course (Cert Ed, BEd or Post Grad) in St Mary’s or St Joseph’s Colleges of Education, Belfast in September of 1971? A Mass followed by tea will be held to celebrate 40 years associated with the Colleges as Alumni and to remember deceased friends and classmates.  
*For more info call John on 07701 336 308*

**TinyLife – Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies:** Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.

**Our Volunteers:** All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.

**How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer?** Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.

*Next Training Dates: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015*

**Thornhill Ministries’ Team – Supporting Parish Liturgy Series 1:** 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Fir Trees Hotel, Melmount Road, Strabane. A six week workshop programme for members of liturgy teams, pastoral councils, and those who have an interest in supporting the liturgical life of the parish. Cost £40. Facilitators are Sr. Perpetua McNulty and Sr. Marie Wiley. To book call (028) 713 51233 or email [thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org) • Module 2 will follow in the Autumn

**Registration of the Religious of the Diocese:** Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene’s Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card.  
*Thank you!*

#### ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses

St. Columba’s Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 [accordomagh@accordni.com](mailto:accordomagh@accordni.com)  
10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April • 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May • 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date**

**An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Card Playing:** Every Friday night at 8.30pm.

**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.

*Please familiarise yourself with the policy by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church*

**Youth 2000 – Weekend Retreat:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny. For young adults between the ages of 16 and 35. The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all under 18. Meals and accommodation is on site.

*For more details visit [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie) or call 07598 876 399*

**Southwest College, Dungannon Campus – Engineering Careers Fair:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> (10.00am-3.00pm) and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March (9.00am-3.00pm). If you are thinking about a future in engineering or actively job-hunting this is the fair for you!  
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### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – St. Turibius of Mongravejo (bishop) [1538-1606]** A layman when he was appointed archbishop of Lima, Peru by King Philip II. He combated all the abuses of the conquerors in Peru and built up the Church there.
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – St. Macartan (bishop)** Belongs to a very early generation of saints in Ireland and is recognised as the first 'Bishop of Clogher'. He is known as Patrick's 'Strong Man' for his dedication and faithfulness.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Annunciation of the Lord** Celebration of the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking his Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "Saviour".

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 12:20-30:

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- The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?
- Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.
- The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. It is the moment when the love of Jesus for us is shown in its greatest depth in his gift of himself, a gift he was able to make because God enabled him to do it. We are also glorified when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?
- This voice has come for your sake and not for mine. The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love which is being offered to us. When was this your experience?

### Musings

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

We are reminded in our Second Reading today of the humanity of Christ expressed in a particular way through his obedience to the Father. Here is a Jesus who needs to pray, even to cry out, to the one who had the power to save him from death. Although he was Son of God, he nevertheless had to learn obedience through suffering. We don't often think of a Jesus engaged in 'learning' or practising 'obedience'. But obedience first comes from listening. Indeed, the etymology of the word 'obedience' (from the Latin ob-audire) is 'to listen to/give ear to'. Let's all listen a little more this week.

### The Deep End – 'Now the Hour Has Come for the Son of Man to be Glorified':

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There is a very short parable in today's Gospel describing a seed which has fallen on the ground and eventually dies. It may remain a single seed or it may yield a rich harvest. This concept of losing what one has to give way to something new and life giving is frightening for some. We get so attached and lifestyle changes are tough. In this passage Jesus knows that his hour has come; this is his crisis moment. But Jesus' time of anguish moves from a cry of 'save me' to one of glorifying God 'let it be as You not I would have it'. We are at an 'hour' in terms of climate justice. This is the time where big decisions and commitments must be made and there is no other option but to opt for life; to listen to God's will, not ours. The priorities of wealthy nations must change, must turn outward and take risks if we are all to experience peace and security.

We remember the horrendous storms which battered Ireland last year and which will continue to do so as our climates change. We are called to be stewards of the earth and this means making different choices:

I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.

Pope Francis

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015

Sacramental Celebrations	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm</b> Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
		<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April • Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May • Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>		St. Patrick's
	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>		Our Lady of the Wayside
Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates			
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> July)	<b>Saturday Evening (4<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	St. Patrick's	Directly after <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
	<b>Sunday Morning (5<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after <b>11.00am</b> Mass
	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	