



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year B] (22nd April, 2018)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Thought on Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation is the last of the three Sacraments of Initiation. What this means is once you are confirmed, you are then accepted as a full member of the Body of Christ through his Holy Catholic Church. Confirmation is the sacrament that essentially completes baptism. It is a "full outpouring of the Holy Spirit." (Catechism, 1302). St. Thomas Aquinas speaks of the movement of growth in which we as human beings "put away the things of a child" (1 Cor 13:11) and need an increase of grace in order to be strengthened in our faith

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Easter [Year B] (Sunday 22nd April – Sunday 29th April)

Saturday 21st April	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass • 2.00pm Confirmation
There will be NO MASS between Monday 23rd and Friday 27th April The Adoration will be from 12 noon to 7.20pm on Wednesday 25th April		
Saturday 28th April	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr) and St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (priest)		
Sunday 29th April	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass: Rose Hollywood (6 th Anniversary)

Confirmation: We welcome our bishop, Bishop Donal McKeown to the parish this weekend as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 22nd April on 17 pupils of Primary 7 of Our Lady of Lourdes PS in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. We pray that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit may be abundant in the lives of the children and their families into the future.

COLLECTIONS **Weekly:** £1,060 • **Troc aire:** £4,455 *Thank you for your generosity*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the souls of **Mary McCullagh (nee McDonald)** of Cookstown (formerly Formil) and **Julia Stewart (nee McGuigan)** of New Zealand (formerly Broughderg) who died this week. We pray for family and friends who mourn their deaths. We also pray for the repose of the souls of **John Anthony McCullagh (12th)** and **Sarah Anne McCullagh (18th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rosary – Month of Mary: Each Wednesday of May the rosary will be recited after 7.30pm mass in St Patrick's.

Parish Safeguarding Meeting: An information session for all those in Greencastle Parish who carry out roles within the parish alongside children such as sacristans, choir and liturgy group leaders will take place together with Lower Badoney Parish Wednesday 25th April at 7.00pm in Cormac House, Gortin located beside the church

Appointment of New Principal: The process has now begun for the appointment of a new principal for Our Lady of Lourdes PS. During this time parishioners are asked to pray for all those involved in this important work on behalf of the school and parish and to allow them the space they need through this confidential process.
Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us, St. Patrick pray for us

North West Regional PTAA and Friends – Annual Buffet and Dance: Friday, 27th April at 8.00pm in Shepherd's Rest, Sixtowns with music by Cascades. Admission is £12.50 (by ticket only)
Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038 or any Committee member

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Nurses Needed: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July
 Led by Bishop McKeown • '2018 marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes
Address: Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ • **Tel:** (028) 7126 0293 • **Email:** derrypilgrim@outlook.com

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Next Week's Readings: Acts 9:26-31 • Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32, R/ v 26 • 1 John 3:18-24
 John 15:1-8 • Lectionary 1:514 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 21 st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 22 nd April
The family of Conor Haughey		The family of Maebh Warnock
Sunday 22 nd April at 2.00pm		Confirmation (P7)
Saturday 28 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 29 th April
The family of Clara Maguire		The family of Sorcha Hughes
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

Annual Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Tuesday 28th August to Tuesday 4th September.
Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038 for further details

Rosary on the Coast Event for Life and Faith and to Keep the Eighth Amendment: Sunday 20th May at 2.30pm at Benone Strand, Magilligan, Derry and Fahan Beach, Donegal. Please come along and pray for this crucially important cause, six days before the Referendum is held. *For more details call +0044 (0) 7730330028*

Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events **Email:** kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com • **Tel:** (028) 8775 7800
Gaeltacht Thir Eoghain: Monday 2nd to Thursday 6th July
Month's Mind Masses: Now taking bookings for light refreshments afterwards

Baby Massage Classes – 5 Week Course: Begins Wednesday 2nd May (from birth to 1 year or crawling) with Kerry McCrory [Certified IAIM Infant Massage Instructor] in Coneyglen. *Call 07585 514 417 to book a place (£40)*

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

Children in Crossfire – Walk the Path of the Camino De Santiago:
 Tuesday 31st July to Monday 6th August • Help the children of Tanzania and Ethiopia
Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** ronan.mcxay@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

ACCORD – Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship) for Academic Year 2018 / 2019
 Validated by St. Patrick's College Maynooth and aligned to Level 8, 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications and is aimed at qualified, experienced counsellors/psychotherapists who have Degree/Diploma in Counselling / Psychotherapy • Knowledge / Experience of the Person Centred Approach
Completed a minimum of 200 client hours and have a current supervised caseload
 Successful applicants' course and supervision fees funded by ACCORD with training in Maynooth, one weekend per month, September to June • Closing date: Friday 18th May, 2018
 Application criteria and form: accord.ie/joining-accord/becoming-a-counselor

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events: *Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry*
Celebration of Friendship: Monday 14th May Friends can come together to give gratitude for friendships shared. Arrival time is 11.30am for 12:00noon. Gratitude Prayer and Celebration Lunch. *Cost is £20 • Pre-booking essential*
May Day Retreat – “The Seed and the Soil (III)”: Tuesday 1st May, 9.45am to 2.30pm. Fr. Paschal McDonnell OFM leads this Retreat Day, helping us embrace our truth. We hold, with reverence, our family and other relationships in the context of seeking integration. The day will include a Celebration of Eucharist. *Suggested Offering is £20*

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Cherish the Ladies Concert: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel.
Tickets (£15) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].
 Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Z lie Martin, pray for us

<p>Pope Francis' Intention for April (please remember this in your personal prayers) Universal – For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters: That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.</p>
<p>Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service <i>To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com</i></p>
<p>Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • Singing in Irish 7.00pm to 8.00pm Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • Tel: 07747 899 249</p>
<p>ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service – Facilitator Required: Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses. Professional training provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award). Accredited by Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College Maynooth. Email: omagh@accordni.com • Tel: (028) 8224 2439 • Website: accordni.com</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues: All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness <i>For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com</i></p>
<p>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. <i>An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p>Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown. <i>Cost</i> £669 Address: 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ • Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com • Tel: (028) 7126 0293 Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11.00am to 1.00pm from Saturday 3rd February</p>
<p>St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992</p>
<p>String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • Advanced: 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk Website: ruralsupport.org.uk To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606</p>
<p>Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. <i>Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011</i></p>

Parish Liturgy for April, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Nuala Glass	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Lauryn Hollywood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Megan Coyle Orla Coyle	Peter Tracey Leo Donnelly	Perry McCrory Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Rosemary McCullagh, Nuala Glass, Louise O'Brien and Alannah Coyle		Ann McDermott, Carmel McCrory, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

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

ACCORD Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.
If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com
ACCORD Marriage Preparation Course (2018 / 2019): 1st and 2nd June • 22nd and 23rd June accord-ni.co.uk

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.
Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes:
Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018?
For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

Family Care Adoption Services: We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children
For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Online:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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

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@jecon.ie

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.
If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

ASPIRE: Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.
 For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook

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 entrance

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.
 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

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

2017 PARISH STATISTICS		
Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish	Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish	
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick’s Church		

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 10:11-18: John Byrne OSA (jbyrmeosa@gmail.com)

1. Our relationship with those ‘in charge’ of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference that made for you as a child, and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.
2. The good shepherd ‘lays down his life for the sheep’. When has your care for another led you to ‘lay down your life’ for that person, e.g. as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When you have known another to do this for you?
3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God’s love for you?

Musings – Family Vocation Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Please help more young people to follow your example by giving their lives in service as priests and religious.

If you are calling someone in our family to the priesthood or the religious life, please help them to say ‘yes’.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

The Deep End – The Good Shephard: Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

In Jesus’ time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd’s job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally laid down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the ‘hired hand’ who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday, the gospel describes Jesus as the ‘genuine’ Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They ‘follow him’ and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told ‘I know my own and my own know me’. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal, more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then – especially – that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

We think we are fleeing from God, but in fact we are running into his arms. Meister Eckhart

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Saturday 28th April – St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr) Born in France 1803, joined the Marist. He worked on the island of Futuna, Oceania, where he was clubbed to death for baptizing the chief’s son. He is honoured as the first martyr of the church in Oceania.
St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort (priest) [1673-1716] A priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. His writings concern Mary’s role in the mystery of salvation. He strongly promoted the praying of the rosary.

Sunday 29th April – St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe)
 Humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth century Europe, spent all her energies for the Church, being able to achieve the Pope’s return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

Sunday 22nd April at 2.00pm Confirmation

Saturday 19th May at 12 noon
First Holy Communion

Tuesday 21th to Sunday 26th August in Dublin
World Meeting of Families

Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery
Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Sunday 1st July at 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside
Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead followed by Broughderg Old Cemetery