



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderr
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (22nd July, 2012)
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

If you are a homemaker, on school holidays, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily Thank you for your support especially during the summer season

Liturgy Schedule for the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (22nd July, 2012 – 29th July, 2012)

Saturday Evening (21st July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Ferdinand and Elizabeth McCrory (Anniversaries)
Monday 23rd July St. Brigid of Sweden (Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 24th July St. Declan (bishop) and St. Charbel Makhluf (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 25th July St. James (apostle)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 26th July St. Joachim and St. Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 27th July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Alice McGarvey (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 28th July Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (28th July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Felix Slane (16 th Anniversary)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£870**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Pat Bradley, Alice McGarvey** and **Ferdinand and Elizabeth McCrory**.

IOSAS Centre, Muff Co. Donegal – Morning Prayer of the Church: Every Wednesday morning at 10.00am in St. Canice's Oratory at the Celtic Prayer Garden, Muff. *Bacon baps, tea/coffee available afterwards. Suggested donation €5. All welcome*

Knock Summer Festival – 'ONE': A one day event taking place on Saturday 28th July for young people aged between 17 and 30 in a faith setting to deepen – explore – ignite and celebrate faith – there will be a lot of time for you to talk – reflect – chill out – and have fun! Faith can be fun – the theme is 'ONE'. The festival is free of charge and we encourage groups to stay overnight.

Reminiscence Afternoons at the IOSAS Centre (1st and 22nd August): Enjoy lunch and a guided tour of the Celtic Peace Garden. Fr. Neal Carlin will conduct a short Healing Service and Blessing for all who wish to participate. Sit back and share in some music, memories and laughter with Tracey McRory and Dinny McLaughlin. Donation €10/£8. Booking is essential so please call the IOSAS Centre to secure your place!
00353 74 93 84866 / goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

Fundraising Dance in Greencastle Community Centre: For Msgr. Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan on Friday 3rd August, with music by *Country Legends*. *Admission £5.00*

Monsignor Eamon Martin, our present Diocesan Administrator emailed us recently to tell us that the second phase of the Support Programme for Pastoral Councils in parishes is now well advanced. Seven parishes are taking part and it **is** going very well to date. He asks us to give some consideration over the summer as to whether we would like our parish to be considered for Phase Three of the programme, which it is hoped will start in January 2013. He will write to us next month with further details but would appreciate if, in the meantime, we would give some thought as to whether we think the support programme would be a useful process for the future of Greencastle parish.

Faith In The Olympics: "The world's leading athletes should take it on themselves to teach the rest of us what the human spirit is capable of – mind, body and soul – at its best."
The Tablet editorial 21st July, 2012

Next Sundays Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18, r/v 16; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15;
(Lectionary I, page 780) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Lotto Results: A – H – K – U – Y (3 people with 3 letters - £20 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,350

The Patrician, Carrickmore – The Mercy Concert:

Monday 30th July

Legendary Irish musician Mick Moloney will be joined by the multi-talented Mulcahy Family, Mick, Louise and Michelle, from Abbeyfeale; Hugh Grogan, Peter Farrell, Paddy Allen, Pat McCullagh, the Knotty Pine String Band, Sperrin Folk and Declan Forde for a special concert to raise funds for The Mercy Centre in Bangkok, established by Father Joe Maier and Sister Maria in 1973 to support all the poor of that city.

The Mercy Centre Bangkok

This message comes to us from Declan Forde

We work to help the children and communities of the many slums of Bangkok. Together with our neighbours in the slums we create simple-but-progressive solutions that touch the lives of thousands of the poor every day. We build and operate schools, improve family health and welfare, protect street children's rights, combat the AIDS crisis, respond to daily emergencies, and offer shelter to orphans, to street children, and to children and adults with AIDS – always together, hand in hand and heart to heart with the people we serve. Admission £10 (ticket only) www.patrician.ie (028) 8076 0011 - 8.30pm.

The Catholic Grandparents' Association has asked that on Thursday of this week, 26th July, Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, you pray with your people for all grandparents, in thanksgiving for the important role that they play in handing on the faith in families and in the church as a whole.

Universal Prayer for Grandparents

Composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. *Amen*

Important Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th August Mass will be held outdoors at the Mass Rock in the townland of Fomil in thanksgiving for the blessings received during the Eucharistic Congress. Parishioners from **Badoney Lower, Castlederg (Ardstraw West), Cappagh, Drumragh, Drumquin and Newtownstewart (Ardstraw East)** who along with us in Greencastle helped prepare for the Congress over the past two years. Please invite our neighbours and friends to join us on this pilgrimage.

Volunteers to prepare the site are asked to meet there on Saturday 28th July at 10.30am
There will be choir practice in St. Patrick's on the evening of Wednesday 25th July

Annual National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick: Sunday 29th July. Confessions will be heard on the summit of the mountain continuously from 7.30am to 2.00pm. Mass will be celebrated on the summit every half hour, from 8.00am until 2.00pm. The pilgrimage will be lead by Most Rev. Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam, who this year will be joined by the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, His Excellency Most Rev. Charles Brown. Garland Friday – a local pilgrimage – will be held on Friday 27th July. Fr. Tod Nolan will celebrate Mass on the summit at 10.00am. Mass will be celebrated in the Murrisk car park at 7.30pm.

Greencastle Summer Camp: There will be Irish Language Summer Schemes for two age groups this year.
Forms, including camp details, can be downloaded from greencastlegaa.com or [facebook.com/greencastlegaa](https://www.facebook.com/greencastlegaa)

Primary School Pupils (P3 – P5) £20 (£35 for 2)
Monday 23rd July – Friday 27th July

Secondary School Pupils (1st Year and up) £20 (£35 for 2)
Saturday 30th June – Friday 3rd August

Care for Cancer Fundraiser: McCrea's Bar, Glenhull, Saturday 28th July, starting at 6.00pm.

Eating Disorder Support Group for Families & Carers of Sufferers: First Wednesday of the every month, 7.00pm – 9.00pm in Post Graduate Centre, Tyrone County Hospital, Hospital Rd, Omagh, *For more information contact us on (028) 8225 2202*

Lough Derg – Bringing You the Gift of Hope: Whether you are seeking healing, reconciliation or simply a few days peace and quiet from the stresses of modern life Lough Derg is a calm place, a safe place and a unique place. Lough Derg ... You Just Gotta Go. To find out more about what's happening throughout 2012, and to book online go to loughderg.org, where you can view the full Season Guide and info on Traditional 3 Day Pilgrimage. The traditional Lough Derg 3-day pilgrimage season continues until Wednesday 15th August. Pilgrims can arrive at Lough Derg on any given day until Monday 13th August between 10.15am and 3.00pm. If you can't make it for the traditional three day pilgrimage, then why not come for a day? Day Retreats and a special programme of workshops and guided prayer retreats will resume on Friday 17th August.

Call (+353) 71 98 61518 or download a copy of the detailed Season Guide now at loughderg.org

Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 1st September. Travel 1,300ft across a 170ft drop at 35mph. Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org Online: childrenincrossfire.org

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Work Security: That everyone may have work in safe and secure conditions.
Missionary – Christian Volunteers: That Christian volunteers in mission territories may witness to the love of Christ.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events | **Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th August:** Dances

If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding 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. Familiarise yourself with it by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time
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 Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.
Fr. Kieran Devlin P.Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordmagh@btopenworld.com
12th and 13th October 9th and 10th November 1st and 2nd December 11th and 12th January
8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th January
Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.
*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

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

War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. *Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)*

Prayer knows no distances or separation. Wherever we are it makes us a single heart and a single soul. And on the subject of departures, I take this occasion to reiterate once again everyone's obligation to drive carefully and to respect traffic regulations. It is from this that a happy holiday starts!
Pope Benedict XVI in Rome (Sunday 12th July, 2009)

Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?
For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.
See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie II T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295
Knock Summer Youth Festival: Sunday 28th July. *Book now at knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival*

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
Sunday 2 nd September Our Lady of the Wayside		
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish		
Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October	
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed		
Friday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Questions on Sunday's readings for use by discussion groups, prayer groups, or for individual prayer
First Reading Second Book of Kings (Chapter 4, Verses 42-44)

1. Twenty loaves won't be sufficient to feed the crowd. The man knows this. He has to trust God over his own logic. Is this leap-of-faith kind of trust ever required in your life? Discuss whether this kind of trust becomes easier with practice.
2. Both Elisha and the man from Baal had to trust that a miracle would happen. Do you consider anything besides "something that breaks the laws of nature" a miracle? What are the miracles in your life?

Second Reading Letter to the Ephesians (Chapter 4, Verses 1-6)

1. Paul reminds us we have to "strive" to preserve unity. Explain how this directive holds true for us now everywhere but especially in the church.
2. Which would be better, to preserve the peace by not talking to anyone with whom we disagree, or preserve the unity by staying at the table and talking it out?

Gospel According to John (Chapter 6, Verses 1-15)

1. One theologian offers the possible explanation that Jesus' sharing encouraged all the others to share their food . . . the first potluck. What negative qualities in human nature does sharing eliminate? Using this interpretation of the feeding of 5,000, what are the implications regarding the inequality of resources and starvation all over the world?
2. What do you think God is more likely to do, miraculously drop food where there is starvation or inspire people to help their neighbors solve their problems? If the latter, can you help (through the Holy Spirit) in your diocese, parish, office, or with yourself personally?

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This Week's Calendar of Saints and Feasts:

- Monday 23rd July – St. Brigid of Sweden (Patron of Europe)** Born in Sweden in 1303, Bridget brought up eight children and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an aesthetical life. She later founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical appearances. She was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000.
- Tuesday 24th July – St. Declan (bishop)** Considered to be one of the pre-Patrician saints. Colman, a local priest, baptised him. After travelling to Europe where he was ordained priest, and possibly bishop, he settled in Ardmore and evangelised the Decies country.
St. Charbel Makhluf (priest) Became a monk at the monastery of St Maron at Annaya and was ordained in 1859. He became a hermit from 1875 until his death in 1898. His counsel was much sought after and he had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.
- Wednesday 25th July – St. James (apostle)** Son of Zebedee and brother of John, was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.
- Thursday 26th July – St. Joachim and St. Anne (parents of Mary)** Traditionally named parents of Mary and grandparents of the Lord. St Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 6:30-34:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to live with energy and enthusiasm? What have these insights taught you about life?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

Questions people ask:

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)

- Q. Isn't it wrong to hold concerts in churches? A consecrated church is God's house and no place for secular music.
- A. What do you mean by secular music? Just because a song does not directly refer to God doesn't make it unsuitable. Music, for those who have an ear to hear, is one of the greatest sources of beauty, and every time we experience beauty it is a tiny anticipation of the supreme ecstasy of the beatific vision. Why should the devil have all the good music? I have been at many concerts in church and felt spiritually uplifted by the beauty of the music and the God-given talents of the performers.

The Deep End – Follow Then:

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

The disciples return from their 'sending out' and tell all that they have done. They 'rejoin Jesus'. They have been so busy that Jesus invites them away to a deserted place for some time out. This is the first important point in this passage – even though we are sent out in many different ways we must always come back to the source, stay connected with the message, give time for reflection, prayer and those 'deserted places'. Only when we do this can we serve the needs of others. Still the crowds find them and Jesus takes pity on them because they were 'like sheep without a shepherd'. They have no leadership or perhaps have only experienced fruitless leadership. The crowd take a risk in following the disciples and Jesus desperate for some new direction.

'The biggest mistake is to sometimes play things safe in this life and end up being moral failures.' *Dorothy Day*