



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (22nd July, 2018)
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Thought for the Week: "The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well." *St. John Vianney*

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

Saturday 21st July St. Lawrence of Brindisi (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass
Monday 23rd July	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 24th July	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 25th July St. James (apostle)	St. Patrick's	12noon - 7.00pm Adoration then Rosary NO MASS
Thursday 26th July St. Joachim and St. Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Friday 27th July	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 28th July St. Lawrence of Brindisi (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: James Daly (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 29th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

Weekly Collection: £970

Thank you for your generosity

Remembering Our Dead: We remember and pray for all our deceased relatives, neighbours, fellow parishioners and friends at this time.

Greencastle Parish Bus to World Meeting of Families Mass: The Closing Mass, celebrated by Pope Francis will take place at the Papal Cross in the heart of the Phoenix Park in Dublin on the afternoon of Sunday 26th August. The Mass will begin at 3.00pm. It is proposed that transport will be available from outside St. Patrick's Church that morning, the cost of which will be £10 per person. The parish has also obtained 54 tickets for the mass along with a bus. Please note that buses will be sent to a parking facility and passengers will have to walk a distance to the Phoenix Park and back again and all tickets are standing only. *If interested contact Fr. Gallagher at (028) 8164 8474, at the sacristy before or after mass or by emailing greencastlepp@yahoo.com*

Festival of Families with Pope Francis: Evening of Saturday 25th August in Croke Park on. If interested in going contact Fr. Gallagher as above. Closing date for interest will be Sunday 29th July. After Tuesday 24th July please only contact by email or Messenger. It would be important that a family from the parish would be in attendance. *You are asked to make your own transport arrangements*

Holy Cross Group: A missionary group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land will be visiting St. Patrick's and Our Lady of the Wayside Churches on 4th and 5th August to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help and support the poor Christians families. *Any help is greatly appreciated*

Lough Derg Three-Day Pilgrimage: You may begin any day until Monday 13th August. Advance booking not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. **Tel:** Lorraine on 07198 61 518 (from NI +353) • **Email:** info@loughderg.org

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Tuesday 28th August to Tuesday 4th September, staying in Leone Hotel. *Only a few places remain • For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038*

Annual Fundraising dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan:
Friday 24th August in Greencastle Community Centre. Music by Cascades. Refreshments served.

Next Week's Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44 • Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18, R/ v 16 • Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15 • Lectionary 1:780 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Knock Pilgrimage: Bus going to Knock on Monday 6th August. Day of prayer with Sr. Breige McKenna for our priests, bishops, nuns and laity. Fare £15. Food optional: €30 for breakfast and evening meal. Bus enroute from Cookstown, pick up points Omagh bus station or Crevenagh Park and ride.

Call Mona on (028) 8673 7954 or Una on 07743 575 969 • Early booking advisable

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

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

To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

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:** shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

Children in Crossfire: The zipline is back! Zip across the River Foyle on Saturday 8th September. 170ft high across 130ft at speed of 35mph, from Prehen Boat House to Coshown on Foyle Road. An amazing fun challenge.

Call children in crossfire on (028) 7126 9898 or email events@childrenincrossfire.org

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

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019?

Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows:

7th and 8th September • 28th and 29th September • 5th and 6th October • 2nd and 3rd November • 7th and 8th December

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:

Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Afternoon Tea for Past Pupils / Boarders of Thornhill College: Sunday 29th July

We are Spiritual Beings on a Human Journey: Summer Retreat to help look reflectively at life's experiences –10th to 15th August. **'Immersed in Heaney':** Includes 'Essence of Heaney' workshop and visit to Homeplace, Bellaghy – 31st August / 1st September.

Holy Land Retreat: 11th to 20th October.

Rouskey Community Development Association – Trip to Moynality Steam Fair, Co. Meath:

Sunday 12th August. Leaving Gortin at 8.45am, Rouskey at 9.00am and Greencastle at 9.15am.

See a wide range of vintage and modern vehicles and country music acts. *Call Lucy on 07827 016 520 to book place*

Owenkillew Credit Union – Closure: Monday morning in Greencastle office for the months of July and August.

Normal hours for a Monday evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Gortin Office Saturday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

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

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

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 Zélie Martin, pray for us

Pope Francis' Intention for July (please remember this in your personal prayers)

Evangelisation – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry: That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

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

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

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

For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

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

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

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

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

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

Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service?

Applications are invited from individuals wishing to join for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship)

Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National

Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is

delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth.

For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

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

Parish Liturgy for July, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	TBC		Colleen Brogan
Collectors	Mary Bradley Megan Coyle / Orla Coyle	Colm Keenan Ronan Hollywood	Patrick McGuigan Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Martina McBride, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

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

Family Care Adoption Services

Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children

For a free information contact

Tel: (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

us using any of these details

Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.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

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

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

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

Musings: 'The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since 'their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church. The married couple are therefore a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are for one another and for their children witnesses of the salvation in which they share through the sacrament.'

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 72

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		

Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock.
For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com

Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2018-2021 – God is Love: Bishop McKeown has announced the publication of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018-2021 in the diocese, 'God is Love'. The Plan is the result of a two-year programme of work by the Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of 14 men and women - laity from across the diocese, Religious and clergy. It is a first step in developing a co-responsible Church at parish and diocesan level, identifying paths that might lead to solutions to the many challenges we face, including the practical need to plan for the times when priests will not be present in the way that they have been up to now. A number of printed copies of the Plan have been received for the parish and a PDF version of it is also available to view and download on the diocesan website – derrydiocese.org – you are invited to read it. The main work of implementing the Plan will begin after the summer break. Bishop McKeown asks for your prayers and support, in the knowledge that everything done in faith and love will bear fruit in God's own good time.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 25th July – St. James (apostle) James, 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 Compostela in Spain.

Thursday 26th July – St. Joachim and St. Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Both received the vision of an angel, who announced that Anne would conceive and bear a most wondrous child. The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom Anne named Mary. When the child was three years old, Joachim and Anne, in fulfilment of her divine promise, brought Mary to the Temple at Jerusalem, where they left her to be brought up. This event became so important in church doctrine that by 1585 Pope Sixtus V included in the Western church calendar the liturgical feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary (21st November). Although this festival originated early in the East, probably at Jerusalem in 543, its first Western observance was recorded in England in the 11th century. Anne is the Patron of Brittany and Canada and of women in labour.

Sunday 29th July – St. Martha Sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the son of God and in the resurrection. In welcoming a guest we welcome Christ; we show our Christian spirit of service; and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Mark 6:30-34: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

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 maintain 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?

The Deep End – Crowds and Shepherds: Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

The gospel today emphasises the importance of taking time for yourself as Jesus takes the disciples to a deserted place after all their hard work. It teaches an important lesson about remaining connected to Jesus if we are to be his followers. It is unfortunate for them that their break is interrupted. The crowd are thirsty for more and suffering from a lack of real leadership. Jesus has so much compassion for the people that the phrase Mark uses actually means he felt compassion in his intestines! A biblical way of saying he felt compassion for them in the pit of his stomach.

Next month we greet the shepherd of the Catholic Church as Pope Francis comes to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. It will be a momentous occasion, a once in a life-time experience to see and to hear from a Pope who has so much to say to us about sharing the gospel message in our world. He calls us to be joyful Christians, to reach out to the poor and abandoned, to be disciples in our families, communities, on the streets and to help build a world that is true to Christ's vision for this world. Pope Francis is a leader who inspires many. Whether you are travelling to the festival or watching it at home we pray for the success of this extraordinary event. Let us pray today for leaders in our Church and in our communities, that they will inspire people, nurture people and listen to the Spirit who guides us on this path.

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*

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.

Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011