

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (22nd September, 2013)
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Best wishes to our parishioner Sean Fox and his colleagues who represent Tyrone in the All-Ireland Minor football Championship Final in Croke Park this afternoon

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (23rd Sept. 2013 – 28th Sept. 2013)

Saturday Evening (21st September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Nancy McCrory (Month's Mind)
Sunday 22nd September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 23rd September St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Padre Pio (priest) and St. Eunan (abbot)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 24th September Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 25th September St. Finbarr (bishop)	Our Lady of Lourdes PS	10.00am Mass to ask for God's Blessings on the new school year
Thursday 26th September St. Cosmas and St. Damian	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 27th September St. Vincent de Paul	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday Morning (28th September) St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (28th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Anthony Bradley (17 th Anniversary)
Sunday 29th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£890**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Philomena Devlin**, whose anniversary occurs now.

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle for available dates. Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our parish communities in the Catholic Church. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It would be a blessing on our whole community if one family in each town-land were willing to host a 'Station'.

Greencastle GAA Youth Club – Registration: Monday 23rd September from 7.30pm to 8.00pm.

Dún Uladh's Traditional Music Classes: Begins Tuesday 1st October.
 Contact Dún Uladh for more information on (028) 8224 2777 / sinead@dunuladh.ie

Prayer from the Community at Taize: God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in Syria and elsewhere in the world. So we turn to you - you do not let us give in to discouragement. You bring us to understand that our prayer and our compassion count. Be close to those who are suffering and send your Holy Spirit, that all humans may be inspired to make signs of peace.

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31; Lectionary I, page 914
Sunday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year C] • Weekday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year 1]

Lotto Results: A • N • O • P • R (1 person with 4 letters winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £4,600

Charismatic Prayer Group – Day of Prayer: Saturday 28th September in the Mellon Hotel, Omagh.

Fr. Bill 5 Day Healing Retreat: Given by Fr. Anthony Saji VC at The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Derry, 23rd to 27th September. For more info contact Roisin on 00353 74936 3336 or dohertyroisin@hotmail.com • All ages

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden (Lenamore Rd, Muff, Co Donegal) – The Soul Spa:
 Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September. A spirituality retreat for women to chill the mind and body, fill the spirit and soul. This programme of reflection, relaxation and meditation, designed and facilitated by The Columba Community, is intended to deepen our relationship with God by acknowledging His presence in our daily life. There is no charge for this event but places are limited and must be booked in advance.
 For more information call Columba House on (028) 7126 2407 or email columbacommunity@hotmail.com

Pro-Life Petition – European Day: Today (Sunday 22nd September) has been designated a special *European Day* in support of the "One of us" campaign, when petition signatures will be collected in all member states of the European Union. Precious Life invite you to help save millions of tiny lives by logging on to oneofus.eu and sign the petition for this critical campaign to protect unborn babies. (028) 9027 8484 / info@preciouslife.com

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 23rd September – St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Padre Pio (priest) Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer, died in September of 1968.
St. Eunan (abbot) [624-704] Born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is The Life of Colmcille.

Wednesday 25th September – St. Finbarr (bishop) Came to Lach Irce (Gaugane Barra) and lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

Thursday 26th September – St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs) Twin brothers, physicians, and early Christian martyrs born in Cilicia, part of today's Turkey. They practiced their profession in the seaport of Ayas, Adana, then in the Roman province of Syria. Accepting no payment for their services led to them being named "Aváγγυροι" (Unmercenary); it has been said that, by this, they attracted many to the Christian faith.

Friday 27th September – St. Vincent de Paul (priest) [1580-1660] Founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of charitable works.

Saturday 28th September – St. Wenceslaus (martyrs) [905-925] Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron of brewers.
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs) [1839-1867] During the period 1633 to 1637 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood our love of for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

Dalradian Gold – Public Meeting: Wednesday 25th September at 7.00pm in the Owenkillew Community Centre. An update on the status of the application to Planning NI for the extension of the existing exploration tunnel at Curraghinhalt. Refreshment will be served and all are welcome to attend. Tel: (028) 8224 6289 Email: amonaghan@dalradian.com Web: dalradian.com

Supporting Families and Carers of Addicted Persons: The Columba Community (supported by IFI) will hold a support and information weekend for those concerned about a loved one's addiction at The Sanctuary, IOSAS Centre, Muff on 21st and 22nd September. Hosted by a trained addiction counsellor the programme will look at ways to support your loved one whilst looking after yourself and your family. This is a confidential programme and is free to participants but places are limited. To book a place or for more info call Columba House, Derry on (028) 7126 2407 or call in to our drop-in session at Columba House, 11 Queen St. on Tues 17th Sept. between 12.00pm and 5.00pm where you can talk to an addiction counsellor in confidence

The Priory Institute – Bringing Theology Home: If you wish to study theology by distance learning, please register right away to secure your place on the programme. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept applications after the application deadline (Monday 23rd September). Tel: (01) 404 8124 • Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com • Web: prioryinstitute.ie

Columba Community – Concert by James Kilbane: Multi-platinum selling Christian, country gospel and Irish singer on Saturday 28th September at 7:30pm in White Oaks, Muff. Tickets are €10 and proceeds are going to White Oaks. Call (00353) (0)74 9384866 for tickets

Catholic Chaplaincy (28 Elmwood Avenue, Queen's University, Belfast) Re-opens Monday 23rd September

Sunday Evening Mass Resumes 29th September at 8.00pm
Daily Mass Resumes 30th September (Monday to Friday at 12.15pm)
Dedication of Studies Mass Sunday 13th October at 8.00pm
 FREE food and refreshments Monday to Friday tea and coffee available each day
 Please sign up with the Chaplaincy as part of the Online Enrolment Procedures
Facebook: The Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB • **Email:** cc@qubcc.org • **Web:** qubcc.org

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Silence: That the men and women of our time, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and learn to listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.
Missionary – Persecuted Christians: That Christians who suffer persecution in many parts of the world may be prophets of the love of Christ by their testimony.

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.

Adoption: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Cappagh / Badoney CCE Music Classes: Starts on week commencing 23rd September.
Banjo and Mandolin (Brona Graham)
Tin Whistle and Flute (Maira O'Kane) Mondays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Button Accordion (Lauren Hegarty)
Banjo and Mandolin (Nuala McBride)
Guitar (Sean Brines) Tuesdays evenings (time to be arranged)
NO BODHRAN CLASS
 Registration will take place on Tuesday 17th September in St. Peter's Primary School, Plumbridge at 7.00pm
 For more information call Tom Blee on (028) 8164 8719

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
 11th & 12th October, 15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
 Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

International Gathering Conference 2013 hosted by Pioneer Association – The Spirit That Sets Us Free:
 Overcoming Addiction All Hallows College, Drumcondra Dublin 9 Saturday and Sunday, 28-29 September 2013
 Speakers include: Campaigner for Social Justice, Fr Peter McVerry, SJ Fr James Harbaugh, SJ, American author of A Twelve-Step Approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, Majella Coyle - Addiction Counsellor, White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre, Plus open forum discussions, a service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinners and evening entertainment on the Saturday provided by harpist and singer, Deirdre Seaver, and a host of traditional Irish musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann. Mass on Sunday will be celebrated by Most Rev Diarmuid Martin, DD, Archbishop of Dublin at noon. TICKETS: €70.00 per person. Credit Card bookings being taken on 01 874 94 64 For the full itinerary and more information, please contact the Pioneer Association by email at pioneer@jesuit.ie or visit our website www.pioneerassociation.ie

Creation Time – How can I Save Water? *Fiona Murdoch (Communications Officer, Eco-Congregation Ireland)*
 Fix dripping taps and never leave the tap constantly running. Only run the dishwasher and washing machine when they are full.
 Shower rather than using the bath. Install a water-saving shower head and don't shower for longer than necessary.
 Did you know that each flush of the toilet uses up to 13 litres of water? Fill a one-litre plastic bottle with water and put it in the toilet tank; this will save one litre of water with each flush. If installing a new toilet, buy a dual flush model.
Twin your toilet and help improve sanitation in a developing country: toilettwinning.org/

Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome: 26th and 27th October.
For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877

Parish Liturgy for September, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Aileen Tuohy	Peter Fox	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Raymond Bradley	Patrick Tuohy Michael Bradley	Francis Keenan Colm Beggs
Altar Society	Nuala Glass Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community
 Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our weekend Masses. Readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any families to perform this important role for us.
Thank you to our parish workers

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

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?
For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts.
Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 **Fax:** 00-353-94-9388295 **Email:** info@knock-sh.rine.ie **Website:** knockshrine.ie

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013			
Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick's	Derry Diocesan Mass	
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)	

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 16:1-13:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. As often with the parables of Jesus, this one is intended to shock in order to make us think. Jesus is not praising the injustice of the servant, but his purposefulness in preparing for the future. In your experience what difference does it make when you are purposeful and energetic instead of lethargic?
2. It was his master's call to account that galvanised the servant into action. What have been the experiences, or people, that have galvanised you into action when you had been somewhat half-hearted in your efforts?
3. Who have been the people whose energy, drive and astuteness have been an inspiration to you in how to handle difficult situations?
4. 'No servant can be the slave of two masters'. When have you experienced the truth of this statement?

The Deep End – Kingdom Economics:

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

One of the most scandalous economic stories in the Gospels is the teaching in today's parable. A manager is about to get fired by the CEO because he has not made the highest profit. But is Jesus really condoning using money to buy friends and stealing from employers?! What is the manager doing? He is telling his debtors to falsify their bills so that they can be free from their debt. Some owe huge amounts. The manager is using the position he is in to recklessly release people from debt, to even up the tables. This will of course win him everlasting friends, their hearts and minds.

The manager is praised for his astuteness, he has his priorities straight, he is happy to let debt go, to redistribute the load. Ok there is still some self-interest there but Jesus is telling us that the only value the money really has is in the way it is disposed of – to make friends with the poor. The manager won't be the most successful man on the planet compared to the 'children of the light' who are more concerned with accounts than with real people. He can be trusted to value what is really important. Yes he is a bit of a scoundrel, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use.

If a white-collar criminal is smart enough to pull off this sort of stunt, imagine what the children of God can do! It is an invitation to holy mischief.

Shane Claiborne

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***