

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, 2019)
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Bishop Séamus Hegarty (1940-2019): This weekend, following his death on Friday afternoon, we give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Bishop Séamus Hegarty who was our bishop in this diocese of Derry from November, 1994 to November, 2011 having previously been Bishop of Raphoe from 1982. Bishop Séamus is now at peace with the Good Shepherd whom he served as priest and Bishop since 1966. May the Lord pour His mercy on him for the times he fell short in his service and reward him for his faithfulness.

Requiescat in Pace

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (22nd September – 29th September)

Saturday 21st September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Jose Walker (1 st Anniversary) Mark Walker (Month's Mind)
Sunday 22nd September Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) Mass followed by Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday 23rd September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Padre Pio (priest) and St. Eunan (abbot)			
Tuesday 24th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 25th September	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.00pm	Adoration
Thursday 26th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs)			
Friday 27th September	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass: Maureen McKnight (Month's Mind)
St. Vincent de Paul (priest)			
Saturday 28th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Jeannie Keenan (5 th Anniversary)
St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs)			
Sunday 29th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time Our Lady of Wayside			

Thought for the Week: "This lack of physical contact and encounter, encouraged at times by the disintegration of our cities, can lead to a numbing of conscience and to tendentious analyses which neglect parts of reality. At times this attitude exists side by side with a "green" rhetoric. Today, however, we have to realise that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment (Laudato Si – Section 49)

Weekly Collection: £810 *Thank you for your continuing generosity to the parish*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for repose of the soul of **Bishop Séamus Hegarty** who died on Friday and also the soul of **Maureen McKnight** whose Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday evening and for the souls of **Jose Walker (1st), Mark Walker, Anthony Bradley (23rd), John McCrory (27th)** and **Philomena Devlin** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rota: This takes place in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg Sunday 22nd September. Please make time to stop by and pray at your convenience throughout the day. Pray in petition for your personal needs or in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received as well as for those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named townlands to take responsibility and ensure a presence at specific times.

Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us

11.30am Formil West	2.30pm Teebane • Camanrancy
12.00pm Broughderg • Evishession	3.00pm Crockanboy • Sheskinshule
12.30pm Formil East • Aughascribba	3.30pm Maryville • Sheskinshule View
1.00pm Muninamale • Alworries	4.00pm Crouck • Coneyglen • Glenhull • Aughminacrory
1.30pm Binnafreaghan	4.30pm Concluding Prayers and Benediction
2.00pm Cashel • Brackagh • Leaghan	

Station Masses Available in October: Thursday 17th and Monday 14th and 21st October.
 Six stations are already booked for Muninamale, Teebane East, Leaghan, Binnafreaghan, Aughascribba and Formil.
If you wish to host a 'Station' please call Fr Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474

Next Week's Readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7 • Psalm 145:6-10, R v 2 • 1 Timothy 6:11-16
 Luke 16:19-31 • Lectionary 1:914 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 28 th September (DTIM week 1) The family of Kailagh Bradley	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 29 th September The family of Tadhg Clarke
Saturday 5 th October The family of Daire Brogan	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 6 th October The family of Lee Coyle

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented

Do this in Memory Program: For P4 Children Preparing for First Confession and Communion.
 Begins with the Enrolment Mass on Saturday 28th September at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Pope John Paul II Award – National Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Friday 27th September for young people aged 16 and 18. Over 1,100 young people from across the country attended this youth pilgrimage last year. The theme is 'Life to the Full' - Positive Friendships - Your Parish Needs You Now! Guest speaker will be Elma Walsh #LiveLife. Music by Elation Ministries. The pilgrimage will start at 11.00am and will conclude after 3.00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Award patron Bishop Donal McKeown. Transport will be provided. For more info call The Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email dcco@derrydiocese.org
Closing date for bookings is Monday 23rd September

Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Applications are invited from / for young people (11-30 years) with a medical condition, physical disability, illness, learning disability, social or emotional need. Applications also invited for very seriously ill children under the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or close relative. Those over 11 years travel without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers. Those participating have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence. The pilgrimage can also provide respite for parents / carers. The IPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Call Maureen Devine after 5.00pm on 0044 7717 7325 50 or Mary Dunning on (087) 7962 047 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October. More details can be found on irishpilgrimage.org
Volunteers, particularly male, are also required; training will be offered

Derry Diocesan Trust, Melmount Parish, Strabane – Grounds Person Job Opportunity: 28 hours per week, as stipulated: Four days, which must include Thursday and Friday (3 days 9.00am to 4.00pm and Friday 8.00am to 3.00pm). For application pack please email payroll@derrydiocese.org or call (028) 7126 2302. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or via email, to be received no later than 5.00pm on Monday 30th September. Interviews will be held on the week beginning 7th October. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer*

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Saturday 28th September, led by Bishop Donal McKeown with Stations of the Cross at 2.00pm and Mass at 3.00pm with Sacrament of the Sick. Bus will travel from Cappagh Parish – departing from the Parish Hall in Killyclogher at 8.30am and departing from Knock at 5.30pm. Bus Fare: £15 per person. There will be stops at Davis Restaurant / Yeats Tavern: 10.00am for tea, coffee and scones & 6.30pm / 7.00pm for dinner, dessert and tea / coffee. Meals are optional (£30). You may wish to bring a packed lunch. Parishioners from neighbouring parishes are very welcome to travel on this bus. To book call the Cappagh Parish Office on (028) 8224 3375. *Payment must be fully made in office by Wednesday 25th September at latest*

SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry – Days of Prayer / Workshops: 9.30am to 5.00pm (with lunch)
 Saturday 28th September – Lectio Divina led by Fr. Joseph Ralph OP (£25 / €30)
 Saturday 19th October – The Green Platform led by Mr. Declan Coyle (£45 / €50)
 Saturday 9th November – Finding God in the Mess led by Fr. B McManus SJ and Jim Deeds (£30 / €35)

An Caisleán Glas – Gala: Saturday 9th November in Silver Birches, Omagh. Black tie event. £100 per person. Tables of 10 are on sale at a reduced rate of £900 until Monday 30th September. Finance options available. Celebrate 50 continuous years of An Caisleán Glas. Tickets will be available to purchase at the club rooms immediately after Saturday evening mass.
greencastle50gala@outlook.com

September on Lough Derg – Standard One Day Retreats: Sunday 22nd and Sunday 29th. Special Living with Suicide Day Retreat, Saturday 28th September. Advance booking is essential for any of these dates. 07198 615 18 • info@loughderg.org

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. (028) 7135 1329

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Seisiun: Saturday 21st September at 9.00pm in Plumbridge Parochial Hall. (028) 816 48719

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Upcoming Events: saconlon15@hotmail.co.uk • (028) 8775 7800

Reading Group: Tuesday 24th September 10.30am to 11.30am. *Please donate your old books/magazines*

Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge / Irish Language Conversation Circle: Starting Soon

Walking Group: Continues every Monday (11:00am - 12:00 noon). Meet in Pomeroy forest car park.

Thornhill Ministries – Spiritual Reading Book Club: *Thornhill House 121 Culmore Road, Derry BT48 8JF*
 For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, our Book Club will review books and help us stay in touch with current issues and the theology. September - 'The Beatitudes of Pope Francis' by Aidan Donaldson & October - 'Heart Speaks to Heart' by Dermot Mansfield (The story of John Henry Newman). Copies of books available for purchase. Please let us know if you would like to join our club! Dates this term: Tuesdays 24th September, 22nd October and 19th November. Time: 10:30am to 11.45 am. Suggested Offering: £5.00. *All welcome*
For more info call (028) 7135 1233, email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit thornhillministries.co.uk

Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)
The Protection of the Oceans: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.
If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

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

Owenkillew Credit Union – Death Benefit Insurance (DBI):
 DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.

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

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

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

Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):
 Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies
Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) • Join our faith family!

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

Armchair Exercises: Continues every Monday night in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. *Suitable for all ages*

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

The Big Knit for Age NI Calling all knitters! For every hat knitted Age NI receives 25p.
To register or find out more call Dorothy on (028) 9024 5729, email bigknit@ageni.org or visit ageni.org/bigknit

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

Parish Liturgy for September, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Catriona McCullagh	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Chloe McGurk	Rachel Clarke	Tara Conneely
Collectors	Margaret Morris Shea McElhatton	Brendan Conway Eoghan Clarke	Brian Donnelly Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Maria Morris and Kathleen Tracey		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

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

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration
 It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.
 "...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration
12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage
2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people
4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth
6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

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

St. Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth – Diploma in Pastoral Theology at Drumalis
 Applications are now being accepted for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September
Website: drumalis.co.uk • **Email:** maura@drumalis.co.uk • **Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 / 2827 6455

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.
Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk

In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II – 10 Night Pilgrimage to Poland: Tuesday 21st April to Friday 1st May, 2020.
 Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit the capital of Divine Mercy, venerate the messenger of Mercy, St. Faustina's relics, see the cell that imprisoned St. Maximilian Kolbe (martyr) as well as visit the largest Marian shrines and sanctuaries in Poland – daily Mass and spiritual activities.
 Flights from Belfast, luxury coach travel and excellent accommodation.
For more info, a detailed itinerary and price email Fr. Micheál McGavigan at michealmcgavigan@icloud.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.
- 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 "Avápyυποι" (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 (martyr) [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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

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 (mellettj@gmail.com)*

If you think that all the parables Jesus told were nice stories about people of integrity then today's Gospel might make you think again. The manager has been put on notice by his CEO and he decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He is happy to let debt go and redistribute the finances. The only value the money really has is in the way it is disposed of. Yes, he is a bit of a scoundrel, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use.

During this past year we have seen young people rise up and challenge the governments of the world to take immediate action on climate change. In March 2019, the Global Protest for Climate involved over 1.2 million young people worldwide. Initiated by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, the climate protests shine as a beacon of hope in dark times. Greta stands up to world leaders and calls them to account. She is a modern prophet inspiring millions of young people into political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. During this Season of Creation, what can your community do to support these young people? As church, what do we have to say to this powerful movement? The manager in today's parable invites us to 'holy mischief.'

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? ... Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth. *Laudato Si' (160-161)*

Suggestion for the week: Explore how you might join with the eco-groups in your community to rejoice in the gift of creation, to share eco-stories and hear other good news of what is already happening. Perhaps you can explore becoming an 'eco-parish'? (ecocongregationireland.com) and ask young people in your area to help you.

PARISH EVENTS IN 2018

Thursday 1st February Service of Light for P7	Thursday 8th March First Confession for P4
Monday 12th March 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral	
Sunday 22nd April Confirmation by Bishop McKeown	Saturday 19th May First Holy Communion
Thursday 14th June P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry	
Thursday 21st June Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal	
Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries	
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park	
Saturday 1st September Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	
Sunday 2nd September All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin	Friday 2nd November Mass for Parish Deceased
10th November Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal	
Wednesday 21st November Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council	
Sunday 16th December Advent Penance Service	Saturday 22nd December 2 New Altar servers welcomed
31st December Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018	

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	12

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

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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

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

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

Mid Ulster Agewell: Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.
For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019

Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

'Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have."

This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: "Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear." Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.'

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*

Accord Counselling Services: Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". Pope St. John Paul II

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

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

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000

6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people

3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people

The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics

7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?

In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.

The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s

The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

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Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage

2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people

4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth

6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages (April to October): 7 nights B&B and Airport

Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing.

any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service.

Call us on 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com for further info and book dates that suit

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

Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland Weekend: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney.
For more information and / or booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call 07702 812 321 or (087) 784 0408

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