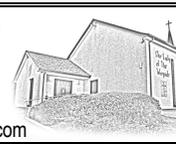


**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
 Third Sunday of Lent [Year A] (23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014)  
 The Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
 Website: greencastleparish.com    Tel: (028) 8164 8474    Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com



**Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week of Lent [Year A] (14<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2014)**

<b>Saturday Evening (22<sup>nd</sup> March)</b> <i>Do This In Memory Week (week 6)</i>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Third Sunday of Lent [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> St. Macartan (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>7.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> Annunciation of the Lord	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>6.30pm</b> Mass: First Confessions <b>7.30pm</b> Mass: Stations of the Cross <b>8.00pm</b> Mass: Paddy Lennon (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (29<sup>th</sup> March)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Annie Morris (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£900**.

**Clerical Education and On-Going Formation Collection:** Thank you for your contribution of **£460**, taken up St. Patrick's Day.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Paddy Lennon**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign:** Please support our campaign as generously as you can this year.  
Give me this water so that I may not be thirsty. *John 4:15*

**Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Seamus Hegarty, retired bishop of Derry.  
*Remember him in your prayers*

**Derry Youth Community:** Are you a young person of faith aged between 18 and 25 who is interested in a 10 month 'time-out' period where you will come together with 5 other young people and live in community? You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be expected to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities. Closing date for applications is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. *More information available on derryyouthcommunity.com*

**Annual Pioneer and Friends Buffet and Dance:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in Shepherd's Rest. *Ticket only is £12.50*

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July):** £599. The new Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown, is delighted to be able to lead the Pilgrimage this year. *As many pilgrims as possible is appreciated*

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje (7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September):** Half board and all taxes and insurance £499.  
Spiritual Director is Fr. Mark Monaghan. *For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357*

**Broughderg Community Development Centre – 040 Cookstown Roadshow:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The aim is to encourage older people to come along and access vital information from the one venue, enjoy free refreshments and receive a free goody bag!

Cardinal Lehmann of Mainz cautions against expecting all church renewal to come from the Pope. "I get very annoyed when we expect everything from the Pope, as far as church renewal is concerned but do nothing ourselves. That is absolutely unCatholic. There were great opportunities for renewal, he said, and the Pope has set an excellent example, but German Catholics response had often been 'half-hearted'.  
*The Tablet (Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March)*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7; Psalm 22 R/v1; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41; Lectionary 1 (page 276)  
**Sunday Scripture Readings cycle [Year A] • Weekday Scripture Readings cycle [Year 2]**

**Lotto Results:** P • R • S • W • Y (5 drawn with 3 letters, winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,950

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March*	Third Sunday	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
The family of <b>Aimee Gumley</b>	of Lent	The family of <b>Aine Lucas</b>

**First Confessions (Reconciliation) is scheduled for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**

As a parish faith-community may we be mindful of the children who are making their first Confessions at 6.30pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, the prayer we prayed in the general intercessions last Sunday is worth repeating now: For an openness of heart – that we may be open to God's love and forgiveness offered to us in the sacrament of Penance and may we be encouraged to make a good confession this Lenten season.

**How to Prepare a Child for First Confession Suggestions for Parents and Families:**

In the Catholic Church first confessions are part of the process for a child who will be receiving First Holy Communion. Many children at the age of seven are just starting to learn right from wrong and will need help when preparing for a first confession. As a parent, teaching your children penance and reconciliation helps them to understand sin and forgiveness, and deepens their relationships with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. As your child ages, s/he will have a greater understanding of the concepts of penance, and so the activities you use to help teach them will evolve. Some suggestions follow:-

1. Explain to a child what confession is for. Read books together that are age appropriate which will explain confession to your child. Ask your child if they have questions and answer honestly.
2. Talk about what types of things are sins. A child may not understand what types of things they should confess. For example a child may have family rules such as going to bed at a set time. They need to understand breaking a family rule is not necessarily something to confess.
3. Keep in mind your child is just learning about what a sin is. Most young children will not have any significant wrong doings. The purpose of a first confession should be to help a child understand the process of admitting a sin and asking for forgiveness.
4. Go over the process of a first confession with your child. Take your child to the church and show him where he will go to meet with the priest. Some churches have a confessional; other confessions are heard by the priest face to face.
5. Alleviate fears. Talk about a first confession in a positive manner. Explain to a child it is not something to be afraid of. A priest will not yell at a child or punish him or her. Encourage a child to ask questions.

**Penance and Reconciliation**

Penance and Reconciliation, also called Confession, is the repentance of your sins. A practicing Catholic makes confession to the priest, detailing her/his sins. Catholics are usually expected to formally begin Confessions between the ages of 6 and 8. Before that age, it is the parents' responsibility to teach the child about penance and reconciliation. This is where activities will help -- both to teach the child about these issues, and to prepare her/him for the sacrament of confession.

**Practice Prayers**

There are several prayers your child should know. The Sign of the Cross, the Lord's Prayers, the Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, and Acts of Contrition are all prayers used during confession. Some of these prayers may also be used at home and elsewhere. Start with the easier, shorter prayers for younger children to learn, and as their ability to memorize improves, introduce the longer prayers for memorization. Repetition is the best way to learn prayer -- by hearing and by saying.

**Colouring Pages**

Most children love to colour. There are several sites online that feature free printable colouring pages. Print off colouring pages featuring girls and boys practicing Reconciliation and Acts of Contrition, or those of adults giving Confession. Even colouring books or pages that tell a story with pictures, such as the Original Sin, can help young children who do not yet read but love to colour. Talk with them about what they see in the pages.

**Worksheets**

For older children, worksheets that teach them about sin and forgiveness are available online. Activity sheets can address common questions, raise issues for consideration, and help them to prepare for their own first Reconciliation. Worksheets may review questions such as, "What three things happen after you make Confession?" Worksheets for slightly younger children might ask them to cut and paste the Ten Commandments so that they are in the proper order.

<b>Pope Francis' Intentions for March (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b>			
<b>Universal:</b> That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.			
<b>For Evangelisation:</b> That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.			
<b>Parish Liturgy for March, 2014</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McKenna
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Aidan Clarke	Peter Fox	Claire Coyle
<b>Collectors</b>	Mary Bradley Raymond Bradley	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Sean McKenna Tony Donnelly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott Martina McBride
New choir members will always be welcomed – contact Sinead			

**Monthly Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite:** Celebrated in Long Tower Church, Derry on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm. Please note that this is one week earlier than usual, due to the installation of Bishop McKeown on the following Sunday.

**Diocesan Website (derrydiocese.org):** Regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful

**St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email dccc@derrydiocese.org.

**Mental Health Awareness Training:** By the end of the session participants will be able to:  
Describe what is meant by the terms mental illness and mental health  
Recognise some of the symptoms of the most common mental illnesses  
Discuss recovery for those experiencing mental illness  
Challenge some of the stereotypes and stigma associated with the term mental illness  
Identify ways of promoting your own mental health and wellbeing

Places are limited. Please contact Fiona 07813 935 996 to register

**Location:** GAA, St. Patricks, Greencastle, 49 Mullydoo Rd, Greencastle Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 6.00pm to 9.30pm

**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.**

**ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014** (028)8224 2439 [accordomagh@btopenworld.com](mailto:accordomagh@btopenworld.com)  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April • 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June

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

**Rural Support:** Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – St. Turibius of Mongravejo (bishop) [1538-1606]** A layman when he was appointed archbishop of Lima, Peru by King Philip II. He combated all the abuses of the conquerors in Peru and built up the Church there. [Not Celebrated this Year]

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – St. Macartan (bishop)** Belongs to a very early generation of saints in Ireland and is recognised as the first 'Bishop of Clogher'. He is known as Patrick's 'Strong Man' for his dedication and faithfulness.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Annunciation of the Lord** Celebration of the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking his Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "Saviour".

### 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 the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee*

**Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3<sup>rd</sup> August):** For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith. *Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it*

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1<sup>st</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> August):** Check out the Lough Derg website for details.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 4:5-42:

*John Byrne OSA (john@ortagh.ie)*

1. Jesus leads the woman along a wonderful journey towards a deeper, fuller human life. You can enter the story from the perspective of the woman. Recognise her resistance to growth, her complacency, her evasions, and her eventual acceptance, partial though it was, of Jesus. When have you, or others, made a similar journey in your relationship with God? With others? With your own self?
2. The woman is attracted by what Jesus is saying, but from very human motives: the thought of having water in such a way that she did not have to come and draw it from the well. We too are attracted to Jesus by very mixed motives, some of them matters of personal interest - belonging, community, security. What have been the human motives that have attracted me to faith, prayer, religion, Church and which have been stepping stones to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. Perhaps we can also see the same movement in the growth of some of our human relationships.
3. You can also enter the story with Jesus, the ideal leader, parent, teacher or spiritual guide. Notice how he meets the woman where she is, needing her assistance, how he is patient with her, but also challenges her to grow to what she is capable of.

**Musings** *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*  
 At first, the Samaritan woman probably wished that she had stayed at home. And yet Catherine of Siena (1347-80) once advised that we should never look at ourselves by ourselves – this can lead to disappointment and even despair. Instead, we should look at ourselves in the company of Christ. While this may still lead us to recognise what is damaging within ourselves and what needs to be transformed, nevertheless, it also leads, ultimately, to hope. For Catherine, knowledge of self and knowledge of God (and his goodness) are inextricable 'just as the fish is in the sea and the sea is in the fish'.

**The Deep End – Thirst for Living Water:** *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*  
 Today's Gospel is a beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is full of metaphor and you can approach it from many positions: the woman having an encounter, a spiritual experience, direction from God. Or Jesus, a spiritual guide, a teacher, a comforter, challenging. Jesus meets her where she is at. He shouldn't even have acknowledged her as she is clearly an outcast, a Samaritan woman with a reputation. This woman experiences conversion and growth at this well, not just physical quenching of thirst, but a spiritual one.  
 Today we can think of the millions of women and girls who make the hazardous journey to wells every day in search of water. According to the UN 1.1 billion people are 'water insecure'. Trócaire is working in Malawi with their local partners to provide water security for many communities. By 2020 it is estimated that water available for agriculture in the region will drop by 50%. We all have a part to play in this with climate change one of the biggest contributors to water shortage. This is a problem that requires more than charity giving to solve. We need to radically change how we use the resources given to us; we need to be more conscious of how much we use; how we recycle; how we can walk or cycle more instead of driving. The woman in today's Gospel experiences conversion at the well; we too are in need of conversion so that we live more in solidarity with those who are suffering and thirsting for justice.  
 Give me this water so that I may not be thirsty. *John 4:15*

**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

**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.

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014				
<b>Sacramental Celebrations</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confession	
	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion	
		Feast of the Ascension		
<b>Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's		
	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside		
<b>Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>			St. Patrick's
	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July • Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September • Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
<b>Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	Directly after <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	
	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after <b>11.00am</b> Mass	
	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)	
<b>'Do This In Memory'</b> liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion				
	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Third Week of Lent	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confessions (Reconciliation)	
	<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Palm Sunday	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	
	<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	
	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion	
	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	

**Online Lenten calendar:** Launched by Archbishop Eamon Martin and can be accessed on the homepage of catholicbishops.ie. New information will be revealed each day of Lent by clicking on a virtual numerical door, and this will include:

- Daily Mass readings and reflections
- Lenten tweets from Pope Francis and other Church sources
- Prayers and Pastoral Letters for Lent
- Suggestions on observing Friday Penance during Lent
- Events taking place across Ireland during Lent
- Details of Trócaire's Lenten Campaign for 2014
- Pope Francis' message for Lent and from Evangelii Gaudium
- Explanations of Lent and Lenten practices

"Lent is the most solemn season for the Catholic Church and it culminates in the high-point of our liturgical calendar: Easter Sunday. With the help of the word of God and the sacraments, Lent is a time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community. With this in mind our new Lenten calendar is a resource to assist the faithful in our preparation for Easter."  
 "For many years we have provided online resources to assist with our Lenten preparations, but this year we offer the faithful a new online calendar for this purpose. The calendar is designed for people of all ages as a user-friendly resource to help explain the significant season of Lent. The online calendar seeks to guide us as we prepare spiritually for the joy and hope which comes with the Easter season. During the season of Lent, I invite everyone to visit and avail of the information provided by our calendar."