



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (23rd August, 2015)
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Welcome (fáilte go Caisléan Glass) – In last week's clerical changes Fr. Edward Gallagher was appointed by Bishop McKeown to the parish of Greencastle as our new parish priest. We offer him a warm welcome this weekend and we pray that his ministry among us will be richly blessed

Fr. Edward Gallagher was born in Brooklyn, New York. Eldest of the 6 children of Evelina and the late William Gallagher. At the age of 10 he moved to Derry. He has one brother and four sisters. After attending St. Columba's College, Derry he then proceeded to begin studies for the priesthood at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth being ordained to the priesthood on Sunday 12th June, 1994 in St. Brigid's Church, Carnhill, Derry. Since then he has served as curate in Holy Family Parish Derry, Cappagh and Limavady. He also spent 5 years on the Derry Diocesan Mission to Belize, Central America. Latterly he has served as Administrator at St. Columba's Church, Long Tower in Derry. Fr. Gallagher will be inducted as the 13th parish priest of Greencastle in St. Patrick's Church by Bishop McKeown on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm.

St Eugene (bishop and Patron Saint of Derry Diocese) [Sunday 23rd August]: St Eugene lived in the 6th century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha), Co Tyrone.

Liturgical Schedule for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (24th August, 2015 – 30th August, 2015)

Saturday Evening (22nd August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Annie McCullagh (25 th Anniversary)
Sunday 23rd August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 24th August St. Bartholomew (apostle)	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass <i>Fr. Hasson's final visitation of the sick and housebound</i>
Buildings & Maintenance Committee Meeting: 8.00pm • Finance Committee Meeting: 9.30pm • Both hosted by Fr. Hasson		
From Tuesday 25th August to Friday 28th August Mass will be available on an ad-hoc basis with notification being given the day before		
Saturday Morning (29th August) Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS
Saturday Evening (29th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Mary T. McAneney (1 st Anniversary) 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 30th August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
The Solemn Annual Exposition will begin after 11.00am Mass and finish with concluding prayers at 4.30pm		

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£836** and **£13.50** in loose change. *Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.* Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more.

St. Patrick's Cemetery Fund: Donations of **£60** were received this week for the support of the on-going work.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Annie McCullagh** and **Paul McCullagh** whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for **Gerald McGurk**, **Patrick Glass**, **Francis O'Hagan** and **Barney McGuigan**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing & refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and we all make the most out of it

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8 • Psalm 14:2-5, 16-23, r/v 1 • James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 • Lectionary I, page 793 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre: Sunday 23rd August (10.00pm to 12.00pm) with music by Larry and Co. £5 per person.

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This will take place in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg next weekend. Please take 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

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
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	Muniamale • Alworries	4.00pm	Crouck • Coneyglen • Glenhull • Aughminacroy
1.30pm	Benefreaghan	4.30pm	Concluding Prayers and Benediction
2.00pm	Cashel • Brackagh • Leaghan		

Offertory Gifts: During the summer months no particular family will be scheduled for the task of bringing the gifts to the altar so anyone can volunteer to participate and we say thanks to you for taking on this responsibility.

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thank you to everyone who participates in the life and work of our parish faith community, we need new volunteers in every aspect of life. Anyone wishing to participate in any aspect of our parish mission should make themselves known.

Viatres Christi Overseas Volunteering Information and Recruitment Sessions: Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission?
Date: Saturday 22nd August at 10.00am • **Address:** VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 • **Tel:** +353 (0) 1-868 9986

Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage: Sunday 13th September. Chief Celebrant will be Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy with guest soloist Fr. Liam Lawton. Blessing of the Sick will be at 2.30pm and the Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary will be at 3.00pm. Children are invited to compose a prayer for their grandparents and send it to CGA office, Castlebar St, Westport, Co Mayo.
 All prayers will be blessed during the Mass • For more info call 098 24877 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com

Institute of Irish Leadership – Open Day: Tuesday 25th August from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Hear how people can become involved in the *Volunteer Now Scheme* to help preserve and celebrate our cultural heritage and language. *All are welcome*

Mass for Bikers: Sunday 6th September at 1.00pm in St Aengus' Church, Burt, Co. Donegal for motorcyclists. A time to pray, a time to remember all those bikers who have lost their lives in recent times and a time to ask for God's blessing. After the Mass all the bikes and riders will be blessed. A collection will be taken up at this Mass for the RNLI and a short bike run to the Ned's Point RNLI station for refreshment will happen. Please let any friends who are bikers know. **Chapel Address:** Main Derry to Letterkenny the N13, about 3 minutes from the border

Diocesan Safeguarding Training Notification: As part of the Safeguarding training programme in the Diocese, a series of Adult Safeguarding training events has been arranged, to take place during the month of September for those involved in Eucharistic Ministry to hospitals, nursing homes and the housebound. If you currently undertake this parish role, please contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Representatives to book a place at your designated session. Alternatively, to book a place:
Address: Safeguarding Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry • **Tel:** (028) 7136 2475 • **Hours:** Mon. and Tues., 9.00am to 5.00pm

IOSAS Centre, Muff, Co Donegal – Upcoming Events: **Tel:** (00353) 74938 4866 • **Email:** goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

Summer Serenity Wed. 26 th August, 12.30pm	Join us for lunch, a guided tour of the Celtic Prayer Garden, music and song. Booking essential. Tel: (00353) 74938 4866 • Email: goldenagecentre@hotmail.com • Cost: €10 / £8
Music Trail Fri. 28 th August, 6.30pm	The Celtic Garden will transform into a music trail celebrating our rich cultural heritage with some of the north west's finest musicians, singers and storytellers. Light refreshments afterwards. Booking essential Cost: €7 / £6

Many kind words of support, appreciation and encouragement were written and spoken to me this week, I am deeply grateful for every expression shared. One friend sent me this message:-

“I am enough of a faith person that my hope is that something will come out of this for both the people and you that is unseen yet, but with time, openness, and a sense of perspective becomes possible.”

I make this my prayer for myself as I travel to Lavey this Saturday evening and for Fr. Gallagher as he comes to the parish faith-community of Greencastle this evening, thank you.
Fr. Eugene Hasson

Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Volunteers: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.
Evangelisation – Outreach to the Marginalised: That setting aside our very selves, we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

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/or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities. *See poster at entrances*

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

World Youth Day: This will be held in Kraków, Poland from Sunday 24th to Sunday 31st July, 2016. If you are aged between 18 and 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at wyd@derrydiocese.org or alternatively, call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 before Sunday 1st November.

Looking After Our Parish Cemeteries: These are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please co-operate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard or into our neighbour's property. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away.

Registration of the Religious of the Diocese: Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card.
Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 30 th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Tuesday 8 th September • Thursday 29 th October St. Patrick's <i>Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed</i>	
Monday 2 nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)

Parish Liturgy for August, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Monica Coyle	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of the Faithful	Aidan / Ryan Clarke	Rosemary McCullagh	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Michael McElhatton	Peter Tracey Eoghan Clarke	Perry McCrory Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Siobhan McKenna, Caitriona McCullagh and Ciara McKenna		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
<i>New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead Donnelly</i>			

Children in Crossfire – Zipline Across the River Foyle:
Saturday 29th August. 170ft high, 1,300ft across. A £20 deposit confirms your place.
Tel: (028) 7126 9898 • Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • Online: tinyurl.com/og5dd7j

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 24th August – St. Bartholomew (apostle) His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit." The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages. Tradition has the place as Abanopolis on the west coast of the Caspian Sea and that he also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, and Egypt. The Gospel of Bartholomew is apochryphal and was condemned in the decree of Pseudo-Gelasius.

Thursday 27th August – St. Monica [332-387] Converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

Friday 28th August – St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [354-430] Bishop of Hippo where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on understanding God's grace. Patron saint of theologians.

Saturday 29th August – The Passion of John the Baptist (martyr) The preface in today's Mass lists the favours shown to St. John the Baptist and the vocation given him. He is found worthy of a martyr's death, and his last and greatest act of witness to Christ.

Sunday 30th August – St. Fiacre An Irishman who went abroad to seek a hermitage. He passed through Normandy and eventually met Faro, who was a great patron of Irish pilgrims at Meaux. Fiachre was given a hermitage near Breuil and stayed there until his death around 670. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 6:60-69: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others...'
Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium, No.10)
2. 'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?
3. 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to belief because, like Peter, Jesus offered you a more hopeful message than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?
4. 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are word of life for you.

Musings

Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)

Ronald Rolheiser has the following to say about what constitutes a good marriage: 'A good marriage is a big table, loaded with lots of food and drink. When two people love each other sacramentally that love becomes a place of hospitality, a table where people come to be fed – figuratively and really. Again, love, in a true marriage, feeds not just the two people who are generating it, but, because it is sacramental, always contains more than enough surplus to feed everyone who is fortunate enough to meet it.'

The Deep End – Bodies:

Paul Clogher (Waterford Institute of Technology)

John's lengthy episode in the synagogue at Capernaum operates like a press conference that does not end well. Many of Jesus' followers abandon him, scandalised at his Eucharistic tones. 'This is intolerable language,' they muse. Alone with his disciples, Jesus asks them if they wish to leave too. Like the synoptic accounts, Peter takes the opportunity to profess his faith. Here, however, he does not get rewarded with the keys to the kingdom. There are a few twists and turns to go in his story.

The remnant of Jesus' followers have serious questions: what could the miracle of loaves mean? And how could one possibly eat this man's flesh? Perhaps it is only in the Eucharistic body of the community that these scenes make sense.

Theologian Graham Ward calls this expansion the 'displaced body of Jesus Christ' and Gerard Loughlin explains it in this way: 'Jesus' body is gradually lost to sight with its crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. But leaves only in order to return, infinitely transposed in the Eucharistic body that feeds the body of the Church, which becomes Christ's body, not metaphorically, but actually, as its non-identical, analogical repetition.' In the body of believers, this 'intolerable' body of Christ expands and lives most fully in the bodies of others as they share his table.