



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderrg

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (24 <sup>th</sup> September, 2012 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2012)			
<b>Saturday Evening (22<sup>nd</sup> September)</b> Do This In Memory Enrolment Ceremony		St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Johnny and James Clarke (Anniversaries)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]		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>12.00noon</b> Mass
Month's Mind for Fr. Kieran Devlin		St. Mary's Rouskey	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time		St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Finbarr (bishop)		St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Anthony Bradley (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. James (Apostle)		Our Lady of Lourdes PS	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Opening of the new school year

Mission-Retreat Weekend led by Fr. Joe Nangle OFM      Keep this weekend free and invite your neighbours to do the same Come and See <i>John 1:46</i>			
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Vincent de Paul (priest)		St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass <i>Opening of Mission-Retreat</i>
<b>Friday 28<sup>st</sup> September</b> St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (all martyrs)		St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside Our Lady of Lourdes PS St. Patrick's	<b>7.00am</b> Mass <b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>11.30am</b> Fr. Nangle will visit pupils & staff <b>7.30pm</b> Mission Conference
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael (Archangels)		Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>8.00am</b> Mass <b>10.00am</b> Mass <b>3.00pm</b> Franciscan Blessing and planting of hedges at Cemetery
<b>Saturday Evening (29<sup>th</sup> September)</b>		St. Patrick's	<b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Jerome (priest and doctor of the Church)		Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's	<b>7.00pm</b> Penitential Service and the opportunity for personal reconciliation
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> St. Therese of the Child Jesus (virgin and doctor of the Church) <i>Fr. Nangle will visit the sick and housebound</i>		St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>6.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>7.00am</b> Mass <b>9.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> The Guardian Angels		St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mission Conference <b>6.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>7.00am</b> Mass <b>7.30pm</b> Closing Mass
This is what the Lord asks of you; only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God <i>Micah 6:8</i>			

**Franciscan Blessing and planting of hedges at Cemetery (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 3.00pm):**  
As part of our Retreat-Mission weekend every family in the parish is invited to come and plant one of the new laurels that will provide a hedge around the perimeter of the cemetery at Saint Patrick's Church – you can see this prayer time as your contribution to ecology as well as an important spiritual metaphor. Fr. Nangle will give the blessing – bring a small spade and a camera to record for yourself this moment in time.

*A collection will be taken up on the first and last evenings of the retreat to defray expenses,  
please be as generous as you can in these difficult times.*

<b>Weekly Offerings:</b> Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to <b>£965</b> .
<b>Remembering Our Dead:</b> We pray for <b>Rose McGurk</b> whose requiem took place on Friday and extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Martin and all who will mourn for her. We also pray for <b>Philomena Devlin, Anthony Bradley</b> and <b>Johnny and James Clarke</b> , whose anniversaries occur at this time

**Parish Mission Weekend with Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October):**  
Keep this weekend free and invite your neighbours to do the same. Fr. Nangle has asked for the support of our prayers that this effort will be fruitful for all who participate.

**Prayer for Parish Mission/Retreat:**

Loving Father, as I prepare for our Parish Retreat, I come to ask you to bless everyone in our Parish.  
And Bless Fr Joe Nangle our retreat director who will accompany us during this special time.  
You have invited me to "come and see", (John 1:46) to listen and prayerfully take part, so that I will act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you all the days of my life.  
May I and all who are able, respond to your invitation.

Jesus Our Saviour, brother and friend, be with me during this  
Retreat as you once were near your disciples here on earth.

You know my strengths and weaknesses, my trials and triumphs, my joys and my sorrows,  
I am sorry for the times I drifted away from your loving presence through what I did,  
said, thought or neglected. Forgive me as you forgave the paralyzed man, the sinful woman and  
even your executioners. May our Parish Retreat be an opportunity to recover your blessed peace.  
Bless the sick of mind or body, the worried, bereaved, lonely, neglected, addicted, helpless  
and those I want to pray for during the Retreat, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Keep them in your loving care and send them people who will help them practically and spiritually.  
May I always be aware of the needs of others. Give me the strength and wisdom to deal with my  
own and their needs. Grant your eternal peace to those who have died.

Holy Spirit, as I prepare for this retreat, I thank you for all the graces and gifts you have given me from  
the time of my birth and Baptism; the gift of family, good friends and companions and for those in my life who brought me closer to  
God. Holy Spirit, give me the grace to forgive the people in my life who have hurt me  
in any way or those who drew me away from your presence.  
I thank you for the grace of the Sacraments that help me lead a better  
life as a follower of Christ in my particular vocation.

May I be graced through the frequent reception of Holy Communion and absolution  
for my spiritual nourishment throughout my life and with the anointing of Holy Oil when I am sick. *Amen*  
Glory be... followed by the LITANY.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Embrace us with your love	St Bridget	Pray for us
Our Lady of the Wayside	Keep us from straying	St Francis of Assisi	Pray for us
St Patrick, patron of our land	Strengthen our Faith	St Clare	Pray for us

**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. Only 4 dates remain available: *Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>*  
It would be a blessing if a family in each townland would host a Station Mass this October – please consider it – hospitality should be kept to the minimum.  
*Gathering to pray the Mass together will be most important*

**Centenary Celebrations (St Patrick's, Cranagh):** The Centenary Celebrations programme will commence on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 with Mass each evening @7.30pm and concluding with a final Mass offered by Bishop Lagan on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 @3pm. Guest speakers will be Fr Francis Bradley (Wed), Fr John Cargan (Thurs) Fr Paul Farren (Fri) and Fr Declan Boland (Sunday). A Mass for the dead and benefactors will take place in the Old graveyard (weather permitting) on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012 @10am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day and ending with Benediction. An exhibition will be open in the hall each evening after Mass and on the Sunday. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, there will be a special flower display on the life of St Patrick in the Church. The book to mark the centenary, "of Stone and Story" will be available for purchase after the Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July and then on sale in local shops.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School** - A vacancy has arisen on the School Board of Governors for a Parent Governor. If you wish to consider nominating someone for the position could you please contact that person and seek their approval for the nomination. Each nominee will require a proposer and a seconder and should there be more than one nominee an election to the position may result. Each parent/guardian is entitled to nominate, be nominated and vote. Please feel free to contact the school should you require any further information. All expressions of interest would be welcome and all nominations must be properly completed and returned to the school by 12:00pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. A note about this has been sent home to every family in the school. We would ask that you give it due consideration and thought. Please ensure that you get any nominee's agreement to stand before proposing them for election. Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School will be closed on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of September for staff training. This will be the first of at least three In Service Training Days for the school staff this year. Details of the remaining dates will be published later in the year. School will reopen as normal on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>.

<b>BADA – Upcoming Events:</b>	<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Annual Pioneering Total Abstinence Association Dance
<b>Next Sundays Readings:</b>	Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14 r/v 9; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-49; (Lectionary I, page 804)	(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)
<b>Lotto Results:</b>	D – E – O – P – Q (5 people with 3 letters – £10 each) <b>Next Jackpot: £1,800</b>	

<b>Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)</b> <b>General – New Evangelisation:</b> That the new Evangelisation may progress in the oldest Christian countries. <b>Missionary – World Mission Day:</b> That the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelisation.	
<b>Tuesday's Child - Upcoming Events</b>	
<b>Supper Evening</b> Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly at 8.00pm. Music by <i>The Squealin' Pigs</i> and supper kindly provided by The Drummond. Tickets £10 and all proceeds to giving a helping hand to children living in Nairobi slums.
<b>Dublin City Marathon</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	A lovely marathon taking in some of the main tourist attractions in Dublin. To register go to <a href="http://dublinmarathon.ie">dublinmarathon.ie</a> . For a fundraising pack email us at <a href="mailto:events@tuesdayschild.org.uk">events@tuesdayschild.org.uk</a> .
<b>Get Active and make it a Win-Win for needy children:</b> Get active, do a sponsored walk or run, swimathon or cycle and change the life of a child today. Lots of sponsored events to choose from or why not organise your own. Everything you raise, we give. No salaries, no administration cost, are taken from funds raised.	
<b>Bore Hole for Kariobangi, Nairobi:</b> Most of us take clean drinking water for granted. We can have a glass of clean water at the turn of a tap. Millions of people are not so fortunate. Your loose change can make a difference. Help us raise funds to sink a bore hole in Kariobangi, Nairobi. Further information on <a href="http://tuesdayschild.ie">tuesdayschild.ie</a> .	
<b>IOSAS Centre – Healing Mass:</b> Celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin will be held in St. Canice's Oratory in the Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road on Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm. <i>Refreshments afterwards</i>	
<b>Camowen Farmers Group – Basic computer and APHIS Training:</b> Milestone Centre Carrickmore, Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October at 8.00pm, be able to register animals online and become familiar with DARD website. <i>Cost £10 for 2 weeks, further training will be offered if required. Queries to Mary (028) 8076 1339 / 07789 067 231</i>	
<b>Do This In Memory Programme:</b> The parish programme for our parish in 2013 begins with the enrolment ceremony at the Vigil Mass this weekend.	
<b>Annual Derry Diocesan Pioneer Mass:</b> Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Clonmany. Celebrated by Mons. Eamon Martin. <i>All Pioneers and their friends are invited to attend</i>	
<b>Thornhill Centre Ministries – Children's Liturgy Training Workshop Evening for Parish Teams:</b> Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry.	
<b>Called to the Contemplative life?</b> The Cistercian Community in Portglenone, Co. Antrim will guide a weekend of vocation discernment for men who may feel they have a vocation to the contemplative monastic life 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> November. <i>Details available by calling (028) 2582 1211 or emailing <a href="mailto:vocations@bethabbey.com">vocations@bethabbey.com</a></i>	
<b>'The Door of Faith is Open – Diocesan Conference to Launch the Year of Faith:</b> Thornhill College, Culmore Road, Derry on Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> October beginning at 9.30am. Three keynote speakers will address the Conference. Archbishop Charles Brown, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Fr. Michael Drumm. The fee, which includes lunch and refreshments, is £15. Booking is essential. Pick up a booking form in the sacristy or contact Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre (028) 7126 4087 or email <a href="mailto:ddcc@derrydiocese.org">ddcc@derrydiocese.org</a>	
<b>Our Parish cemeteries</b> are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate 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. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery.	
<b>ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013</b> (028)8224 2439 <a href="mailto:accordomagh@btopenworld.com">accordomagh@btopenworld.com</a> 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> October    9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> November    1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> December    11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> January 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> February    8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> March    12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> April    10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> May    7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <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	
<b>Family Care Society – Adoption:</b> Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you? <i>For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) <a href="mailto:email@familycaresociety.org">email@familycaresociety.org</a> <a href="http://familycaresociety.net">familycaresociety.net</a></i>	

<b>Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time</b> 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. <b>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.</b> <i>Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)</i>
<b>Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change:</b> Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.
<b>Universal Credit Stakeholder Event:</b> The Northern Ireland Welfare Reform Bill is expected to be introduced into the Northern Ireland Assembly in the near future. We recognise that the wide range of reforms and the implementation of the changes will impact upon a significant percentage of the working age population in Northern Ireland. Following the events earlier this year which provided introductory information about Universal Credit, a further event has been arranged for: <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.00pm</b> <b>Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA), 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, BT15 2GB</b> This session will provide a brief update on the delivery of Universal Credit in Northern Ireland and should last approximately 2 hours. Tea/coffee will be served on arrival between 1.30pm and 2.00pm. To book your place, please contact <a href="mailto:universal.credit@dndni.gov.uk">universal.credit@dndni.gov.uk</a> , call (028) 9037 6304 or reply in writing to the address below by 24 <sup>th</sup> September. <i>Visit <a href="http://nicva.org/content/find-us">nicva.org/content/find-us</a> for directions to NICVA and information about parking</i>
<b>Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider The Mystery of Work:</b> This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. <a href="http://logosinstitute.org">logosinstitute.org</a>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society:</b> Gratitude has been expressed for your support of the clothes bank located in the car park at St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. <i>Their clothes shop is in Castle Street, Omagh</i>
<b>Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season:</b> Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October. <i>See poster on church notice boards or visit <a href="http://knock-shrine.ie">knock-shrine.ie</a>    T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295</i>
<b>NVQ Level 2 and 3 Health and Social Care and NVQ Level 3 Business Administration, Training and Work Experience;</b> Available FREE for people out of work. Contact Omagh District Training Consortium on (028) 8224 6535 or email <a href="mailto:odtc@omagh.gov.uk">odtc@omagh.gov.uk</a> .
<b>IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012</b>
<b>Derry Diocesan Society Mass in our Parish</b> Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> St. Patrick's <b>8.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)
<b>Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID):</b> Concerned about your hearing or tinnitus problems? If you would like a hearing check, get advice or get information on services available, come to an Action on Hearing Loss FREE Drop-in Hearing Aid Clinic. Local clinics will be held in the coming weeks as follows: <b>Derg Valley Healthy Living Centre, Castlederg:</b> Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October or Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November between 10.30am and 12noon. <b>Strule Medical Practice, Health Centre, Omagh:</b> Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 17 <sup>th</sup> October or 21 <sup>st</sup> November between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. For further details contact Lisa Bullick, Outreach Development Officer (tel: (028) 6632 4400, Textphone: (028) 6632 4400, Mobile: 07553 353 980) <a href="http://actiononhearingloss.org.uk">actiononhearingloss.org.uk</a>

**Parish Pastoral Councils – Support Programme:** As the Year of Faith begins, the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Support Programme for the introduction of new Pastoral Councils in the diocese is well advanced. Seven parishes are taking part in Phase Two, which appears to be going very well to date.

I am writing to invite your participation in Phase Three of the programme which it is hoped to begin in January 2013 (see attached). The programme will be most suited to those parishes where the parish priest and interested lay members have already given serious consideration to the establishment of a Pastoral Council and where assistance is sought with the process of setting one up.

In order to provide meaningful support and formation, it is expected that the programme will be made available to eight to ten parishes in the third phase. As before, to allow a greater opportunity for learning and development during the programme, it is hoped to enrol at least two parishes from each deanery. If it continues to be successful, the programme will be reviewed and repeated for a further group of parishes in 2014.

Please consider if you and your parish are able to make the following commitments:

- The Parish Priest, other priests (if any), and three lay delegates from the Parish are prepared to attend a Study Day (on Saturday 19 January 2013) and to form a co-ordinating team for the introduction of a Pastoral Council in the Parish.
- The co-ordinating team will arrange the proposed Introductory Weekend for the parish during early February 2013, with prayers during the weekend and an explanatory homily at all Masses.
- The questionnaire on 'The Life and Future of our Parish as a Living Faith Community' will be distributed, collected and analysed before the end of March 2013.
- A Parish Assembly will be held and first members of the Pastoral Council selected in or around April - June 2013 in accordance with the Diocesan Norms.
- The first members of the new Pastoral Council will attend a residential weekend formation programme to be arranged during September-October 2013.
- The Co-ordinating team will participate in evaluation and review of the programme for the benefit of development of the programme.
- The costs of the programme will be met by the parish.

*Monsignor Eamon Martin (Diocesan Administrator)*

**The Catholic Chaplaincy (28 Elmwood Avenue) – University Students:** Mass will resume on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 8.00pm. Chaplains Food Bar and other Chaplaincy facilities will re-open on the Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am. Free tea and coffee from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Daily Mass is Monday to Friday at 12.15pm. Please remember to enrol with the Catholic chaplaincy as part of the Queens on-line enrolment procedures. Dedication of Studies Mass will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm. There are a few student jobs available in Chaplains Food Bar, please contact Liam at cc@qubcc.org or on (028) 9066 9737 (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> onwards). Check out qubcc.org for further information..

**The YARD Project (Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry) – Catholic Theology for Young People (16 yrs +):** A series of interactive discussions exploring what it means to be a young Catholic today. The talks will take place over four weeks (Wednesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm) beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September. This free course will benefit A-Level Religious Studies students and any young person wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith. For more info or to register, contact Claire on (028) 7126 9113 / claireyard3@btinternet.com

**October: Month of Mission (Theme: Growing in Communion):** - As we approach October, Month of Mission, the Mission Alive Office of the Irish Missionary Union draws your attention to its programme of events to raise awareness of the life and service of Lay and Religious Missionaries. You are encouraged to celebrate Lay and Religious Missionaries, and their contribution to the global realities they serve, in your parish, with your parishioners and in the school(s) in your parish. *You are invited to access imu.ie or facebook.com/missionmonth*

**Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme:** Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

#### **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***

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

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – St. James (Apostle)** One of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the Apostle. He is also called James the Greater to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus, who is also known as James the Lesser.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Saint of all charitable works.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – St. Wenceslaus (martyr) [905-925]** Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron Saint of brewers.

**St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs)** During the period between 1633 and 1637 these 16 martyrs shed their blood out of love for Christ in the city of Nagasaki in Japan.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September – St. Gabriel, St. Raphael and St. Michael (Archangels)** Gabriel brought the message to Mary of the Annunciation (Patron Saint of telecommunications, radio and TV workers). Raphael was a guide to Tobias (Patron Saint of nurses, physicians and the blind). Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular (Patron Saint of radiologists and the sick paratroopers)

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September – St. Jerome (priest and Doctor of the Church) [340-420]** Translated the bible into Latin and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron Saint of librarians. [Not celebrated this year]

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October – St. Therese of the Child Jesus (virgin and doctor of the Church)** Marie Francois Therese Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron Saint of Missions, florists, aviators and France.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – The Guardian Angels** This feast expresses God's personal care for each individual and our belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard us.

#### **Questions people ask:**

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

- Q. What do you think when people claim to have seen the sun rotating over some shrine they were visiting?
- A. This is a subjective or personal experience rather than an objective fact. If the sun were acting strangely then it would be observed not only in one place but in every country where the sun was shining. It's the same sun over every land. Goodness knows how a dancing sun would affect the magnetic forces operative in the world such as the movements of the tides. It is very dangerous to eyesight to look at the sun. And if you are dazzled by any bright light everything seems to dance.

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Mark 9:30-39:***John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. Jesus uses the journey along the road to teach his disciples what it means to be one of his followers. Think of the wisdom you have acquired about life, about faith, about what it means to be a Christian. Who have been your teachers? Remember them and give thanks for them.
2. One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That was the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life. When have you found that by dying in some way you came to a fuller life?
3. Achievement, affirmation, recognition and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others? When have you experienced the service of others to you?

**The Deep End – I'm the Greatest:***Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

Ever seen the Fr Ted episode 'Flight into Terror' where the aeroplane is heading for a crash landing? The passengers on board the plane are asked to write a submission as to why they should be entitled to one of the parachutes.

'I think I should get the parachute because I'm great,' ventures one of the priests. 'In fact, I think I should get both the parachutes, in case one of them doesn't work.'

I always smile at the idea of the disciples staying quiet when Jesus asks them what they have been talking about, because they are embarrassed to admit that they have been arguing over which one of them is the greatest.

Last week's Gospel saw Peter remonstrate with Jesus for speaking of his impending suffering and death. And the disciples are still not getting it; they are guilty of another spectacular misunderstanding of what being a follower of Jesus entails. They are afraid to ask him what he means by speaking of his death and resurrection, and instead fall into an argument about which one of them is the best.

But Jesus soon straightens them out. In order to be followers of Jesus, they must radically change their entire way of thinking.