



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 B] (23rd September, 2018)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Pope Francis speaks to Ireland

Dublin Castle [Saturday 25th August]

"Today as in the past, the men and women who live in this country strive to enrich the life of the nation with the wisdom born of their faith. Even in Ireland's darkest hours, they found in that faith a source of the courage and commitment needed to forge a future of freedom and dignity, justice and solidarity.

The Christian message has been an integral part of that experience, and has shaped the language, thought and culture of people on this island.

It is my prayer that Ireland, in listening to the polyphony of contemporary political and social discussion, will not be forgetful of the powerful strains of the Christian message that have sustained it in the past, and can continue to do so in the future"

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (23rd September – 30th September)

Saturday 22nd September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Anthony Bradley (22 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 23rd September	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo): Ferdinand and Lizzie McCrory (Anniversary)
25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass
There will be NO MASS on Monday 24th or Tuesday 25th September		
Wednesday 26th September	St. Patrick's	12 noon – 7.15pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass
St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs)		
Thursday 27th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Vincent de Paul (priest)		
Friday 28th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (all martyrs)		
Saturday 29th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Jenny Keenan (4 th Anniversary)
Sunday 30th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass

Weekly Collection: £1,095

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Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the souls of **Anthony Bradley (22nd)**, **Michael Clarke (12th)**, **Ferdinand and Lizzie McCrory** and **Philomena Devlin** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

October Station Masses: There are only a small number of dates available for Station Masses in October.
 Thursday 4th • Monday 15th • Friday 19th • Monday 22nd • Thursday 25th
 It is hoped that due to a late Easter (Sunday 21st April) there will be dates made available in the latter part of Lent.
If you are interested in hosting a station during October please contact Fr. Gallagher

Trocaire – 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

Thornhill Ministries – Holy Land Retreat: Thursday 11th to Saturday 20th October.
Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

I Am Worship Band Concert: Derry's very own I Am Worship Band, who represented Ireland at Phoenix Park for the Papal celebration, will be performing their debut album 'Fight the Good Fight' Sunday 23rd September in the Millennium Forum. An evening of praise and worship, young people celebrate their faith in song with a night to remember! **Tickets:** £15 (available at the Millennium Forum box office) • **CDs:** £10 (available at Veritas, Derry)

Next Week's Readings: Numbers 11:25-29 • Psalm 18:8,10,12-14, R/ v 9 • James 5:1-6
 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48 • Lectionary 1:804 **Sunday [Year B]** • **Weekday [Year 2]**

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Day of Prayer for Healing: Sunday 21st October in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh. Registration from 9.00am. Mass at 3.30pm. Speaker: Fr. Columba Jordan CFR. £25 (inc. lunch/tea/coffee).
Booking essential to facilitate catering • Call (028) 8224 2092 (office hours) or mobile 078 7641 1435

Pope John Paul II Award Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: The second annual Pope John Paul II Award pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Tuesday 25th September for young people aged between 16 and 18 who may be interested in participating in the Award or are currently doing it. Starts at 11.00am and concludes with 3.00pm Mass. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown with guest speakers Sr. Ethel Normoyle of the Little Company of Mary (founder of the Missionvale Care Centre, South Africa) and Alan Kerins, Irish sportsman, humanitarian, social entrepreneur and philanthropist. Music is provided by Elation Ministries.

For more info visit jp2award.com or call the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

Alzheimer's Society – Memory Walk: Saturday 13th October at 12 noon, Lissan House and Demesne, Cookstown.
 £10 for adults to register – free for children • Visit eventbrite.co.uk to register or do so on the day from 11.00am

Dean Maguire College – Opening of School Year Mass: Tuesday 25th September, 9.30am, St. Colmcille's Church.

Clanabogan Drama Circle – AGM: Monday 24th September, 8.00pm, Drumragh Sarsfields Clubrooms.

An Creagán – Féile Pheadair Joe, the Last Native Speaking Seanchai in the Parish of Termonmaguirk
 Wednesday 26th September – Sunday 7th October. Gaeilge, amhránaíocht, ceol agus comhlúadar Gaelach
 For info: An Creagán on (028) 8076 112 or info@ancreagan.com or Pobal Ar A'n lúl at pobalaraniul@gmail.com

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!

Loreto Convent Grammar School – Omagh Past Pupils' Reunion:

An opportunity to meet with friends and former fellow Pupils is arranged for Saturday 6th October at 12 noon in Kelly's Inn, Garvaghey. A 2 course lunch and tea / coffee will be provided for those who book.
 2 course lunch (£14) can be pre-booked with Joan by calling 07934 377 699

Marriage Enrichment Residential Weekend: Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. Offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rekindle the joy of their love.
For more info and to book visit marriageencounter.ie or call +44 770 281 2321, (028) 7135 0612 or 01-845 3517

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

Foster Carers Needed: The Western Trust urgently needs people to come forward who can offer a loving home to foster children. At present there is a greater number of children in need of homes than there are foster carers available. If you have room in your home and in your heart to care for a child, please contact:
 Vanessa Nelis – WHSCT Recruitment Officer for Fostering
Tel: (028) 8283 5264 **Mob:** 07554 552 989 **Email:** vanessa.nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person
 Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service
To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events in September:
Cherish the Ladies Concert [SOLD OUT]: Friday 28th in Mellon Country Hotel.
If tickets become available there is a reserve list • Admission will be strictly by ticket only on the night

Music Workshops: Saturday 29th in Plumbridge with members of "Cherish the Ladies". *Intermediate level upwards*
 Whistle/Flute – Joanie Madden • Fiddle – Nollaig Casey • Tunes Workshop (any instrument) – Mirella Murray
Lá Spraoi: Saturday 29th, Glennelly Club Rooms, Plumbridge, 2.30pm to 4.00pm. *Fun day Integrating Irish language*
Music Classes – Banjo, Whistle, Fiddle and Accordion: Resumes early October.
Congratulations to our Youth Officer Aimee Daly and her Tyrone Ladies Teammates on winning the All-Ireland title

To book or enquire call Tom on (028) 8164 8719 or Roisin on 07789 697 238

Omagh Set Dancers – Weekly Class: Every Monday from 8.30om to 10.30pm in Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre from 10th September. Come along and learn set dancing, make friends and enjoy a cuppa!
Newcomers are especially welcome • Call Marie on 07734 907 816 for more information

Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Universal – Young People in Africa: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service?
Applications are invited from individuals wishing to join for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship)
 Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth.
For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

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@fermanaghomagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

Parish Liturgy for September, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Joanne McCullagh	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	TBC		Tara Conneely
Collectors	Patrick McElhatton Megan / Orla Coyle	Ronan Hollywood Peter Tracey	Perry McCrory Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna, Catriona McKenna, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Mary Bradley, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

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

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

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

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

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

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019?
 Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows:
 28th and 29th September • 5th and 6th October • 2nd and 3rd November • 7th and 8th December

Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock.
For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com

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@iecon.ie

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*

Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2018-2021 – God is Love: Bishop McKeown has announced the publication of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018-2021 in the diocese, 'God is Love'. The Plan is the result of a two-year programme of work by the Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of 14 men and women - laity from across the diocese, Religious and clergy. It is a first step in developing a co-responsible Church at parish and diocesan level, identifying paths that might lead to solutions to the many challenges we face, including the practical need to plan for the times when priests will not be present in the way that they have been up to now. A number of printed copies of the Plan have been received for the parish and a PDF version of it is also available to view and download on the diocesan website – derrydiocese.org – you are invited to read it. The main work of implementing the Plan will begin after the summer break. Bishop McKeown asks for your prayers and support, in the knowledge that everything done in faith and love will bear fruit in God's own good time.

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: Working in partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre offers this post-graduate degree, dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to or have an interest in leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Autumn, 2018.
For more info call Thérèse in the Catechetical Centre 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Sunday 23rd September – St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Padre Pio (priest)** Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer, died in September of 1968.
St. Eunan (abbot) [624-704] Born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is The Life of Colmcille.
- Wednesday 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 "Aváγυροι" (Unmercenary); it has been said that, by this, they attracted many to the Christian faith.
- Thursday 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.
- Friday 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.
- Sunday 30th 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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Mark 9:30-37: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- Jesus uses the time they are travelling along the road to teach his disciples what it means to follow him. 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.
- 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?
- 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. Who are the people whose support and assistance help you now? What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others?

Musings: 'At times we see an obsession with denying any pre-eminence to the human person; more zeal is shown in protecting other species than in defending the dignity which all human beings share in equal measure ... It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted ... Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.'
Pope Francis (Laudato Si', 90-91)

The Deep End – How to Welcome the Child: *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

In today's gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment, Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si', 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come? Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'

Pope Francis (Laudato Si', 25)

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

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

2017 PARISH STATISTICS

Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguire College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick's Church		

