



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

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

Catholic Schools Week [Year C] (24th January, 2016)

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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Paragraph 12 of Misericordiae Vultus

"...wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy."

Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (24 th January, 2016 – 31 st January, 2016)			
Saturday 23rd January <i>Do This in Memory (week 5)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Patrick Glass (1 st Anniversary)	
Sunday 24th January <i>Catholic Schools Week Begins Today</i>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass	
Monday 25th January Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Tuesday 26th January St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops)	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass	
Wednesday 27th January St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass	
Thursday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas (virgin and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Friday 29th January Third Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Saturday 30th January	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 31st January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Mass	
<i>Exposition and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament will resume on Eve of First Friday and on First Saturday of February</i>			

Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£837** and **£33** in the loose plate

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Patrick Glass** and **Eileen Carson** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Thornhill Ministries 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:
Thursday 15th September. There are still a few places are still available.
For more details call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

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

YOUTH 2000 Group: Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm in The Oratory, Main Street, Newtownstewart. Prayer, music, friendship and Newtownstewart coffee! This will also be our Pope John Paul Award Project for 2015-2016.
16 year olds and over welcome

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 2nd April.
If you would like more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

Mindfulness Class: Begins Thursday 14th February from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. £25 for six weeks. Only 20 places
To register please call Darryl on 07979 378 732 or Fiona on 07813 935 996

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-5 • Psalm 70: 1-6, 15 R/ v15 • 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13: 13
Luke 4: 21-30 • Lectionary I, page 845 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 23 rd January* The family of Caoileann Maguire	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27 th January The family of Molly Clarke
Saturday 30 th January The family of Michael McAleer	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 31 st January The family of Ryan Coyle
Saturday 6 th February The family of Aoife Coyle	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 7 th February The family of Cayla Donnelly
Saturday 13 th February The family of Myles McElduff	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday 21 st February The family of Elle Hague
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and thank them *Do This In Memory Week 5 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

9th Annual Award Ceremony for the Pope John Paul II Award: Archbishop George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff will present the awards on Tuesday 2nd February at 5.00pm for the Derry City and Inishowen deaneries and at 7.30pm for the County Derry and Country Tyrone deaneries. Both ceremonies will take place in the Millennium Forum, Derry. There are a limited number of tickets available.
If you wish to attend call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email amhickey@derrydiocese.org

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Events: *10 people or more are needed to run both classes*
Zumba with Rossy: Starts Friday 29th January at 11.00am. £20 for 4 weeks.
Body Blast exercises with Chrissy Devlin: Starts Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm. £20 for 4 weeks.
 To register your name call Bridie on (028) 8164 8706, 07847 459 428 or 07591 047 556 or leave message

GCSE Irish Class: Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh. This is also open to students from other schools and to adult learners of Irish.
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com • **Tel:** (028) 8225 6220

Dalradian Gold Limited: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process: For the proposed future mine development at Curraghinalt. A series of consultations has been planned to receive feedback on the design of the proposed project and on the EIA process. These consultations will be held from Friday 22nd to Friday 29th January.
All are welcome to attend
Tel: Ciaran McCreanor on (028) 8164 7799 • **Email:** cmccreanor@dalradian.com • **Website:** dalradianni.com

Irish Pilgrimage Trust: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travel to Lourdes every Easter with children and young people from all over Ireland with physical needs / illness, intellectual disabilities and social needs. One of the groups from the Derry area is urgently looking for a nurse to travel with the group on the 27th March for 6 nights. If interested please call Jimmie on 07802 545 282 or Mary on 00353 87796 2047 as soon as possible for more details.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 26th January – St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops) Close to St. Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a Patron Saint in cases of stomach complaint. Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete.

Wednesday 27th January – St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious) [1474-1540] Founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness and concern for the individual.

Thursday 28th January – St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and Doctor of the Church) [1224-1274] Born in Italy, Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is a Patron Saint of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Sunday 31st January – St. John Bosco (priest) [1815-1888] Born in Piedmont, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a Patron Saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.
[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

<p>Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)</p> <p>Universal – <i>Interreligious Dialogue</i>: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.</p> <p>Evangelisation – <i>Christian Unity</i>: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.</p>
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<p>ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses: All couples intending to be married in the parish are expected to have completed a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course. Please book well in advance of your wedding date.</p> <p>1st and 2nd April • 6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June</p> <p>To book (opening time can be found on the website):</p> <p>Website: accord.ie • Tel: (028) 8224 2439 • Email: omagh@accordni.com</p>

<p>Save Our Sperrins Meeting: Wednesday 27th February at 8.00pm in the Greencastle Community Centre. Join your local environmental group with an interest in protecting and promoting our Sperrins, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Special guest speakers and an opportunity to immerse yourself in your local community with shared interests in using our local knowledge and previous generations' determination to preserve our beautiful, natural countryside for future generations.</p> <p>Learn about local areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) like Cashel Rock, special not just for its 450 million year old geographical rock formation but also for protected wildlife including the Irish Hare and the Lapwing more commonly known as the 'Peewit'. The Owenreagh River running through Greencastle, due for designation as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as one of the last breeding grounds of the rare Freshwater Mussel (<i>Margaritifera</i>) in these islands. Facebook: SaveOurSperrins • Email: saveoursperrins@gmail.com</p>

<p>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.</p> <p><i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>

<p>The Good Ship Lollipop – <i>Appeal For Child Refugees</i>: The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. <i>Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid</i></p> <p>Website: tuesdayschild.ie • Email: info@tuesdayschild.ie • Tel: (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362</p> <p>Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g.TUES75 £5)</p>

<p>Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – <i>Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership</i>: A post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles or with an interest in the Catholic School system.</p> <p><i>For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org</i></p>

<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding</p> <p>Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass</p> <p>Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass</p>
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<p>Derry Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: Friday 2nd September for 6 nights: Includes 4 nights Bed & Breakfast in Rome and 2 nights half-board in Assisi. The pilgrimage will be lead by Bishop Donal McKeown and Spiritual Director Fr. Gerard Sweeney. Group price is £675 inc. deposit of £150 per person required to secure seat (50 seats in total), hold baggage and transfer to Dublin extra and are to be arranged.</p> <p><i>For itinerary call Leckpatrick Parish Office on (028) 71882274 on Wednesdays/Thursdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm</i></p>
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Parish Liturgy for January, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McDermott	Monica Coyle	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Maeve McCullagh	Aileen Tracey	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Mary Bradley, Helen Tracey and Aileen Tracey		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

<p>Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children – <i>Use of Photography and Video</i>:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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. <p>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.</p> <p><i>From Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>
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<p>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. <i>See poster at entrances</i></p>

<p>Towards Peace: A new 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.</p> <p>Website: towardspeace.ie • Tel: 01 505 3028 • Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie</p>

2015 Parish Statistics			
Baptisms	Confirmations	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation	Marriages
6 Boys	8 Boys	10 Boys	10 within parish
8 Girls	8 Girls	9 Girls	5 outside parish
Station Masses in October	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE		
7	Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
Funerals	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson		
13	Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21:*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?
2. The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. When have you had a NOW moment of liberation? When has Bible reading been an experience of liberation for you?
3. His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have I been, or am I, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight, or revealed God's favour to you?

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

In this Week of Christian Unity we remember Pope John Paul II's words: 'Dialogue cannot take place merely on a horizontal level, being restricted to meetings, exchanges of points of view, or even the sharing of gifts proper to each Community. It has also primarily a vertical thrust, directed towards the One who, as Redeemer of the world and the Lord of history is, himself, our Reconciliation. This vertical aspect of dialogue lies in our acknowledgment, jointly, and to each other, that we have sinned. It is precisely this acknowledgment which creates ... that interior space where Christ ... can effectively act with all the power of his spirit, the Paraclete'.

The Deep End – Are You Fulfilling Scripture?*Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

The prologue to the Gospel of Luke is almost like the opening credits of a major blockbuster movie, there's something exciting about it. We don't really know who Theophilus was, possibly a patron of Luke's, but his name also means 'Lover of God' and in that sense this Gospel is addressed to all 'lovers of God'.

In the synagogue, Jesus is handed the scroll from Isaiah. It is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament as Jesus sets out his mission, his manifesto. The uncomfortable truths contained within the passage cause the crowd to reject him. We know that in our world today good news has still to reach the afflicted, captives still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. So this is not a passage read in the past, it is very much alive, very much a vision for all to have and to work towards. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives. There are many causes we can be involved in, refugees, climate justice, homelessness, neighbourliness, community involvement. Wherever we are, in our own small ways, we can strive to make this dream a reality.

Lord of the universe, look in love upon your people. Pour the healing oil of your compassion on a world that is wounded and dying. Send us out in search of the lost, to comfort the afflicted, to bind up the broken, and to free those trapped under the rubble of their fallen dream.

Sheila Cassidy

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese, and their contact details, are as follows.

Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmail_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk

Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk

Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com

Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com *prayerforpriests.com*

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July. Lourdes has been designated as one of the international places of pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. Gift vouchers for any amount are available for purchase. *Application forms are available from Rosemary on (028) 7126 0293 or Theresa on 07517 965 751*

Trip to the Holy Land: An 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd September.

For more info call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Alzheimer's Society Carer Information and Support Programme (CrISP)

CrISP is a series of workshops for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. It provides an opportunity for you to talk in a friendly and confidential environment about your experiences and the impact they are having on you.

Week 1 – Induction and Welcome Welcoming everyone to the programme

Week 2 – Understanding Dementia Explores the physical, psychological and emotional impact of dementia

Week 3 – Legal and Money Matters Explores legal and financial issues to help you understand the importance of planning for the future

Week 4 – Providing Support and Care Explores concerns/challenges that may arise when supporting a person with dementia

Week 5 – Coping Day to Day Looking at the physical, psychological and Emotional impact that dementia may have on you as a carer

The free workshops are run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers for a group of up to 12 people who care for a family member or friend with dementia

If interested Paula Canney on (028) 8225 0103 / 07718 322 726 or email paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk

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Faughanvale clerics help refugees • Bellaghy goes to Bethlehem • Coleraine Junior Faith Group

Buncrana students entertain elders • Wee Ones Church thriving in Newtownstewart,

Strabane Cor celebrates 20th anniversary • Camdonagh enjoys UU choir

SVP parties in Culdaff, Urney and Castlefin • Buncrana Mission • Tattysallagh PS celebrates 25th anniversary

Long Tower thanks volunteers • Waterside retreat • Fahan thanks promoters • Malin parish auction

Greencastle tribute to Fr. Eugene Hasson • Omagh night of prayer and praise • Bellaghy pioneers of 60 years

Ardmore marks Columbanus anniversary • Great buzz at Youth Conference • Youth enjoying Revival Nights

JP11 enrolments • Year of Mercy launch • Syro-Malabar community celebration

Warm welcome for Archbishop Eamon • Culdaff born nun looks at life's delicate balance

Yoga with Margaret Franklin: Every Tuesday at 7.15pm in An Creagán.