



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year C] (24th April, 2016)
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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis *Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 15)*
 "We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison." *cf. Mt. 25:31-45*

Liturgy Schedule for the Fifth Week of Easter [Year C] (10th April, 2016 – 17th April, 2016)

Saturday Evening (23rd April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 24th April Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession 11.00am Mass: Rose Hollywood (4 th Anniversary) 2.00pm Confirmation Mass
Monday 25th April Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Tuesday 26th April Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 27th April Fifth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass: John McCullagh (6 th Anniversary)
Thursday 28th April St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr) and St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 29th April St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (30th April) St. Pius V (pope)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st May Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession 11.00am Mass: Anthony Loughran (1 st Anniversary)

Confirmation: This weekend we welcome our Bishop, Most Rev. Donal McKeown who joins us to administer to the 21 children of Our Lady of Lourdes primary school. We rejoice that our children have reached this new stage of their journey as Christians and children of God. We pray that the gifts and fruits of the spirit will become abundant in their lives and in the lives of their families so that our parish and faith community can grow and prosper into the future. We pray that together we may walk in the footsteps of Christ and build up his kingdom here on earth. Come Holy Spirit!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church on Confirmation – III. The Effects of Confirmation.
 It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.
 From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";
- It unites us more firmly to Christ;
- It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- It renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:

Weekly Parish Collection: We thank you for your generosity of **£920**.
Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver: Thank you most sincerely for your contribution in response to the recent appeal of **£927.15** and **£30.00**. Your spiritual and financial assistance is much appreciated.

Pope Francis' Intentions for May (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Respect for Women: That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Evangelisation – Holy Rosary: That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelisation and peace.

Next Week's Readings: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 • Psalm 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8 R/v 4 • Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23
 John 14: 23-29 • Lectionary I, page 574 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Parish Liturgy for May, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Brianna Clarke	Conan Maguire
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Pat McGuigan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 23 rd April The family of Tiarnan Coyle	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 24 th April The family of Claire O'Brien
Saturday 30 th April The family of Ella Kane	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 1 st May The family of Aidan Morris

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

Baptisms: We congratulate the families of the following children as they begin their Christian Faith journey. May their parents and godparents, family, neighbours and friends help in nurturing the gift of faith that God has given to them and thus help strengthen our parish faith community. All were baptised this weekend in St. Patrick's Church.
Rose Hollywood Saturday 16th April • **Saoirse Emily O'Neill** Sunday 17th April • **Nainsi Rose McCullagh** Sunday 17th April

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the souls of **Rose Hollywood** and **John McCullagh** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Consultation for HLF Landscape Bid for the Wider Broughderg, Carrickmore and Pomeroy Area:
 Fermanagh and Omagh District Council together with Mid Ulster District Council are considering the development of a Stage One application to the Heritage Lottery Landscape Partnership Scheme for the Landscape Character Area known as "Carrickmore Plateau & Pomeroy Hills". As such they are holding a series of consultation events to get feedback from local people and groups about the important heritage features in the area, how they could be better conserved and how local people can become involved in their protection and promotion.
 The following four open public consultation events will be held throughout the area in the coming weeks
Monday 25th April (7.00pm to 9.00pm) An Creagán Centre, Creggan
Wednesday 27th April (7.00pm to 9.00pm) Flaxmill Centre, Sicmicross
Monday 9th May (7.00pm to 9.00pm) An Bruach Dearg Community Centre, Broughderg
Wednesday 11th May (7.00pm to 9.00pm) Rowan Centre, Pomeroy
 Feel free to come along and give your view • If you have any queries email Gerry Darby at darby.gerry@gmail.com

Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Cathedrals of Ireland with the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
 The Icon will visit St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd May
Monday: Opening Liturgy and Veneration of Icon (4.30pm) • Concelebrated Mass (7.30pm) • Holy Hour (9.00pm)
Tuesday: Morning Prayer (7.45am) • Mass (8.00am) • Concelebrated Mass (10.00am) • Veneration until 11.00am

Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough, Co. Donegal – Legion of Mary, Strabane Curia Retreat: Friday 6th May to Sunday 8th May • Directed by Fr. Tom Forde • £105 / €145 • Open to all
 For more information call **Kathleen McSwiggan** on (028) 8164 8436

Thornhill Ministries – Dry the Tears Flower Festival: Saturday 6th to Sunday 8th May in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown. In the Year of Mercy, the Pope has asked us to reflect on the joys and challenges of life and celebrate those who help us through the more difficult times. The flowers will be magnificent.
 Light refreshments available • Donations towards the flowers and the work of Thornhill Ministries welcome

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season: Opens Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2nd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th and 30th May. Booking is essential.
 Tel: (00353) (0) 71 9861518 • Email: info@loughderg.org • Website: loughderg.org

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

Al-Anon family Groups – Public Information Meeting: Worried about someone drinking?
 Saturday 21st May from 5.30pm to 7.00pm in Studio 5, The Waterfoot Hotel, Waterside, Derry.

Coffee Morning in The Greenroom Café: Thursday 28th April, 8.30am to 12.00pm. For Termonmaguirc Cancer Care
 In memory of Conall McCrory. *Everyone welcome and all donations are appreciated*

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

Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact:
Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592
Email: email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Derry Youth Community: Are you a young person aged between 18 and 25? Are you interested in a gap year experience with a difference? The DYC is a group of committed young people who live in a community based in Derry City who serve the Diocese of Derry. You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be given the opportunity to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities and youth ministry. You will also live in mutual co-operation with others; explore and deepen your faith; participate and share in leisure activities such as music, art, sport and drama. If you feel you are equal to the very real challenges of the initiative. **Web:** derryyouthcommunity.com • **Closing Date:** Friday 27th May

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.
6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June
To book (opening time can be found on the website):
Website: accord.ie • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439 • **Email:** omagh@accordni.com

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership: 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.
For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees: 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. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*
Website: tuesdayschild.ie • **Email:** info@tuesdayschild.ie • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362
Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g. TUES75 £5)

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

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July): *Places are still available*
Lourdes has been designated as one of the International Jubilee sites for this Year Of Mercy. For more info call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00am to 1.00pm) or 07517 965 751 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 6.00pm)

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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass

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 • otmil_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*

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

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

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*

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.
Website: towardspeace.ie • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@jecon.ie

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 24th April at 2.00pm Confirmation	Saturday 14th May at 12 noon First Holy Communion
Sunday 26th June at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Melmount, Strabane Ordination of Rev. Christopher McDermott to the Priesthood for Derry Diocese	
Saturday 2nd July Intercession for the Dead in Greencastle Cemetery	Sunday 3rd July Intercession for the Dead in Broughderg Cemeteries
Wednesday 2nd November Mass for the Dead	Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent
	Sunday 25th December Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)

Year of Mercy – Local, National and International Pilgrimages as Arranged by the Diocese

LOCAL (beginning at 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass)			
Carndonagh Sunday 8 th May	Dungiven Sunday 5 th June	Omagh Sunday 10 th July	Long Tower Thursday 11 th September
NATIONAL			
Lough Derg	Friday 17 th to Sunday 19 th June (some pilgrims will be walking to Lough Derg, leaving Derry on Wednesday 15 th June and going via Castlefin and Pettigo) • Early August (date TBC)		
Knock	Wednesday 20 th to Sunday 24 th July (Cursillo Walk to Knock) • Croagh Patrick September (date TBC)		
INTERNATIONAL			
Lourdes Friday 1 st to Wednesday 6 th July	Krakow (World Youth Day) Thursday 21 st to Sunday 31 st July	Rome and Assisi Friday 2 nd to Thursday 8 th September	

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

Lectio Musings

*Fr. Declan O'Loughlin (Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education, Post-Primary)
Parochial House, 30 Newline Road, Dromintee, Killeavy BT35 8SZ*

Judas. What a tragic name. What a terrible legacy to leave behind. Yet Christ loved him and called him as one of the twelve. What motivated his betrayal? We will never know. We pray that in his despair the Father leant in mercy and restored him to the fullness of his love. There is aspects of Judas in us all. Christ has overcome sin and death and is now glorified and what is more he has promised a share in this glory to all who believe and follow him. How do I follow him? By living out a life of loving service. By daily being a washer of feet. By this love you have for one another everyone will know that you are my disciple.

Lord help me to love you in others each day. Help me to touch your face with mercy and kindness. Help me to overcome the barriers of ego and dislike and know that even those I find hard to love are a manifestation of your gloried Body in my world each day.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *John 13: 31-35*:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. Judas leaves and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God's power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?
2. 'I shall not be with you much longer.' Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life where others cannot come with us. There are places others have to go and we cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?
3. Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus?
4. Who are the individuals or communities whose love for one another and for others has been a witness to you?

The Deep End – *A New Commandment*:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

In today's Gospel Jesus gives the disciples a new commandment – to love one another. When we truly love one another, we are experiencing something of the divine as love comes from God, love is God and God is love. Surely Jesus's command to love one another was nothing new for the disciples and those of their time; the commandment is well known in the Old Testament. But the love Jesus asks of the disciples here (and of us) is to love as he has loved, and that is a controversial love for some. It is controversial because Jesus's love is without restrictions and without exclusion. It is a love of those we may not like, a love of those it is hard to love. This love was too radical for some of the religious leaders of Jesus's time and ultimately led to his death. This radically inclusive love is sometimes too much for Christians today also, to love the sinner, to love those on the extreme margins of our society, to love those who have hurt us, to welcome back those who have done wrong, to include all at the table. Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: 'love one another, just as I have loved you, you must also love one another.' We can dream and work towards a world where this is a reality.

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcome, loved and forgiven.

Pope Francis

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 28th April – St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr) Born in France 1803, joined the Marist. He worked on the island of Futuna, Oceania, where he was clubbed to death for baptizing the chief's son. He is honoured as the first martyr of the church in Oceania.

St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort (priest) [1673-1716] A priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. His writings concern Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. He strongly promoted the praying of the rosary.

Friday 29th April – St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe)

Humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth century Europe, spent all her energies for the Church, being able to achieve the Pope's return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

Saturday 30th April – St. Pius V (pope) [1504-1572] Dominican, elected Pope in 1565, he implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal and Catechism. He is noted for his defense of Christendom against the Ottoman empire.

Sunday 1st May – St. Joseph the Worker [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]