



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Nativity of John the Baptist [Year B] (24th June, 2018)
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Thought for the Week: "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."
St. Mother Teresa

Liturgy Schedule for the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (Sunday 24th June – Sunday 1st July)

Saturday 23rd June	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Sally Glass (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday 24th June	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Nativity of John the Baptist [Yr B]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass: Barney O'Neill (16 th Anniversary)
Monday 25th June	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 26th June	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 27th June	St. Patrick's	12noon - 7.15pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass and St. Pio Devotions
Thursday 28th June	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 29th June	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Peter and St. Paul (Apostles)		
Saturday 30th June	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Celia Strausa (4 th Anniversary)
Sunday 1st July	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass

COLLECTIONS **Weekly:** £1,000 • **Peter's Pence:** £575 • **World Meeting of Families:** £255

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Jane McNulty (2nd)**, **Sally Glass (3rd)** and **Barney O'Neill (16th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time...

Cemetery Prayers for the Dead: Saturday 30th June with mass at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle followed by prayers in the graveyard and on Sunday 1st July with mass at 11.00am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Broughderg with prayers in the adjoining cemetery afterwards followed by prayers in St. Mary's Old Graveyard, Broughderg. After each ceremony there will be a church / cemetery gate collection to support the maintenance of our three parish graveyards. Your generosity would be much appreciated.

Families are asked to bring holy water to sprinkle Graves of loved ones and those around with no one present
 "He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought." *2 Maccabees 12:43-45*

Sick and Housebound: Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care on Friday 29th June at the usual times.

Pioneers and Friends Annual Outing to Knock: Sunday 15th July. Cost includes breakfast, evening meal £40.
Contact any committee member or Maria on (028) 8164 7357 / 07768 395 038 to book before Sunday 1st July

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Tuesday 28th August to Tuesday 4th September, staying in Leone Hotel.
Only a few places remain • For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038

Padre Pio Devotions – Monthly Devotions in Honour of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:
 Wednesday 27th June after 7.30pm Mass • *A First Class Relic of the Saint will be available for veneration*

Pope Francis' Intention for July (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Evangelisation – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry: That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 • Psalm 138:1-3, 13-15, R/ v 14 • Acts 13:22-26
 Luke 1:57-66, 80 • Lectionary 1:976 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Parish Liturgy for July, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	TBC		Lauryn Hollywood
Collectors	Mary Bradley Megan Coyle / Orla Coyle	Colm Keenan Ronan Hollywood	Patrick McGuigan Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Martina McBride, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 23 rd June	Nativity of	Sunday 24 th June
The family of Clodagh Brogan	John the Baptist	The family of Seán Og Teague

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented
 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

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

Omagh CBS – 50 Years on the Kevlin Road: Past pupils, past staff and family members - join us for our celebrations on Wednesday 27th June at 7.00pm in the Assembly Hall. *Call (028) 8224 3567 to confirm attendance*

Flaxpullers Festival Events: *All events will be held in the Flaxmill Centre, Drumduff, Sixmilecross*
Wednesday 27th June, 9.30pm Old Tyme Dance with music by Sprig of Heather
Thursday 28th June, 6.30pm Children's movie night with food provided
Saturday 30th June BBQ and Dance with music by Cajun Country – Steaks served from 9.00pm to 10.30pm
Call (028) 8075 7014 or (028) 8076 1848 to learn more

Derry Diocese – Cursillo 3-Day Men's Weekend: *For more information call 07708 066 939 or 07841 100 174*
 Thursday 28th June to Sunday 1st July at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Termonbacca, Derry.

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

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Cherish the Ladies Concert: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel.
Tickets (£15) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

Institute of Irish Leadership – Gaeltacht Thir Eoghain: Monday 2nd to Thursday 6th July.
Everybody welcome, your support is appreciated • Email: kathleenburnsiii@gmail.com • Tel: (028) 8775 7800

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:
Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org
Afternoon Tea for Past Pupils / Boarders of Thornhill College: Sunday 29th July
We are Spiritual Beings on a Human Journey: Summer Retreat to help look reflectively at life's experiences – 10th to 15th August.
'Immersed in Heaney': Includes 'Essence of Heaney' workshop and visit to Homeplace, Bellaghy – 31st August / 1st September.
Holy Land Retreat: 11th to 20th October. *3 places remain*

Greencastle Vintage Club – Vintage Sports Day: Sunday 1st July at 1.00pm in aid of two charities, The Termonmaguirc Cancer Fund and NI Air Ambulance. *All support welcome*

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

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Sunday 1st to Friday 6th July
Led by Bishop McKeown • 2018 marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes
Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. BT48 6UJ • (028) 7126 0293 • derrypilgrim@outlook.com

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

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

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

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

ASPIRE: Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.
For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook

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

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

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

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes:
Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018?
For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme.
If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office
Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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		

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 24th June – Nativity of St. John the Baptist We rejoice at the coming of John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. John means, 'The Lord has shown favour'. This feast relates to summer solstice, when days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, but I must decrease'.

Friday 29th June – St. Peter and St. Paul (Apostles)

Sunday 1st July – St. Oliver Plunkett (bishop and martyr) Came from Irish nobility. His family supported King Charles I. Ordained in Rome in 1654 he became a professor of theology from 1654 through 1669. He was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669 and was forced to conduct a covert ministry during the suppression of priests. He was arrested and tried at Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the State. It was seen that Oliver would never be convicted in Ireland, and he was moved to Newgate prison, London. St. Oliver Plunkett was found guilty of high treason for 'promoting the Catholic faith' and condemned to a gruesome death. He was martyred on 1st July, 1681 at Tyburn by hanging, disembowelling, quartering and beheading. He was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn, and the first of the Irish martyrs to be beatified. His body was initially buried in two tin boxes next to five Jesuits who had died before; with his head in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda; most of his body is at Downside Abbey, England; some relics are elsewhere in Ireland.

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

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 1:57-66, 80: John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)

1. The birth of John the Baptist was an occasion of great joy for family and friends. Recall occasions when you celebrated the arrival of a baby. What thoughts and feelings did you have? Use the memory to reflect on the wonder of your own life and give thanks for it.
2. There is often a story behind the name given to a child. What story lies behind your name? Perhaps it says something of the hopes your parents had for you, or the memories they wanted you to retain.
3. 'What will this child become?' The Baptist was to become a herald pointing the way to Jesus. In our turn we are also called to point people towards a better way of life. Recall times when you were able to point somebody in a direction that helped. Give thanks for those who have done the same for you.
4. The child grew and the hand of the Lord was with him. As you look back on your own growth and development, were there things that happened about which you now say 'the hand of the Lord was with me there'?

Musings: Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian life is 'joy in the Holy Spirit' (Rom 14:17), for 'the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united to the beloved ... the effect of charity is joy'. Having received the beautiful gift of God's word, we embrace it 'in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit' (1 Th 1:6). If we allow the Lord to draw us out of our shell and change our lives, then we can do as Saint Paul tells us: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice!' (Phil 4:4).
Gaudete et Exsultate

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Sunday 1st July at 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead followed by Broughderg Old Cemetery

Tuesday 21th to Sunday 26th August in Dublin

World Meeting of Families

Children in Crossfire – Walk the Path of the Camino De Santiago:

Tuesday 31st July to Monday 6th August • Help the children of Tanzania and Ethiopia

Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

The Deep End – Nativity of John the Baptist:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'

Michel de Verteuil

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 / 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.

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