

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (24th July, 2016)

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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis

Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 20)

"In the Bible, there are many references to divine justice and to God as "judge".

In these passages, justice is understood as the full observance of the Law and the behaviour of every good Israelite in conformity with God's commandments. Such a vision, however, has not infrequently led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound value. To overcome this legalistic perspective, we need to recall that in Sacred Scripture, justice is conceived essentially as the faithful abandonment of oneself to God's will."

Liturgy Schedule for the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (24th July, 2016 - 31st July, 2016)

Saturday 23rd July St. Patrick's 5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions St. Bridget of Sweden (religious and Patron of Europe) 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th July St. Patrick's 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)

Seventeenth Sunday in 10.30am – 10.45am Confession

Ordinary Time [Year C] Our Lady of the Wayside 11.00am Mass: Felix Slane (20th Anniversary)

Please note that there will be NO MASS between Monday 25th and Friday 29th July

Saturday 30th July St. Patrick's 5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions

St. Peter Chrysologus (bishop and doctor of the Church) 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 31st July

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All anniversaries to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful should be given to the priest celebrating mass before Mass on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of Felix Slane

whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Baptism: Congratulations to the family of *Kiandra Terrine Marie Keenan* on the occasion of his receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 16th July in St. Patrick's Church.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Wednesday 31st August to Wednesday 7th September.

Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 for details

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg for Year of Mercy
You are invited to join Bishop McKeown for a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th August
For a booking form or more information contact the Catechetical Centre on the above details
Cost: £60 (£70 with bus included)

Bus pick-ups can be arranged in Derry, Strabane and Omagh

Children in Crossfire 7 County Cycle Derry • Tyrone • Fermanagh • Cavan • Sligo • Leitrim • Donegal 3 day Challenge • 200 miles • Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September

Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • Tel: (028) 7126 9898 • £60 deposit secures place

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 entrance*

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.

For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • Email: email@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

Next Week's Readings: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23 • Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17, R/ v 1 • Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11
Luke 12: 13-21 • Lectionary I, page 888
Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 23rd July	Seventeenth Sunday	Sunday 24th July
The family of Rian Slane	in Ordinary Time	The family of Kayleigh McCrory
Saturday 30th July	Eighteenth Sunday	Sunday 31st July
The family of Caolan Tracey	in Ordinary Time	The family of Eoin McCullagh

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

We need new volunteers in every aspect of life.

National Pope John Paul II Award Coordinator

The National Committee of the Pope John Paul II Award is seeking an enthusiastic and highly skilled candidate to coordinate the Pope John Paul II Award at a national level. The successful candidate will also help implement the Diocesan Plan for Parish Youth Ministry in the Derry Diocese. The suitable candidate will have:

A relevant 3rd Level qualification in education, youth work or pastoral ministry
Evidence of work on a paid / voluntary basis in the Catholic Church
Evidence of leadership qualities
• Be proficient in ICT

Application Form and Job Description may be obtained by emailing ddcc@derrydiocese.org or by calling (028) 7126 4087 during normal office hours

Completed applications must be returned to Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, The Gate Lodge, 2 Francis Street, Derry, BT48 7DS no later than 4.00pm on Friday 5th August with interviews held on Thursday 18th August.

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 info on the theme of emigration. 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

Rouskey Respiratory Support Group: Rouskey Community Centre considering setting up a Respiratory Support Group facilitated by Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke. Respiratory conditions include illnesses like COPD, asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. A respiratory condition is not always obvious to others, and is often referred to an 'invisible illness'.

NICHS's Respiratory Groups meet often to offer support to people living with respiratory conditions and their families and carers.

Computer Classes Essential Skills: Beginners level 1 and 2. Anyone interested in these free classes in September get in touch.

Contact Bridie for more information on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706 (leave message on phone)

Dromanteens Boys Summer Camp: 24th July to 29th July and 31st July to 5th August. Residential camp with lots of indoor and outdoor activities including Gaelic football, soccer, basketball, pool, table tennis, racketball and much, much more. Ages 11 to 16. To book or for enquiries: Tel: (028) 3082 1224 • Email: dromantinecamp@sma.ie • Facebook: @dromantinesummercamp

Greencastle Summer Scheme: Monday 8th to Thursday 11th August, open to all children from P4 (current P3 leavers) to P7. If you missed Friday evening's registration night and are interested in your child attending please call Tish Myles on 07810 062 020 or email tishmyles91@gmail.com.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Auction: Saturday 3rd September Now accepting lots.

All donations are greatly accepted, to enter anything in this auction please use the contact details below

Broughderg Post Office (028) 8675 1633 • Committee Members (028) 8675 1570 / (028) 8164 8180

Can be collected if required. Range includes household items. furnishing, kitchen essentials, antiques and collectibles

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest.

The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are:

Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • Ethna Hill 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • Eamon Cassidy 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

The Ten Commandments of Mercy (Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI)

10) Remember that our lives are a dialogue between God's mercy and our weaknesses.

The only thing at which we are adequate is being inadequate. We are forever falling short at something, no matter the strength of our sincerity, good intention, and willpower. Only mercy, receiving it and giving it, can lead us out of the choppy waters of our own anxieties, worry, and joylessness. Only in knowing mercy do we know gratitude.

Pope Francis' Intentions for July (please remember these in your personal prayer)

Universal – Indigenous Peoples: That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelisation – *Latin America and the Caribbean*. That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

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

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 Diocesan Catechetical Centre – *MA in Catholic School Leadership*. In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.

For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 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)

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Annual Fundraising Dance: Friday 19th August in Greencastle Community Centre. For Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan. *Music by the Cascades* • *Admission and refreshments are £5*

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

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

White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:

If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us. Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor.

Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 2407

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

Parish Liturgy for	St. Patrick's	St. Patrick's	Our Lady of the Wayside
July, 2016	(6.00pm Vigil Mass)	(9.00am Mass)	(11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane Siobhan McKenna		Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	aristic Ministry Mary Tracey		Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Gerry McDermott	Michael Beggs	Brian Gillen
	Noel McElhatton	Colm Keenan	Sean Clarke
Altar Casiatr	Mary Conway and		Anne McDermott
Altar Society	Mary Meenan		Martina Daly

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.

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Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com
Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com prayerforpriests.com

Craft Training Ltd: A leading training organisation that provides 16-18 year olds with the opportunity to fulfil their potential in a vocational area, through the Training for Success programme. Gain the skills you need to kick start your career free of charge and earn £40 per week, range of qualifications include ICT, Hairdressing, Joinery, Painting & Decorating, Hospitality & Catering, Retail and much more.

Tel: (028) 8225 9377 • Office: Kelvin Avenue, Omagh • Email: joincraft@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

ACCORD – Fertility and Wellbeing Service: An educational service, offering instruction / counseling in Fertility Awareness and Natural Family Planning (NFP) for women / couples who wish to achieve a pregnancy or plan their family. ACCORD Fertility and Well Being practitioners are people who have been specifically selected and trained to deliver this service. These practitioners use this knowledge and training to inform, educate and support individuals and couples with regard to their fertility.

Appointments are held in the Omagh centre and can be made by calling (028) 8224 2439

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 • Web: kindercareni.co.uk

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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	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE				
in October	Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on				
7	Thursday 17th 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 13th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre				

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd NovemberSunday 27th NovemberSunday 25th DecemberMass for the DeadFirst Sunday of AdventFeast of the Nativity (Christmas)

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

Long Tower Thursday 11th September (begins 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass)
 Knock Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th July (Cursillo Walk to Knock) • Croagh Patrick September (date TBC)
 Krakow (World Youth Day)
 Rome and Assisi
 Thursday 21st to Sunday 31st July
 Friday 2nd to Thursday 8th September

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel - Luke 11: 1-13:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

- 1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come'. That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?
- 2. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.
- 3. In the culture of the Middle East, hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God, what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

Musings

Fr. Bernard Cotter (Bandon, Co Cork)

The heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. Luke 11:13 [paraphrased]

Children hate it when they do not get the exact gift they put in for – ask Santa Claus. Our young ones look for one model of a mobile phone and get a slightly older (and possibly more reasonably-priced) version. Loud disappointment rebounds through the whole house: 'That was NOT what I wanted!'

The father who would hand his child a snake instead of a fish would get a similar response. Giving a stone instead of bread would not go down well either.

The only time when the wrong gift is acceptable is when it is a better gift, bigger, more generous, more useful, more luxuriant. Which brings us to the key message of the Gospel: you may ask for whatever you wish from God, what you get in return will blow your mind, even though it is not exactly what you asked for.

Heavenly Father, help me. Whatever I seek, send your Holy Spirit to fill my heart. Let your Spirit satisfy me.

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

The Deep End – The Open Door.

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

How do you pray? Is there a right or a wrong way of doing it? Should we pray lying in bed or kneeling at the altar, alone or in company, in the church or out in nature, in stillness and silence or with tambourines and songs of praise?

The first disciples weren't quite sure how to go about things, and today we see them approach Jesus to ask him 'Lord, teach us to pray'. In response, he gave them the words of what we now know as the 'Our Father'. But he had some more advice for the disciples too – keep praying! If you were to call on a friend for help in the middle of the night, Jesus says, your persistence alone would convince him to help. If a child asks for food, his parents will naturally grant him what he asks for. The message is clear – we just have to keep asking.

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to spend time alone in prayer, and we know from the Passion accounts that he cried out to God in moments of anguish and desperation. There are many different ways to pray. It matters less where and how we choose to pray, than the fact that we choose to pray at all. If we keep asking, if we keep the lines of communication open, God will grant us what is good. Brian Zahnd

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This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 26th July – St. Joachim and St. Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Both received the vision of an angel, who announced that Anne would conceive and bear a most wondrous child. The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom Anne named Mary. When the child was three years old, Joachim and Anne, in fulfilment of her divine promise, brought Mary to the Temple at Jerusalem, where they left her to be brought up. This event became so important in church doctrine that by 1585 Pope Sixtus V included in the Western church calendar the liturgical feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary (21st November). Although this festival originated early in the East, probably at Jerusalem in 543, its first Western observance was recorded in England in the 11th century. Anne is the Patron of Brittany and Canada and of women in labour.

Friday 29th July – St. Martha Sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the son of God and in the resurrection. In welcoming a guest we welcome Christ; we show our Christian spirit of service; and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God.

Saturday 30th July – *St. Peter Chrysologus (bishop and doctor of the Church)* 'Golden-Mouthed' died c. 450, bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching.

Sunday 31st July – St. Ignatius of Loyola (priest) [1491-1556] Founded the Society of Jesus. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]