

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (24th August, 2014)
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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we make the most of it.
You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (25th August, 2014 – 31st August, 2014)

Saturday Evening (23rd August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 24th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] The Solemn Annual will begin after 11.00am Mass and finish with concluding prayers at 4.30pm	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 25th August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 26th August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 27th August St. Monica	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 28th August St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 29th August Passion of St. John the Baptist	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 30th August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (30th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 31st August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£875** and **£25** loose change.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Kathleen Gillen** whose requiem took place last Monday for **Kathleen McGuigan** and **Paul and Elizabeth McCullagh**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. Colette Tuohy asked us to pray for her niece **Maria Bartel** who died in New Zealand last week.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign – Matched Funding Initiative: Trócaire are delighted to inform you that they have reached and indeed surpassed their target for matched funding by the UK government in the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. This could only have been achieved through the generosity and solidarity of parishioners, and their co-operation in ensuring that their contributions were made within a timeframe that allowed Trocaire to claim matched funding from the government. Trócaire ask you to accept their sincere gratitude to you for your crucial role in helping them to achieve this successful outcome.

Response to crisis in Iraq: Trócaire has committed an initial €300,000 to support their Caritas partners in responding to the evolving emergency and assess the needs of vulnerable populations, the most pressing of which are food, water and essential living supplies.

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

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre: Sunday 24th August. Dancing to Cascades.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27;
 (Lectionary I, page 695) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

GAA Lotto Results: M • J • P • Q • T (1 with 4 letters winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £3,050

Offertory Gifts: During the summer months there will be no formal rota, instead families are invited to perform this role for us. As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership throughout the year. *Do not be shy about doing this on behalf of the whole community*

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This will take place in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg this weekend. Please take time to stop by and pray at any time throughout the day. Pray in petition for your personal needs or in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received as well as for those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named townlands to take responsibility and ensure a presence at specific times.

Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
11.30am	Formil West	2.30pm	Teebane / Camanrancy
12.00pm	Broughderg / Evishession	3.00pm	Crockanboy / Sheskinshule
12.30pm	Formil East / Aughascribba	3.30pm	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
1.00pm	Muniamae / Alworries	4.00pm	Crouck / Coneyglen • Glenhull / Aughminacroy
1.30pm	Benefreaghan	4.30pm	Concluding Prayers and Benediction
2.00pm	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan		

Bishop Donal sent us the following message and has asked that this course be brought to your attention:

Pathways – Adult Faith Formation Course: The Pathways course in Drumalis (Larne), which began in September 2006 and is now recruiting for its ninth cohort of applicants for September 2014. This two year introduction to theology programme is offered by Drumalis in association with All Hallows College, Dublin. It consists of nine Saturdays on each of two years – and I have been teaching two of the modules, viz The Scriptures; and Models of the Church. drumalis.co.uk/pathways.htm

There has been a high level of interest in the course to date (c 60 per year) and I would like to encourage you to consider whether any of your parishioners – including young adults - might be able to benefit from what it offers. As there are no academic pre-requisites, it is open to a wide range of participants and this has proved to be one of its great strengths.

Adult Faith Formation will have to be core part of our strategy for facing the future

Furthermore, to respond to the needs of those who have completed the Pathways course and who wish to pursue further study, the Drumalis team are now preparing to offer an accredited two-year, part-time Certificate in Theology. Basic training in Lectio Divina facilitation, prayer guidance and small group facilitation are also available. Please contact Drumalis for further details. **Tel:** (028) 2827 2196 • **Email:** drumalis@btconnect.com

CORE: The community of Greencastle are officially invited to the opening of the Greencastle Community Outdoor Recreation Enterprise (CORE) on Saturday 30th August at 10.30am. There will be coaching for the kids, games, arts and entertainment as well as activities for parents / adults (wear comfortable shoes).
Come along and celebrate the opening of this great facility

Do This In Memory Parish Preparation Programme for First Holy Communion / First Reconciliation:
 If you have a leaders' book from previous years please return it as soon as possible to Maria Bradley or anyone of the leaders group. Thank you.

Lough Derg Pilgrimages – One Day Retreats and Family Day: Reservations essential.
 Book at the Lough Derg Office. **Tel / Fax:** 00353 719 861 518 • **Email:** info@loughderg.org

Greencastle Community Centre – Fundraising Dance: For SMA priests Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan on Friday 29th August. Music by Larry and Co. Adm. £5. *Maria Bradley would appreciate your support*

Teachers are the single most transformative force in education. *Mike Johnston (Colorado State Senator)*

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought. *St. John Paul II*

I pledge to remember that my actions on the sidelines and in the stands reflect my commitment to teaching my children what it means to be a good sport. *Liberty Mutual Insurance Play Positive*

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

Universal: That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

For Evangelisation: That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

Parish Liturgy for August, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	TBC	Rosemary McCullagh	TBC
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Lawrence McBride	Emmett Clarke Peter Tracey	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead

Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle
Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839*

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
10th and 11th October • 14th and 15th November • 5th and 6th December • 9th and 10th January
6th and 7th February • 6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation

In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast

The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone.

This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.

Tel: (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Email: maura@drumalis.co.uk • Web: drumalis.co.uk

Children in Crossfire – North-West 200 Mile Cycle Challenge: Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September.

Route: Derry - Enniskillen - Donegal town - Derry **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 4th May to Sunday 12th October.

You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year

Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage: Sunday 14th September 2014.

Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Charles Brown (Papal Nuncio). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.

exploreAway – Explore God's Call for You: A programme which provides the opportunity for single people between the ages of 21 and 40 who are interested in exploring religious life and the priesthood in a reflective and prayerful environment. Join us on Sunday 14th September from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 or on Sunday 12th October from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast, BT13 2RL to find out more about exploreAway. *An informative and relaxed afternoon with some pizza and chat!*

Booking is essential – Please call Sr. Gabrielle Farrell on (087) 358 4447 or Fr. Alan on (085) 766 4480

exploreAway.net

vocationsireland.com

A Farmer's Prayer

Jesus, you are the Bread of Life,
Food for our journey,
You are the Vine and we are the branches,
Drawing our life from you.
As we seek to make out living from the land,

Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch the
beauty of your creation,
Renew your love in our hearts.
And as we see your plan at work in each season,
Bring your peace to our home and to those we love.

Amen

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 27th August – St. Monica [332-387] Converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

Thursday 28th August – St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [354-430] Bishop of Hippo where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on understanding God's grace. Patron saint of theologians.

Friday 29th August – The Passion of John the Baptist (martyr) The preface in today's Mass lists the favours shown to St. John the Baptist and the vocation given him. He is found worthy of a martyr's death, and his last and greatest act of witness to Christ.

Saturday 30th August – St. Fiacre An Irishman who went abroad to seek a hermitage. He passed through Normandy and eventually met Faro, who was a great patron of Irish pilgrims at Meaux. Fiachre was given a hermitage near Breuil and stayed there until his death around 670.

Sunday 31st August – St. Aidan of Lindisfarne (bishop and missionary) Of Irish descent and a monk of Iona. When Oswald, the exiled king of Northumbria who had fled for refuge to Iona, returned to his throne in 634, he invited Aidan to come to reconvert his people. Aidan made his headquarters at Lindisfarne. With the aid of the king as interpreter he was successful in his mission. Died in 651. [not celebrated this year]

Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
 Our Psalm today recalls the yearnings of the Jewish people for Zion (Jerusalem) during their period of exile in Babylon after the destruction of the temple in 597BC. Their captors mockingly ask them to sing one of 'Zion's songs'. But it is not easy to find the heart to sing while living on foreign soil. Let's remember all our emigrants today, many of whom have relocated abroad simply out of necessity. 'I haven't seen my family in over two years', one Irish immigrant in Australia remarked, 'we try to Skype as much as possible, but sometimes you would just love to give your loved ones back home a big hug and be hugged back.'

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 16:13-19: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*
 1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
 2. 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?
 3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
 4. These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today?

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.
 Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.
 Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

The Deep End – Why Are We Here? *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*
 Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value. *Albert Einstein*
 How easy it is to lose our way. Business people who start out with a great idea can sometimes become overly focused on money and lose sight of their passion. Politicians who start out young and idealistic can become disillusioned or corrupt. Teachers may become overly focused on exam success and forget their enthusiasm for their subject. It is all too easy to get caught up in rules and regulations, and forget to take a step back and ask ourselves: why are we here?
 The Church, too, can lose its way. Over its history, we know the Church has not always lived up to its great responsibility to communicate God's love to the world.
 Today's readings are an interesting mix as we reflect on our Church and its mission. The Gospel passage is often seen as a reference to the origins of the Church and the papacy, as Jesus hands Peter 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. But look what Jesus asks him just before this: 'Who do you say I am?' Everything we do as Church should come back to this question – who do we say that Jesus is?
 Lest we get too sure of ourselves, the Second Reading reminds us: 'Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?... All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him'. Everything comes from God, and everything we do should be for God.
 The Church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules.
 Ministers of the Church must be ministers of mercy above all. *Pope Francis*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 24th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October St. Patrick's	
Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.
Adoption: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk