



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (24<sup>th</sup> September, 2017)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Thought for the Week:** "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." *St. Gianna Molla*

**Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October)**

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> St. Pius of Pietrelcina / Padre Pio (priest) and St. Eunan (abbot)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Jennie Keenan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Vincent de Paul (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> St. Jerome (priest and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: <i>DTiM (week 1)</i> Anthony Bradley (21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**COLLECTIONS**      **10<sup>th</sup> September: £1,075** • **17<sup>th</sup> September: £955**

**Parish Priest Induction:** The Induction of our former Parish Priest Fr. Eugene Hasson as Parish Priest of Drumragh (Omagh) by Bishop Donal McKeown will take place during 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Omagh on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. There will be refreshments served after the Ceremony.  
*An open invitation is extended to all wishing to attend • May God bless and guide Fr. Eugene in his new responsibilities*

**Station Masses in October:** Once more the opportunity is offered to families across the parish to host a Station Mass during the month of October. This year the available dates are as follows:  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> • Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> • Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Station Masses have been booked for the townlands of **Muninamale • Aughascribba • Leaghan • Formil** so far  
*To book please approach Fr. Gallagher or call the Parochial House on (028) 8164 8474*

**Baptism:** We offer our best wishes to the family and friends of **Patrick Pearse McCullagh** who was received into the family of God through baptism on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September in St. Patrick's Church

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Jennie Keenan (3<sup>rd</sup>)** and **Philomena Devlin** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Pre-Sacramental Evening – For P4 and P7 Parents and Children:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. The evening will be led by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre for the parents – members of the Derry Youth Community will take the P4 and P7 children on the evening.  
*Looking forward to a large turnout as always on the night*

**Do this in Memory Program – For P4 Children Preparing for First Confession and Communion.**  
 Begins with the Enrolment Mass on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**Dean Maguirc College – Mass to Mark Beginning of School Year**  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am in St. Colmcille's Church • *Everyone is welcome*

**Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Workers and the Unemployed:** That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

**Next Week's Readings:** Ezekiel 18:25-28 • Psalm 24:4-9, R/ v 6 • Philippians 2:1-11  
 Matthew 21:28-32      **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>Parish Liturgy for October, 2017</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Slane	Nuala Glass	Sean Teague
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Michaela Gillen	---	Cara-Rose Brogan
<b>Collectors</b>	Noel McElhatton Francis McLaughlin	Ronan Hollywood Peter Tracey	Tony Donnelly Brian Gillen
<b>Altar Society</b>	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September The family of <b>Katie Donnelly</b>	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September The family of <b>Daire Tracey</b>

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September* The family of <b>Leah Fox</b>	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October The family of <b>Katie Donnelly</b>
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**If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented**  
*\*Do This in Memory Programme (week 1)      We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

**Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Music and Singing Classes:** Call Tom Blee on 07704 526870 or (028) 8164 8719  
 Music Classes resume Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge for age 7 years upwards including adults  
**Instrument / Tutors:** Fiddle (Eugene McKenna), Banjo / Mandolin (Erin Hood), Whistle / Flute (Maire O'Kane)  
 Accordion (Lauren Hegarty) • **Registration:** 6.30pm • **Cost:** £35 for 10 weeks (family concessions available)

**Gaeilge sa Chaisleán Glas (Gaeilge in Greencastle) – Irish Classes:**  
 Begins Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September in the hall. £30 for 10 weeks (£25 for under 18s and the retired) – Great deal at £3 a class!  
**Beginners:** 6.30pm to 7.55pm • **Improvers:** 8.05pm to 9.30pm • *To register contact Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001*

**Irish Youth Club:** Begins Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. from 6.30pm to 7.55pm (£10 for 8 weeks) *Registration is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.00pm*

**Last Registration on First Night of Handball – Begins Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September in Greencastle GAC:**  
 Please note that registration fees are £12 per child which also includes insurance on all players. Children will also need to ensure they have a pair of goggles to be allow to play (no exceptions). *These can be purchased from gaahandball.ie/shop/goggles*  

<b>Primary 1</b> Monday (7.00pm to 8.00pm)	<b>Primary 2 and 3</b> Monday (8.00pm to 9.00pm)	<b>Primary 4 and 5</b> Tuesday (7.00pm to 8.00pm)
<b>Primary 6 and 7</b> Monday (8.00pm to 9.00pm)	<b>1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b> Thursday (7.00pm to 8.30pm)	

*For more information call Darryl McCullagh on 07979 378 732 or Chrissy Gillen on 07818 419 690*

**40 Days for Life:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Precious Life is urging all Christians to unite in a focused 40 Day campaign to end abortion. We are asking you to pray, fast and join our prayer vigils outside the Marie Stopes and Family Planning centres in Belfast. *For more info and your FREE Prayer Pack please contact (028) 9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com*

**Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Day of Renewal:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh  
**Registration:** 9.00am • **Theme:** 'You are the salt of the earth' (Mt. 5:13) • **Speaker:** Sr Josephine Walsh DHS  
**Holy Mass:** 3.30pm • **Celebrant:** Bishop Donal McKeown • **Cost:** £25 (includes lunch and tea / coffee)  
 Booking essential to facilitate catering • **Tel:** 028 8224 2092 (office hours) / 028 8224 3973 / 0787 6411 435 / 0759 6609 041

**Institute of Irish Leadership – Upcoming Events:** *For more info email kathleenburnsill@gmail.com or call (028) 8775 7800*  
**Creative Writing Workshops:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am to 12.30pm  
**Women's Health Screening Programmes:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October (10.30am to 1.00pm) Meet every  
**Walking Group:** Monday in Pomeroy Forest Car Park (11.00am to 12.00noon)  
**Month's Mind Masses:** Now taking bookings

**Hike to Croagh Patrick:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October for those aged 16+. Cost £30 includes dinner and bus.  
*To get booking form call the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on +4428 71264087 or email rebecca.odoherty@derrydiocese.org*

**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*

**We send our best wishes to the Tyrone Ladies Football team who contest the All-Ireland Intermediate Final against Tipperary on Sunday afternoon**  
**We especially acknowledge our two parishioners and Sperrin Óg players Niamh O'Neill and Caoileann Conway - the parish is very proud of their achievements. TIR EOGHAIN ABU**

**Family Care Adoption Services:** We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children  
For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details  
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.  
Tel: 01 443 4510 • Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

**Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions**  
Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month from May to October with the exception of 19<sup>th</sup> August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour  
**Celebrant:** Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown • All are welcome

**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

**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*

**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

**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

**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

**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 of emigration.  
**If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office**  
**Email:** t.mcmenamain@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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<b>Collectors</b>	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

**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*

**MA in Catholic School Leadership:** Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders.

**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

**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

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 20:1-16:** John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.
3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.
4. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?

**Musings:** Karl Rahner (Encounters with Silence)

I should like to speak with you, my God, and yet what else can I speak of but you? Indeed, could anything at all exist which had not been present with you from all eternity, which didn't have its true home and most intimate explanation in your mind and heart? Isn't everything I ever say really a statement about you?

On the other hand, if I try, shyly and hesitantly, to speak to you about yourself, you will still be hearing about me. For what could I say about you except that you are my God, the God of my beginning and end, God of my joy and my need, God of my life?

... But what am I really saying, when I call you my God, the God of my life? That you are the meaning of my life? The goal of my wanderings? The consecration of my actions? The judgment of my sins? The bitterness of my bitter hours and my most secret joy? My strength, which turns my own strength into weakness? Creator, Sustainer, Pardoner, the One both far and near? Incomprehensible? God of my brethren? God of my fathers? Are there any titles which I needn't give you? And when I have listed them all, what have I said? If I should take my stand on the shore of your endlessness and shout into the trackless reaches of your Being all the words I have ever learned in the poor prison of my little existence, what should I have said? I should never have spoken the last word about you.

**The Deep End – I Am a Grumbler:** Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathising with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways!

The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is one of those tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done the most work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more labour than those who were hired only at the last minute – yet they all receive the same pay. It's hardly fair, is it?

But the landowner makes his point: 'Why be envious because I am generous?' Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. Why should we be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve? Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessings to be extended to everyone!

**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

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

**Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub**

This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.

We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.

An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.

To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.

*The questionnaire will also be available online*

Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.

We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

**SUSE+ Community Programme:** Are you aged between 16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week? If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid  
If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below

**Address:** SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

**Email:** conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk • **Tel:** 07834 129 213 *Courses will be run, subject to minimum number interested*

**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

**Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes:** Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 469 428 or (028) 8164 8706

**Child Care Level 2**  
Proposed by Rouskey CDA through  
South West College in Rouskey  
Community Centre in September

Provides learners with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare them for employment or to provide career development opportunities to progress onto a relevant Level 3 programme. As work placement is a vital part of this programme, learners will get the opportunity for both 'learning' and 'doing'.

**Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma**  
Proposed by Rouskey CDA  
through South West College

Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring.

**Essential Skills Levels 1 and 2 in English and 2 in IT** These September courses are free

**Camowen Farmers Group trip to National Ploughing Championships, Tullamore:** Leaving Carrickmore Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon and returning Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.00pm. £250, this includes luxury coach for 3 days, entry to Ploughing Championships, 2 nights B&B and 2 dinner in 4-star Trim Castle, Co. Meath, Lunch on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> in Glencarn Hotel, Castleblayney and dinner on 21<sup>st</sup> in Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan.  
£100 deposit by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August to secure booking • Call (028) 8076 1339 / 07789 067 231 for more details

**Pope Francis – 'Vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit'**

The Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations has launched a prayer initiative for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in Ireland. In this centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, parishes, schools and families are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary, for vocations in Ireland, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May until October.

*Those taking part in the prayer initiative are invited to use the social media hashtag #Pray4Vocations*

**2016 Parish Statistics**

<b>Baptisms (18)</b>	<b>First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)</b>	<b>Confirmations (21)</b>
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
<b>Marriages (16)</b>	<b>Funerals (10)</b>	<b>Station Masses in October</b>
7 within parish 9 outside parish	8 within parish 2 outside parish	8
<b>Events</b> The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs)** Twin brothers, physicians, and early Christian martyrs born in Cilicia, part of today's Turkey. They practiced their profession in the seaport of Ayas, Adana, then in the Roman province of Syria. Accepting no payment for their services led to them being named "Ανάρπυροι" (Unmercenary); it has been said that, by this, they attracted many to the Christian faith.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – St. Vincent de Paul (priest) [1580-1660]** Founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of charitable works.
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – St. Wenceslaus (martyr) [905-925]** Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron of brewers.  
**St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs) [1839-1867]** During the period 1633 to 1637 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood our love of for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan.
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September – St. Jerome (priest and Doctor of the Church) [340-420]** Translated the bible into Latin and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron Saint of librarians
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church)** Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1897. She was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron Saint of Missions, florists, aviators and France.

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:**

**Rome Pilgrimage:** [Group 1] Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
[Group 2] Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)  
God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;  
To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word,  
To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.  
Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*  
Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership:** Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders.

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**All Ireland Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Fr. Michael Gaitley, Head of Evangelisation for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception will be touring Ireland to speak about the task and opportunity of setting Irish hearts on fire again with love for Jesus through Marian Consecration. Fr. Michael is a regular speaker on EWTN and he will be speaking in Ireland from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October in preparation for the Nationwide Consecration of Ireland in various places including  
**6<sup>th</sup> October** St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Street, Belfast at 7.30pm • **9<sup>th</sup> October** Knock Shrine at 7.00pm  
**10<sup>th</sup> October** St. Columba's Church, Longtower Church, Derry at 8.00pm.  
Fr. Michael will be bringing with him nearly 1 million booklets of 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration to Jesus through Mary, all for free so EVERYONE can do this... Spread the word! Get involved!  
*Now is the time to unite in prayer, bear witness and be Missionaries of joy for Jesus and Mary*

**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*

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