

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year A] (25th May, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Sixth Week of Easter [Year A] (26th May, 2014 – 1st June, 2014)

Saturday Evening (24th May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass: John J. Donnelly (Anniversary)
Sunday 25th May Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	8.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 11.00am Mass
Monday 26th May St. Philip Neri (priest)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 27th May St. Augustine of Canterbury	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 28th May Sixth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Thursday 29th May Sixth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass: DDS Members and benefactors
Friday 30th May Sixth Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	7.00pm Confession for families of Sunday's First Communicants 7.35pm Public Recitation of the Rosary 8.00pm Mass
Saturday 31st May Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (31st May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Margaret Bridget Clarke (Anniversary)
Sunday 1st June Ascension of the Lord [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	8.30am Confessions 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass: First Holy Communion for Year 4 pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School

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Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **John J. Donnelly**, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£945**.

Diocesan Purposes Collection: A further **£70** was received **Trócaire Collection:** A further **£25** was received

Lourdes Hospitalité Fund: A total of **£500** was collected.

Mass Times: First Holy Communion for Year 4 will take place at 11.00am Mass in St. Patrick's on Sunday 1st June (Feast of the Ascension) – 9.00am Mass on that morning will be at Our Lady of the Wayside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): The parents and families of those children who will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday 1st June are invited and encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) on Friday 30th May from 7.00pm. *To nurture your own faith and give good witness to the next generation*

Dalradian – Local Sub-Contractor Needed: FP McCann, preferred contractor for Dalradian's Curraghinalt project, is seeking a local sub-contractor to install approximately 650m of environmental silt fence along the Curraghinalt Bum.
All enquiries to Gareth Scullion, FP McCann Project Manager on (028) 7964 2558

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

Universal: That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity.

For Evangelisation: That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers.

Healing of Families Seminars: Fr. Joseph, author of *The Healing of Families* will give a weekend of Seminars from Friday 30th to Sunday 1st June at The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly. *For further details call (028) 7772 2121*

An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Annual Guest Tea: Friday 6th June at 8.30pm.
 Dancing afterwards to Bleed'n Cowboys. *Tickets available from centre and committee members*

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 16-20; (Lectionary I, page 549) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Lotto Results: A • B • O • P • V (5 with 3 letters winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,400

Parish Liturgy for June, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Aisling Donaghy	Monica Coyle	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Emma Clarke	Patrick Clarke	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Brian Gillen Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs, Joanne Beggs And Mary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Martina McBride
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make yourself known Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community			

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 24th May</u> The family of Nicole Cahill	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<u>Sunday 25th May</u> The family of Caitlin Warnock
<u>Saturday 31st May</u> ---	Ascension of the Lord First Holy Communion	<u>Sunday 1st June*</u> Members of Year 4 of Our Lady of Lourdes
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. What can you volunteer? *Do This In Memory (week 9) Thanks to all who participate		

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: Kevin Donnelly of Trócaire wrote this week to thank you for your support. He offers special thanks to all who work in solidarity with Trócaire, including those who distributed the boxes and counted the collection.

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Sunday 1st June to Wednesday 13th August. Cost includes boat fare and accommodation.
Website: loughderg.org • **Email:** info@loughderg.org • **Tel:** (028) 6863 2391 • **Address:** Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co Donegal

Lough Derg Youth Pilgrimage: Inviting all 16 – 30 year olds who are up for a challenge! Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a youth pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Friday 28th to Sunday 30th June.
Application forms can be downloaded from derrydiocese.org • Under 18's need parental consent • The cost is £50

Fan the Flame Open-Air Mass: For all the children in the diocese who have received the sacrament of Confirmation this year. Thursday 5th June in Celtic Park, Lone Moor Road, Derry BT48 9LB from 11.20am to 1.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for all the children in the diocese sealed in the Holy Spirit to come together in the celebration of the Eucharist.
It will also mark in a special way the ending of their primary school years

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

Bus Travelling to Knock Shrine: Sunday 1st June. *Book with Pat McSwiggan (028) 8164 7099*

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.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1st to 6th July): £599. The new Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown, is delighted to be able to lead the Pilgrimage this year. *As many pilgrims as possible is appreciated*

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage 2014: Monday 26th June to Saturday 3rd July. We will embark on a 100km journey to Santiago de Compostela.
For more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

Pioneer Council Meeting: Tuesday 3rd June at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's.

Enrich Your Faith with a Day of Prayer at Knock Shrine Basilica – Called to be a Light to the Nations: Saturday 31st May (Feast of the Visitation) from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The day will include talks (including *Consecration – The Way Forward* and *Ireland – Where to Now?*), stations, Rosary and Holy Mass.
For more info and Buses call (086) 1678 027 or visit foyerofcharity.ie

Foyle Hospice Female Walk/Run: Sunday 8th June at 1.30pm. Starting at the Templemore Sports Complex and finishing at Ebrington Square.
Register now at Foyle Hospice 61 Culmore Road 028 71359888 or Foyle Hospice Shop, Waterloo Place. Together We Care

Transfer 2015 Information Evening for Parents of Primary 6 Children: Thursday 29th May at 7.00pm in Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh. Sports Hall - Parking in Henderson's Car Park.

Best wishes to the organisers of the Greencastle Vintage Rally scheduled for this afternoon at 2.00pm

Following the success of last year's conference the Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference is holding its second Annual Conference **Marriage and Family at the Heart of the Parish** on Saturday 14th June next at the Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin. The Conference will explore how parishes can support families in their calling to live, pass on and share their faith, given the pastoral challenges that affect families today. The day will involve an opening address by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, input from Dr. Tony Fahey of UCD and from Ms Colette Furlong (Sligo Parishes Cluster Catechist) and drama presentations followed by reflection and discussion.

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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*

Musings

Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)

We are invited today to be always ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us. Some months ago, Pope Francis, speaking about the virtue of Hope, observed that 'hope is not mere optimism, but a link to eternal life', following this up with a question, 'Where are we anchored, each of us?' (29 October 2013). That anchor can be located either in our own capacities or in God's providence. I once heard the distinction between optimism and hope explained as follows: Optimists believe that they or others can; those with hope know that God will.

Safeguarding Information for parents of Altar Servers: A Parents' Safeguarding Information Pack, which has been developed by the Derry Diocesan Safeguarding Office, is available for parents of altar servers. In each pack there is an Information Leaflet and Information Booklet for parents and two Leaflets for the children. If you are a parent of an altar server/s, and require a copy, please leave your request for an Information Pack in the sacristy; alternatively, or you can obtain it from the Safeguarding office, Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry (office hours Monday -Wednesday, 1.30 to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month

The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)	The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)	The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls us to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist

Following our recent parish finance committee meeting we publish today our annual summary financial statement

Greencastle Parish Summary of Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December, 2013

	INCOME	2013	2012	SPECIFIC EXPENSES	2013	2012
Routine income (envelopes etc.)		50,461	52,207	Light and Heat	6,066	7,342
Investment Income		105	3,101	Maintenance	10,632	12,174
Exceptional Items (Ins. Claim, Special Donations)		906	7,649	Normal Requisites	2,420	4,012
		<u>51,472</u>	<u>62,957</u>	Insurances	3,689	3,689
	EXPENDITURE			Rates	1,077	827
Property Expenses (Rates, Insurance, Maintenance etc.)		23,884	28,044		<u>23,884</u>	<u>28,044</u>
Administration Expenses (Salaries etc.)		25,434	23,196	Telephone etc.	1,791	1,299
		<u>49,318</u>	<u>51,240</u>	Accountancy	1,920	1,008
NET PARISH INCOME		<u>2,154</u>	<u>11,717</u>	Bank Charges	322	423
				Bank Interest	664	---
					4,679	2,730
				Pass Through	5	(30)
					4,702	2,760
				Diocesan Assessment	6,787	7,196
					<u>11,489</u>	<u>9,897</u>

Prepared by Patrick Friel (Accountant) - High Street, Omagh, Co. Tyrone

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

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.

Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3rd August): For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith. *Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it*

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1st June to 13th August): Check out the Lough Derg website for details.

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 14:15-21: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. 'If you love me you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13:34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?
2. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
3. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.
4. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?
5. The proof of the on-going presence of Jesus with his disciples is that 'I live and you will live'. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

The Deep End – Pie in the Sky *Francis Cousins (Editor – Columba Centre, Maynooth)*

To an atheist – once described as someone with no invisible means of support – Christian hope must seem like a cry to an high for pie in the sky. What Christians hope for, i.e., a new heaven and a new earth has no scientific basis. Indeed it can't have. At present, all that science can ultimately foresee is a frozen waste of nothingness. The heart-warming prospect of blissful eternal life has no basis other than in the word of God (Rev 21:1).

In today's Second Reading (1 Pet 3:15-18) Peter exhorts us to be ready always to defend that hope. And we do that basically by showing how God has kept his promises historically and by showing that his promises continue to be fulfilled today.

Historically, God promised the seemingly impossible only to fulfill it: Abraham and Sarah in advanced age beget a son, down-trodden Hebrews gain freedom from their super-power slave-masters, an eagerly awaited messiah comes, but in the most unexpected manner. Killed and seemingly defeated, he rises from death to fulfil his mission.

Today, God's promises continue to be fulfilled. God continues to bless us with new life, with freedom from slavery to sin, with the promise and hope of resurrection.

Yet, perhaps there is one other way to defend that hope: by allowing it put pep in our step.

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Sunday 1st June Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 24th August Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Thursday 29th May • Saturday 19th July Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October St. Patrick's	
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5th and 6th July)	Saturday 5th July	St. Patrick's Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 6th July	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion		
Sunday 1st June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 22nd June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass