

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry) St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (25th June, 2017) Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU Website: greencastleparish.com • Email: greencastlepp@yahoo.com • Tel: (028) 8164 8474	
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Thought for the Week: "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean.
But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop" *St. Theresa of Calcutta*

Liturgy Schedule for Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 25th June – Sunday 2nd July)

Saturday 24th June	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Sally Glass (2 nd Anniversary)
Nativity of St. John the Baptist			
Sunday 25th June	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begin with			Concluding Prayers and Benediction at 4.30pm
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass: Barney O'Neill (15 th Anniversary)
Monday 26th June	St. Patrick's	NO MASS	
Tuesday 27th June	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 28th June	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass
St. Irenaeus (bishop and martyr)			
Thursday 29th June	Our Lady of Lourdes PS	10.00am	Mass
St. Peter and St. Paul (Apostles)			
Friday 30th June	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass: Jane McNulty (1 st Anniversary)
Saturday 1st July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Celia Strausa (3 rd Anniversary)
St. Oliver Plunkett (bishop and martyr)			
Sunday 2nd July	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass: John Coyle (2 nd Anniversary)

Weekly Collection: £920 Peter's Pence: £450

Remembering our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Jane McNulty (1st), Sally Glass (2nd)** and **Barney O'Neill (15th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Annual Services of Intercession for the Faithful Departed in Parish Cemeteries: Saturday 1st July directly after the Vigil Mass in St. Patrick's and Sunday 2nd July directly after 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside cemeteries, proceeding immediately afterwards to the cemetery adjoining the Old Church.
After each ceremony a collection will take place to support the continuing maintenance of our Parish Cemeteries

Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy – Graduation Masses: All of this summer's Queen's graduands, their families and friends are invited to attend at 12.30pm each day from Thursday 29th June to Wednesday 5th July (excluding Sunday) in the Corpus Christi Chapel at Chaplaincy and to stay afterwards for tea / coffee.
Email: qubcc@downandconnor.org *Congratulations to all students who are completing their time at QUB*

Lower Badoney Attested Livestock Mart Ltd – 56th Annual General Meeting
Friday 30th June at 8.00pm sharp in the Owenkillew Community Centre, Gortin A Guest Speaker attending the meeting

Precious Life – 11th All-Ireland Rally for Life: Saturday 1st July in Dublin City Centre with Holy Mass in St. Saviours Church, Dominick St., Dublin beforehand at 12.30pm. Join thousands of people from across Ireland for this fun-filled family day out. Coaches will be travelling to the Rally from various towns across Northern Ireland.
For more information contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on (028) 9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com

Sean Davis 4-Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy: *For boys and girls aged between 5 and 17 years*
Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th July from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Campsie Playing Fields, Omagh.
For bookings and further details call Sean Davis (FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach) on (028) 7126 3044

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

Institute of Irish Leadership – Annual Gaeltacht Thir Eoghain: Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July. *£65 admission*
Tel: (028) 8775 7800 • **Email:** kathleenburnsill@gmail.com

Pope Francis' Intention for July (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Next Week's Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 • Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19, R/ v 2 • Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42 • Lectionary 1:671 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Parish Liturgy for July, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Maeve McCullagh	Rachael Clarke	Cara-Rose Brogan
Collectors	Mary Bradley Patrick McElhatton	Brendan Conway Eugene Tracey	Perry McCrory Sean Clarke
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCullagh		

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 24 th June The family of Shea Tracey	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 25 th June The family of Brian McDermott

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle this weekend. Please feel free to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings and those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named areas to take responsibility to ensure a presence at specific times. **Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us**

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
10.00am	Glenhull • Aughminacroy	1.30pm	Cashel • Brackagh • Leaghan
10.30am	Muniamale • Alworries	2.00pm	Teebane • Carnanrancy
11.00am	Crouck • Coneyglen	2.30pm	Crockanboy
11.30am	Aughascribba	3.00pm	Broughderg • Evisheession
12 noon	Formil East	3.30pm	Maryville • Sheskinshule View
12.30pm	Formil West	4.00pm	Sheskinshule
1.00pm	Benefreaghan	4.30pm	Concluding Prayers and Benediction until 5.00pm

Guided Prayer Sessions in Prayer Guidance Centre at Knock Shrine
A time for quiet prayer, meditation listening to the word of God
Monday to Friday 12 noon • 4.15pm • 8.15pm
Saturday and Sunday 12 noon • 5.00pm • 8.15pm

Knock Counselling Centre Drop-In Service
Offers people an opportunity to discuss difficult or challenging life issues in a caring and confidential environment. People attend single sessions to reflect on and discuss personal issues or concerns.
Thursday 10.00am to 5.00pm
Friday 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Saturday and Sunday 11.00am to 5.00pm
No appointment necessary

Watch Masses online from Knock Shrine 3.00pm daily Mass in Basilica is streamed live and 12 noon Sunday Mass is available online. *Recordings of all Sundays Masses available our YouTube channel*
knockshrine.ie/watch

Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st July. It will be led by Fr. Gallagher and depending on numbers a minibus or bus can be organised. Transport cost, if bus required, to be announced later. Pilgrims must be over 15 years old and able to both kneel and walk and keep the Fast. **Cost:** €70 (15% discount for students, concession for seniors) It is also hoped to organise a One Day Pilgrimage Retreat in late August or early September (date to be announced soon).
If interested please leave a message and contact details with Fr. Gallagher by calling (028) 8164 8474 or at the Parochial House

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'. *10 to 12 people are needed*

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. *A few more people are needed to start*

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

Men and Women's Fitness Classes – Box Fit and HIIT Classes: Start Monday 17th and Thursday 20th July, 7.00pm to 8.00pm.
Cost: One class: £25 - Two classes: £40 • **Registration is** Monday 3rd July at 7.00pm in Greencastle Hall. *6 week course for all*
For more info call Darryl McCullagh on 07979 378 732 • Only 20 places available with payment confirming your place

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.
An information session will take place in St. Mary's College, Derry on Monday 26th June at 4.00pm

Gorticastle / Glenlark Walk for Marie Curie
A special word of thanks to all those who took part in and all who donated to this worthy cause. **Total raised was £4,000.**

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579
Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details

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

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*

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

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

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

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. 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: prayerforpriests.com
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

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

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

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

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

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:** a.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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

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*

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 10:26-33: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. 'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage in speaking his message and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows. How has trust in God been a source of strength in life for you?
2. The body/soul terminology presupposes an anthropology in which the soul represents one's real self and the body is the perishable shell. For Jesus the important thing is to be true to one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain. When you have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you?
3. There is no such thing as secret discipleship. It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that his followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this resonate with your experience?

Musings – Just Trust!

From Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew by Donal Neary SJ, Messenger Publications

Our lives are lightened by people we can trust. We need to trust so much in life. We know the great pain when our trust is shaken by people we thought we could trust – parents, teachers, religious superiors, the church, friends and more.

In the Gospel today Jesus tells us to trust in God, who would not harm even a hair of our head. He asks and urges us to be people who would not harm another. We are worth this care and love just by being created. Like a parent or grandparent, or an aunt or uncle, totally loving a new child before the child is even seen, so God loves each of us. The sight of a starving child brings out our love and a desire to care.

This is linked to the care of God: in this care and trust of each other, we find the trust and care of God, given and received, for 'where there is love, there is God' (1 Jn 3:7).

Just echo the word 'trust' as you sit in silence:

Let this gift and call of trust fill your being.

Sacred heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

The Deep End – Even the Hairs on Your Head are Counted:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

Today's Gospel is an affirmation for all those who feel persecuted in any way because of their beliefs or because people are speaking badly about them, or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or even from God. During such times it can be extremely lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in this world. While we might not want to shout from the rooftops, as Jesus suggests, there is a message here to speak out, to talk it out. Today, spend time on the beautiful words of Jesus in this Gospel – 'Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!' The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with us, each of us. Once again, we are being told how sacred each and every person is and how much we are loved by God. In his eyes, each of us are precious. Today, recall the times or places where you felt God's supporting presence.

When we travel through those wilderness places of our lives where we feel lost, insecure, lonely, frustrated, discouraged, or overcome by busyness: Help us to trust in you, God of the journey. When we catch glimpses of the tremendous love you have for us and experience a deep, loving connection with others: Help us to trust in you, God of the journey.

Joyce Rupp

Come home to the love of God's Family on Lough Derg – Three Day Pilgrimage

You may begin on any day between Thursday 1st June and Sunday 13th August
No need to book. Daily boats to the island from 10.30am to 3.00pm, 7 days per week.

There are various travel options available countrywide

Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality

Tel: Maureen or Lorraine on 07198 615 18 (00353 7198 615 18 from NI)

Email: info@loughderg.org **Website:** loughderg.org

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.

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

2016 Parish Statistics

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

The Net – June Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:

Limavady looking forward to HOPE Camp • Faughanvale's young pioneers • Strathfoyle Youth Choir in concert
St. Eithne's, Ballymagroarty pupils enjoy May Procession • Special Needs Mass a special occasion
Confirmation feature • Aghyaran First Holy Communion • Derry Adoration pilgrims in Knock
Divine Mercy celebrations in Altinure and Cappagh • Greencastle parishioners at RTÉ studio Mass
Lovely surprise for Galliagh sacristan • Omagh get-together for Indian children sponsors
Carnhill launches monthly Fatima vigils • Dungiven celebrates Fatima anniversary • Claudy Ceili Mission
Bellaghy thanks for volunteers • Sun shines on Malin Well pilgrims • Large crowds at St Eugene's Novena
Celebrating Mary in Culmore • Burt prepares for Golden Jubilee • Maghera retreat day for families
Pioneers gather for Ardmore Mass • ACCORD Mass of remembrance • Derry Cursillo Easter Bonnet show
Termonbacca Crochet Group helping charities • Three decades of Marian Prayer in Termonbacca
Derry bishops' pilgrim walk • Waterside faith story • Joy of Love journey continues in Ardmore
Croke Park Conference for young Catholics • Fortifying Youth Ministry in Ireland
Relevance of Cursillo today • Flower Festivals • Ramsey in the kitchen
Feature on St. Canice • Children's Catechism Club • Diocesan Diary • Quiz Time

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities email editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions

Every 13th of the month from May to October with the exception of 19th August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13th 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*

Iona Institute NI – 'How to Speak Up' Media Training Workshops

Gain confidence in speaking out on important issues like the meaning of marriage and the right to life.
Adult: Thursday 29th June, 6.00pm to 8.30 pm • **Youth (15yrs+):** Friday 30th June, 10.00am to 3.00pm
Address: St. Brides Parish Hall, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. BT9 6FP
Email: tharkin@ionainstitute.ie • **Tel:** 07531 149 891

Sixtowns Cross Community Group – Summer Festival of Events: *facebook.com/sixtownscommunity*

Thursday 29th June Children's Movie Night in hall, 6.30pm, £2 per child with cookies and milk served at interval
Under 6s to be accompanied by supervising adult
Friday 30th June Dance in hall with music by Still Water, 10.00pm to 12.00pm *Refreshments served • £5 admission*
Saturday 1st July Free Historical Walk around places of interest in Sixtowns. Departs from the hall at 4.00pm
Light refreshments served after walk • Transport provided for anyone with limited mobility
Sunday 2nd July Community Fun Day in hall, 3.00pm to 6.00pm with Crazy Golf, Puppet Shows, Bouncy Castles and Face painting included in the £2 admission fee per person.

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 13th of each month from May until October.

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

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:

Rome Pilgrimage: [Group 1] Sunday 29th October to Thursday 2nd November
[Group 2] Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd 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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

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

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

Rowan Tree Centre, Pomeroy – Upcoming Events:

Tel: (028) 8775 7834 • **Email:** rowantreepomeoy@gmail.com • **Facebook:** rowan.centre

Monday 26th June Awareness raising of legal and illegal drug misuse within communities, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Tuesday 27th June CAB Drop in Session, 9.00am to 12 noon – Slimming world, 5.30pm and 7.30 pm – AA, 8.00pm

Thursday 29th June Kettlebells with Nuala

Friday 30th June Run for the Future 5K Run / Jog / Walk, registration starts at 6.15pm with 5K at 7.00pm. £5 (child), £10 (adult), £20 (family), refreshments afterwards in the Rowan Tree Centre. *Proceeds in aid of Pomeroy Youth GAC*

Flaxpullers Festival Events:

All events will be held in the Flaxmill Centre, Drumduff, Sixmilecross

Wednesday 21st June, 9.30pm Old Tyme Dance with music by Larry & Co.

Thursday 22nd June, 8.00pm Concert celebrating 25th anniversary with host of local talent supplying entertainment

Saturday 25th June BBQ and Dance with music by Cajun Country – Steaks served from 9.00pm to 10.30pm

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