

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 C] (25th August, 2013)

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As a parish faith community we offer our prayerful support and good wishes to Rev. Brendan Collins of Drumragh Parish who will be ordained to Priesthood in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh at 3.00pm this afternoon and to the Tyrone Gaelic Football Senior and Junior panels heading for the All-Ireland semi-finals today.

You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass during the last week of the school holidays
Liturgical Schedule for the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (26th August, 2013 – 1st September, 2013)

Saturday Evening (25th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 25th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
	Sacred Heart, Omagh	3.00pm Ordination to Priesthood of Rev. Brendan Collins
Monday 26th August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 27th August St. Monica	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 28th August St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 29th August The Passion of St. John the Baptist	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 30th August St. Fiacre	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Derry Diocesan Society (members and benefactors)
Saturday Morning (31st August) St. Aidan of Lindisfarne (bishop and missionary)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (31st August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 1st September Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	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 to last week's collection which amounted to **£870**.
Nazareth Sisters Collection: Thank you for the further **£220** taken up on Thursday 15th August.

Remembering Our Dead: As a parish faith-community we pray for **Nancy McCrory** whose Requiem took place on Wednesday, we extend our prayerful support to her husband Lawrence, their extended family circle and all who mourn her. We also pray for **Kathleen McGuigan**, whose anniversary occurs now.

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Thank you for your supportive presence at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg during this period of prayer on Sunday 18th August.

Ordination to Priesthood: Please pray for Rev. Brendan Collins a native of Drumragh Parish who will be ordained to the priesthood in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh at 3.00pm this afternoon (Sunday 25th August). He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving there at 7.30pm on Monday evening.

Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy fortitude and peace *Blessing from Rite of Marriage*
 We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to **Shaun McCrory (Beragh) and Ciara Hamill (St. Anthony's Belfast)** Saturday 23rd August
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Silence: That the men and women of our time, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and learn to listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

Missionary – Persecuted Christians: That Christians who suffer persecution in many parts of the world may be prophets of the love of Christ by their testimony.

Next Sundays Readings: Ecclesiastes (Sirach) 3:17-20, 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14; Lectionary I, page 900
Sunday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year C] • Weekday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year 1]

Lotto Results: A • M • N • Q • T (20 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,400

Parish Liturgy for September, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Aileen Tuohy	Peter Fox	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Raymond Bradley	Patrick Tuohy Michael Bradley	Francis Keenan Colm Beggs
Altar Society	Nuala Glass Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community
 Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? We need new lectors for our weekend Masses. Readers for the Prayers of Intercession, collectors and altar society helpers. During the summer months we will not follow an organised rota for the presentation of the Offertory Gifts but invite any families to perform this important role for us. *Thank you to our parish workers*

Lough Derg One Day Retreats: A guided day of prayer, reflection and renewal. The morning includes Rosary and Way of the Cross as well as Prayers of Intercession and Healing of Memories. The afternoon offers an opportunity for quiet time & personal prayer and concludes with the celebration of Eucharist. There are places available on:-
 26th, 27th and 31st August • 1st, 3rd, 7th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September

Living with Suicide Workshop: Well recognised as a Sanctuary, Lough Derg offers a 'Living With Suicide' Workshop on Wednesday 25th September. This day is for adults who have been affected by suicide, either through personal loss or with suicidal ideation, or for those ministering to the suicide bereaved or working in support services. *Advance booking is essential*
 €40, inc. return boat fare, tea/coffee & scones, services and light lunch • Contact Maureen on 071 9861 518/info@loughderg.org

Trócaire: 40 Years (1973-2013) – Working for a Just World: You will recall that last year's Trócaire Lenten appeal included an element of matched funding from the UK Department for International Development (DFID), which matched, pound for pound, all donations up to a maximum of £900,000. Your role in securing this matched funding target was crucial, as it could not have been achieved without the commitment shown by parishes to collect and return the proceeds of the Trócaire Lenten appeal quickly, so as to meet the very tight deadline set by DFID. In addition, parishioners across the country responded with incredible generosity, which also enabled us to secure this extra funding.

These funds are currently being used to support Trócaire's livelihoods programme in Northern Uganda, which will run until 2015, a programme which is based on our vision of a just and peaceful world where people's dignity is ensured, rights are respected, and where basic needs are met.

A key aspect of the initiative with DFID is to communicate with our supporters on how the money they have contributed is being spent, and the effect it is having on improving the lives of poor families and communities in northern Uganda. Therefore, I have pleasure in enclosing copies of a booklet we have produced called 'Making a Difference', which provides actual stories and testimony from families who are part of this livelihoods programme.

Thank you for your support in securing this funding opportunity last year. We will shortly be applying to gain matching funding as part of next year's Trócaire Lenten appeal, and would once again seek your support with it should we be successful. Yours sincerely Eithne McNulty – Regional Director – Trócaire. *Making a Difference is available in the sacristy of our parish churches*

International Gathering Conference 2013 hosted by the Pioneer Association – The Spirit That Sets Us Free: Overcoming Addiction All Hallows College, Drumcondra Dublin 9 Saturday and Sunday, 28-29 September 2013 Speakers include: Campaigner for Social Justice, Fr Peter McVerry, SJ Fr James Harbaugh, SJ, American author of A Twelve-Step Approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, Majella Coyle - Addiction Counsellor, White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre, Plus open forum discussions, a service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinners and evening entertainment on the Saturday provided by harpist and singer, Deirdre Seaver, and a host of traditional Irish musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Mass on Sunday will be celebrated by Most Rev Diarmuid Martin, DD, Archbishop of Dublin at noon. TICKETS: €70.00 per person. Credit Card bookings being taken on 01 874 94 64 For the full itinerary and more information, please contact the Pioneer Association by email at pioneer@jesuit.ie or visit our website www.pioneerassociation.ie

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Quinn Clan Gathering: Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September.
 Contact (028) 8775 7800 // kathleenburnsill@gmail.com

The Columba Community – Evening of Traditional Music and Storytelling: To be held in the unique setting of the Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Rd, Muff, Co Donegal on Wednesday 28th August at 7.30pm. Followed by refreshments at the IOSAS Centre. Places are free but must be booked in advance.
To book or for more info call (028) 7126 2407

Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin – Irish Language Classes: Available on every level. Registration Day is Wednesday 4th, September from 10:00am to 4:00pm. £60 full / £25 concessionary for 30 weeks. For more info: ciara@culturlann-doire.ie / (028) 7126 4132

An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Upcoming Events: **Sunday 25th August** Dance with music by *Tory Sound*

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.

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy (Monday 26th August – Monday 2nd September): With Father Francis Bradley. Staying four nights at the Irish College, Rome taking in the sights of the Eternal City and an Audience with the Holy Father, and three nights at the Shrine of Padre Pio, taking in the shrine of Manoppello and the Abbey of Montecassino. Price £850, including all coach transfers to/from Dublin and whilst in Italy, flights with Aer Lingus, accommodation on a half board basis in Rome and full board in San Giovanni, and the assistance of a Travel Representative throughout (single supplement at £20 per night).
For more info call Fr. Bradley on (028) 7136 2475 [W] / (028) 7135 1718 [H] or email fbradley@derrydiocese.org

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Tuesday 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.
Wednesday 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.
Thursday 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.
Friday 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. Fiacre was given a hermitage near Breuil and there he stayed until his death around 670.
Saturday 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.

Questions people ask: *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*
 Q. Could you please clarify for me the various sins of the tongue like blasphemy, cursing etc.?
 A. Blasphemy is a statement of hatred or defiance of God. Profanity means taking the name of God or Jesus without proper respect and it reveals the shallowness of faith. Cursing is the opposite of prayer because it means calling down evil on somebody. Swearing is calling God as a witness to the truth of what is saying. To swear on a lie is the serious sin of perjury. Obscenity means filthy talk which offends people or degrades sexuality. Detraction means revealing the faults of another without valid reason. Calumny is harming the good name of another by false statement. Saint James wrote that the tongue may be a small part of the body but think how a tiny flame can cause a whole forest to be destroyed.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Clothing Bank: We do not have anyone involved with the St. Vincent de Paul locally in the parish of Greencastle but neighbouring groups have asked for our support with a 'Clothing Bank' near to St. Patrick's Church for a period of time. *Please support them in any way you can*

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts.
Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 **Fax:** 00-353-94-9388295 **Email:** info@knock-sh.rine.ie **Website:** knockshrine.ie

Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 3 and 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. *For info contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) // email@familycaresociety.org // familycaresociety.net*

Songs of Praise: The BBC's Songs of Praise will be recording two programmes later this summer for transmission on the 15th September and St Patrick's Day next year. The venue is The Guildhall in Derry and the date of recording is Saturday 31st August. We would like to invite the members of your choir to join us as part of a larger Congregational Choir for the recordings. This would require those taking part to attend a rehearsal a few days before the recording. This will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed. On Saturday 31st August we will record 10 hymns in two sessions between 10.30am and 1.30 pm and then at 3.00pm until 6.00pm music will be provided on the day for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass parts. We would be delighted if you could let us know if your choir would be interested in joining us in August and also indicate the numbers wishing to attend please. Please note that we would require this information by Monday 22nd July at the absolute latest. Members of the public also wishing to take part in the recordings will be able to apply for tickets through the BBC Ticket Unit later in July. *Tickets are now available from bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/shows_of_praise_31aug13 All choirs who have booked must confirm numbers this week, specifying the number of male and female singers*

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 *accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie* 11th & 12th October, 15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
 Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?
For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

National Grandparents' Annual Pilgrimage: Sunday 8th September at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock with guest speaker Sr. Briege McKenna.

Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome: 26th and 27th October.
For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Monsignor Danny Monaghan (Wednesday 4th – Wednesday 11th Sept.): Price including half board, all taxes and insurance: £499. *For further details contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357*

Foyle Hospice – Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning: Thursday 19th September. As a registered charity, care to patients and their families is free of charge and we depend on the generosity of our local community to raise the £2.3 million that is currently required annually to maintain our essential services. We are looking for supporters to hold coffee mornings in schools, colleges, homes, churches, halls, workplaces just about anywhere to help us raise much needed funds for the Hospice. We will supply the coffee (sponsored by Bewleys) and also all of the publicity / promotional material to help you run your event – Your coffee morning does NOT need to be on 19th September, you can have it any date in September. It also does not need to be held in the morning – SO, the date and time is up to you.
If you would like any more information please call (028) 7135 9888 / 07808 807 998 Thanks so much for your attention to this request and I hope to hear from you soon

Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough, Co. Donegal – Retreats in 2013:
Tel: 00353 7491 38909 **Email:** info@ardsfriary.ie **Website:** ardsfriary.ie
 Ards Friary is open throughout the year for individuals and groups whether lay, religious, clerical, ecumenical or anyone who wishes to have some quiet time, rest and prayer in beautiful relaxed surroundings. The following retreats are available for 2013:

Monday 26th August – Thursday 1st September	The Foyer of Charity – Five Day Silent Retreat (directed by Fr. Kilian Byrne) <i>If you but knew the gift of God</i>
Thursday 3rd – Sunday 8th October	CURSILLO (men)
Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th October	CURSILLO (women)
Saturday 30th November – Sunday 1st December	Advent Retreat (directed by Fr. Kieran Shorten, OFM Capuchin)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 25th August Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish

Friday 30th August and Saturday 19th October St. Patrick's

Sunday 7th April Our Lady of the Wayside

Saturday 2nd November St. Patrick's **6.00pm** Commemoration of All Souls
 (remembering all who died during the year)

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 13:22-30: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. That entitlement will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?
2. 'Strive to enter by the narrow door.' Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem, purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true in any journey, career or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What it is like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there?

The Deep End – Curiouser and Curiouser: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

A narrow door, a locked door, futile knocking and an unsympathetic doorkeeper – it's almost as if the master in today's Gospel story wants to keep people out!

In the opening chapter of Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Alice has a bit of bother with doors. The doors in the hall in which she find herself are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the locks. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow.

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head though the doorway.'

There is a similar predicament for those in Jesus' story. They knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it is not that simple. They are too late – the door has been locked and the master turns them away.

What does Jesus mean when he says we must strive to 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? The narrow door is Jesus. But it is not enough to have encountered him and heard his teachings. One must have walked the narrow path of the Gospel.

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
 and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

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