



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Solemnity of Christ the King [Year B] (25th November, 2018)
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Pope Francis speaks to Ireland

Festival of Families, Croke Park [Saturday 25th August]

"...I wanted the theme of this World Meeting of Families to be "The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World". God wants every family to be a beacon of the joy of his love in our world. What does this mean? It means that we, who have encountered God's saving love, try, with or without words, to express it in little acts of kindness in our daily routine and in the most hidden moments of our day."

Liturgy Schedule for Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (25th November – 2nd December)

Saturday 24th November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Peter McCaffrey (5 th Anniversary)
St. Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) & Companions (martyrs)		<i>Do This in Memory (week 3)</i>
Sunday 25th November	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Solemnity of Christ the King	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass
Monday 26th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Annie Tracey (6 th Anniversary)
Tuesday 27th November	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 28th November	St. Patrick's	12 noon – 7.15pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass: Mary and Eddie McCullagh (Anniversaries)
Thursday 29th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 30th November	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Andrew (Apostle)		
Saturday 1st December	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Michael McCullagh (Month's Mind) 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Packie Vincent Morris (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 2nd December	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
First Sunday of Advent	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass

Weekly: £1,150 • **Retired Priests:** £600 • **World Meeting of Families:** £250 • **Mission Appeal (Sr. Bride):** £1,555

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Michael McCullagh (Binnefreaghan)** whose Month's Mind takes place this coming Saturday at 10.00am. We also pray for the souls of **Packie Vincent Morris (2nd), Peter McCaffrey (5th), Annie Tracey (6th), Katy Fox (7th)** and **Mary and Eddie McCullagh** whose anniversaries occur now.

Knock Shrine – All-Night Vigil: Friday 7th and Saturday 8th December. Confessions from 10.00pm. Vigil starts at 12 midnight, with Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr. Brendan Walsh SCA. Concelebrated Mass at 4.00am. Chief Celebrant His Excellency Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio. knockshrine.ie

Children in Crossfire – Advent Boxes: Now available from the door of the church, we ask that you take one to place it in your home over Christmas and return in January. *Your donations really make a difference, thank you*

Pilgrimage to Knock in Celebration of Feast of the Immaculate Conception: All-Night Vigil Friday 7th and Saturday 8th December. Pick up at Creggan crossroads or recycling plant. Returning on Saturday 8th December at approximately 9.30am. Fare £15. Meal (optional) €15. £10 deposit required to secure seat. *Call Una on 07743 575 969 or Mona on (028) 8673 7954*

The Priests – Christmas Concert: Sunday 30th December at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. Tickets: £25, available from Drumragh Parish Office, 48 Brook St., Omagh, (028) 8224 2092 (office hours), or Top News, George St, Omagh, (028) 8224 0084. Purchase early to avoid disappointment. *Perfect as a Christmas gift*

Pope Francis' Intention for December (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Evangelisation – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith:

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 • Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, R/ v 1 • 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
 Luke 21:25-28,34-36 • Lectionary 1:8 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]**

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Parish Liturgy for December, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Hood	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Lauryn Hollywood	Colleen Brogan
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Frank Keenan Eoghan Clarke	Brian Donnelly Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Mary Bradley, Helen Tracey, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Carmel McCrory, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
24 th November • Phelim Tracey	Solemnity of Christ the King	25 th November • Katie McGurk
1 st December • Aimee Fox	First Sunday of Advent	2 nd December • Rian Slane

If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented

Annual Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Thursday 4th to Tuesday 9th July. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry is now taking enquiries and initial expressions of interest from anyone who might intend to participate in it. Christmas vouchers that you can give as a gift to someone wishing to participate in the pilgrimage can now be ordered. The opening hours of the Pilgrimage Office are Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – Special Offer: Tuesday 3rd September to Tuesday 10th September. Cost includes half board and all taxes and insurance is £539 if paid by Sunday 16th December (£639 after this date). *To book call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038*

Immaculate Conception Rosary: Saturday 8th December at 7.30pm at Crockanboy Hill, Greencastle.
 All welcome • Wrap up warm • Bring a torch
"Abandon yourself in the hands of Mary. She will take care of you" St. Padre Pio

Owenkillew Credit Union Ltd. – Dividend and Interest Rebates: To be paid out Monday 26th November in the Greencastle Office (open all day). *Remember, the early bird catches the cash*

Diocesan Youth Ministry Team – Advent Youth Retreat: Saturday 8th December in the Waterside Parish Centre, Chapel Road, Derry, 10.30am - 4.00pm. Open to all young people aged 16-18 years of age. Those completing the Pope John Paul II Award are particularly welcome. A range of fun and faith activities planned. Email padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org or call +44 28 7126 4087 to book or make further enquiries. Parental consent required. Consent Forms available from your Parish Priest; and by visitindherrydiocese.org. *Lunch will be provided*

Priory Institute – Online Advent Retreat: Starts Sunday 2nd December. Taking the format of Lectio Divina, it will be facilitated by some Irish Dominican brothers and their collaborators. Cost: €40. For more info or register online visit prioryinstitute.com. Info can also be gotten by emailing enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or calling +353 (0)1 4048 124

Rouskey Community Centre – Christmas Shopping Trip: *Call Bridie on 07591 047 556*
 Rouskey CDA organising bus trip to Belfast Castle Craft Fair and then onwards to Belfast Shopping or St. George Market on Sunday 9th December. Leaving Gortin at 10.00am, onwards to Rouskey 10.10am, Greencastle 10.20am and Creggan 10.30am. *£10 deposit will secure seat*

First Aid Awareness Training: For parents, grandparents and carers in Omagh. Covering CPR, recovery position, choking, febrile seizures and much more. 2 hours training at £20 per person, includes refreshments and paediatric first aid book. Group bookings available for 4 up. *Call Ann on 07866 410 105 or email ann@acresconsultancy.com*

Greencastle Community Association – Bazaar: Sunday 2nd December commencing 4.30pm. *Many fantastic prizes including a 55" Smart TV*

The Priests – Twelve Days of Christmas Concert
 Thursday 3rd January in the Guildhall, Derry • Tickets available at the Millennium Forum, (028) 7126 4455

Fr. Shields Camogie Club – Black Bag Unwanted Clothes Fundraiser: *We appreciate your support*
 Every Monday in November from 6.00pm to 8.00pm a member of the club will be at the hall to receive any items

Teamtalkmag Award: Vote for Kira Donnelly by visiting teamtalkmag.com/2018/11/ttm-star-voting-2018

The Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan is available to download on the Derry Diocesan website (derrydiocese.org) For a hard-copy, request it from the Diocesan Office (email office@derrydiocese.org or call (028) 7126 2302)

<p>Pilgrimage to Rome and Tuscany: Tuesday 18th June for nights, ex Dublin (includes Assisi, Florence and Pisa). Spiritual Director: Fr. Brian Donnelly. Guide: Kieran Troy £1,090 per person sharing (single room supplement £280). Includes guided tours and most meals. Call Paul or Marie at Downe Travel on (028) 4461 3288 or email marie@downetravel.co.uk</p>
<p>Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI): Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) • Join our faith family!</p>
<p>Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination. If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • Advanced: 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Catholic Engaged Encounter Course: For details / booking: marriageencounter.ie • (028 2763 8512 Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March in Our Lady and St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim.</p>

<p>The Big Knit for Age NI Calling all knitters! For every hat knitted Age NI receives 25p. To register or find out more call Dorothy on (028) 9024 5729, email bigknit@ageni.org or visit ageni.org/thebigknit</p>
<p>St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992</p>
<p>Family Care Adoption Services Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children For a free information contact Tel: (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm) us using any of these details Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week. Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • Enniskillen Office: (028) 6632 6478 • Facebook: Aspire Employability Programme The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Foster Carers Needed: The Western Trust urgently needs people to come forward who can offer a loving home to foster children. At present there is a greater number of children in need of homes than there are foster carers available. If you have room in your home and in your heart to care for a child, please contact: Vanessa Nelis – WHSCT Recruitment Officer for Fostering Tel: (028) 8283 5264 Mob: 07554 552 989 Email: vanessa.nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Trocaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland. If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info</p>
<p>Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019? Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows: Friday 7th and Saturday 8th December</p>

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

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Friday 30th November – St. Andrew (Apostle) Andrew from Bethsaida was a disciple of St. John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. He is said to have suffered martyrdom on this date by crucifixion, but the tradition of an X-shaped cross is much later. Patron Saint of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.

Seeing your life through lens of Gospel – John 18:33-37: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*
 1. The feast we have today, and the Gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.
 2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?
 3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth that we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others?

Musings: Those who are too good, too gentle, too sincere, too meek, too humble, end up, as a rule, exploited and mocked, sacrificed on the altar of expediency. So it is in the kingdoms of this world. The world knows that too much goodness leads to the cross and takes time off from its obsession with personal and collective security to laugh heartily at such naivety. The truth that the world cannot perceive is that goodness leads through the cross to resurrection and life. Pilate thought to survive, but he survived only to live wretchedly and die another day. The secret of Jesus is that those who are willing to die today to the selfish demands of survival at any price will live forever... It is Jesus, not Pilate, who is truly free. *Fr. James O'Kane (Shortish Homilies for 2017 / 18 [Year B])*

The Deep End – ‘So you are a King?’ *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*
 Today is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. The Jewish leaders want Jesus executed and so they bring him to Pilate who engages in a debate with Jesus on ‘kingship’. Jesus is accused of claiming to be a ‘king’ and this passage plays on both the political and religious meaning of that word. Pilate is concerned with whether or not Jesus poses a threat to Roman rule, while the Jewish religious leaders are worried about the type of ‘Messiah king’ Jesus claims to be. Through his ministry Jesus has shown them that His kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few ‘kings can measure up to this. Jesus is a servant King, a beacon light for today’s world. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship? When you look at the world’s political leaders, do they shine like a beacon light striving for peace, justice and care for the earth? On this Feast of Christ the King we celebrate a type of kingship that is a display of radical love. What a different world we would have if all those who hold power and authority led in such a way. Let us pray today that all leaders will be open to listening to the Spirit and strive for a more just world.

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*

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday
Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

IMPORTANT DATES
Service of Light (P7) Thursday 31st January, 7.30pm • **First Confession** Thursday 28th March, 7.30pm
Confirmation Saturday 6th April, 12 noon • **First Holy Communion** Saturday 11th May, 12 noon

2017 PARISH STATISTICS		
Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick’s Church		