

GREENCASTLE (G)

SAT 24 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	Fr. J. Ryder, RIP
SUN 25 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	8.30am	Christmas Mass	
	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Christmas Mass	Barney McCrory, RIP
TUE 27 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	12.30pm	Mass	1.00pm Adoration 4.00pm Benediction
SAT 31 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Michael James McCullagh RIP
SUN 1 JAN	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg	11.30am	Mass	Tommy Quinn (Month's Mind)

CHRISTMAS MASSES – ARDSTRAW EAST, BADONEY LOWER, BADONEY UPPER, GREENCASTLE

SAT 24 DEC	6.00pm	Greencastle	7.30pm	Gortin	9.00pm	Plumbridge	9.00pm	Glenock
CHRISTMAS EVE								
SUN 25 DEC	8.30am	Greencastle	8.30am	Plumbridge	10.00am	Rouskey		
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00am	Cranagh	11.30am	Broughderg	11.30am	Glenock		

SUN 25	Nativity of Our Lord – The Word was made flesh, He lived among us [John 1:1-18]
SAINTS	MON 26 St. Stephen – The first Christian martyr, stoned to death
AND	TUE 27 St. John – Apostle and Evangelist
FEAST	WED 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents – The baby boys slaughtered by King Herod
DAYS OF	THU 29 St. Thomas Becket – English bishop and defender of the faith
THE WEEK	FRI 30 Feast of the Holy Family
	SAT 31 St. Sylvester 1 – Pope in the early church

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Greencastle: £800 Badoney Lower: £992.75 + £1,000 donation *Thank you*

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD (GREENCASTLE): Pray for Fr. John Ryder (1st Anniversary), Joachim McCavanagh (father of Joann McCullagh and Una McLaughlin), Plunkett Devlin (formerly of Greencastle and uncle of Martin McCullagh), Michael James McCullagh, Barney McCrory, and Tommy Quinn.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL extends a thank you to everyone who helped to make Monday evening's nativity such a success and our absolute superstars who showed such reverence in their re-telling of the Christmas Story. *We are unbelievably proud of all our boys and girls!*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE: For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY (REMEMBER THIS IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS)

For Educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

JANUARY ROTA (G)	GREENCASTLE (6.00PM VIGIL)	BROUGHDERG (11.30AM)
READERS	Tish McElduff	Sean Teague
PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Orla Morris	Cara Rose/Colleen Brogan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Frankie Bradley	Patricia Donnelly
ALTAR SOCIETY	Eileen McKenna, Margaret McCrory, Margaret Morris, Patricia Donnelly	Mary Bradley
COLLECTORS	Raymond Bradley and Frank Keenan	Ciatai Warnock (TBC), Pat Coyle

BADONEY LOWER (BL)

SAT 24 DEC	St. Mary's, Rouskey	11.00am	Funeral Mass	John Tracey RIP
	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	
SUN 25 DEC	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am	Christmas Mass	
THU 29 DEC	St. Patrick's, Gortin	10.00am	Adoration	11.00am Mass
SAT 31 DEC	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm	Vigil Mass	
SUN 1 JAN	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am	Mass	

THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Tree	The evergreen tree symbolises everlasting life in the Kingdom of God
Christmas Lights	Signify that Jesus is the one true Light to eternal salvation. "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12)
Holly	Reminds us that Jesus would ultimately sacrifice his life for us on Good Friday. The prickly leaves symbolise the crown of thorns placed on his head and the red berries symbolise the drops of blood that he would spill for us.
Sharing of Gifts	When the three wise men paid homage to Jesus they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

BETHLEHEM AND NAZARETH: In Hebrew, Bethlehem means "House of Bread". In the Old Testament God sent mana from heaven to feed his people wandering in the desert but in the New Testament, He sent his son, the Messiah to be the bread of eternal life. Nazareth is derived from the Hebrew word for branch or offshoot. "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse (forefather of Joseph, our Lord's foster father) and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest on him" *Isaiah 11:1*

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD (BADONEY LOWER): We offer our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of John Tracey (Rouskey) who died this week and pray for Bridget Daly, Veronica Deeny, Paul Brogan and Eamon McCrory.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GORTIN:

Please use the side door when attending masses until repairs are finished on the steps.

GREENCASTLE BOXING DAY 5MILE ROAD RUN: Walk:10.30am Wheelchair: 11.50am Run: 12noon

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038 for more info

Saturday 20th to Saturday 27th May Spiritual Director Fr. Eddie Gallagher

2 nights in Rome and 5 nights in San Giovanni, half-board £975 (special offer: £100 discount)

MARIA'S GOSPEL HOUR: Due to huge interest Maria will be starting a show on YouTube at 4.00pm on Sundays. Search "@mariadoherly" on YouTube to watch on Christmas Day and New Year's Day onwards.

JANUARY ROTA (BL)	GORTIN (7.30PM VIGIL)	ROUSKEY (10.00AM)
READERS	Jo Keenan	Alice Woods
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Marie McDermott	Patsy McCrory, Gerard Bradley
ALTAR SOCIETY	Pauline McGoldrick, Anita McConnell, Edel McCullagh, Louise Mossey	Kate O'Neill, Julie Clarke, Margaret Keenan
COLLECTORS	---	Aaron O'Neill, Sean McCrory, Patsy McCrory
PARISH COUNTERS	Team E: Gabriel Trainor	