

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (26th January, 2014) Catholic Schools Week begins today

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Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week after in Ordinary Time [Year A] (27th January, 2014 – 2nd February, 2014)

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Saturday Evening (25th January)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
Do This In Memory (week 4)		6:00pm Vigil Mass
		9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 26th January	St. Patrick's	10.30am Confessions
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass
Monday 27th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious)		
Tuesday 28th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Thomas Aquinas (virgin and martyr)		
Wednesday 29th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Third Week in Ordinary Time		
Thursday 30th January	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Third Week in Ordinary Time		
Friday 31st January	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
St. John Bosco (priest)		
Saturday 1st February	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass:
St. Brigid (Abbess)		Crosses made from rushes will be blessed
Saturday Evening (1st February)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions
Service of Light and Commitment for our		6:00pm Vigil Mass:
young people preparing for Confirmation		Candles will be blessed
Sunday 2 nd February	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Presentation of the Lord [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions
, ,		11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £1,035.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for *Peter Clarke (Birmingham)*, brother to Eugene and John Anthony Clarke (Benefreaghan) who died this week. To them and the whole Clarke family we extend our sympathy and prayerful support.

St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry - Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs:

Saturday 5th April at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1st to 6th July, 2014): £599. From 18th January the Pilgrimage Office will be open at The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry on Saturdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm. You can also contact the office by calling (028) 7126 0293 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

Catholic Schools Week 2014: Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday 26th January and continues until Sunday 2nd February. The theme for this year is *Catholic Schools: Places of Faith and Learning*. To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese a Celebration of the Eucharist was held in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Thursday 23rd January at 10.00am. The main celebrant was Rev Francis Bradley, Diocesan Administrator.

Everyone is welcome to attend

Sperrin Wheelers - Registration Night: Friday 31st of January, upstairs in 'Eddies'.

If you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI/local Health and Social Care Trust (Northern Ireland). If contacting the local Health and Social Care Trust, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively, if you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wishes to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will, in turn, report this concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

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

Universal: That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

For Evangelisation: That priests, religious and lay people may work together with generosity for evangelisation.

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12; Lectionary 1 (page 647)

Sunday Scripture Readings cycle [Year A] • Weekday Scripture Readings cycle [Year 2]

Lotto Results: B • H • L • R • Z (5 drawn with 3 letters, winning £10 each) Next Jackpot: £1.550

Parish Liturgy for February, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Caitriona McCullagh	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Seoirse Conway		
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Gerry McCullagh Michael Clarke		Francis Keenan Colm Beggs
Altar Society	Siobhan McKer and Caitri	Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke	
New choir members will always be welcomed – contact Sinead			

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 25th January*	Third Sunday	Sunday 26th January
The family of Caelum Tracey	in Ordinary Time	The family of Leah McGuigan
Saturday 1st February	Feast of the	Sunday 2 nd February
The family of Eoin Bradley	Presentation of the Lord	The family of Shane McKenna
Saturday 8th February	Fifth Sunday	Sunday 9th February
The family of Cara-Rose Brogan	in Ordinary Time	The family of Michelle O'Brien

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.

What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community.

*Do This In Memory Week 4 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

A Prayer for your family to pray during Catholic Schools Week.

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of our family.

Thank you for the love that binds us together.

Help us to stay always strong and true to each other.

Thank you for the example of love given to us by Jesus.

May his life inspire us to be the best parents we can be.

Thank you for our school community, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School and for the teachers who guide and help our students to follow your ways.

May our Catholic schools and families always be rooted in the gospel message of love. Amen

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden Derryyane, Muff – St Brigid's Cross-Making Workshop:

Sunday 2nd February, 1.30pm followed by Mass for healing celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin in St Canice's Oratory at 7:30pm.

Irish Language Youth Club Returns Thursday 30th January, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Irish Conversational Class for Beginners Starts Thursday 30th January, 8.00pm to 9.00pm

Anybody interested in signing up contact Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001 or ni_mhearnog@hotmail.com.

This class focuses on learning conversational Irish that you can use in your everyday life, all ages welcome

Western Health and Social Care Trust – Information Evenings: If you are interested in fostering a child two Information Evenings are being held on Tuesday 28th January at 7.30pm in the Fir Trees Hotel in Strabane and Thursday 30th January at 7.30pm in Da Vinci's Hotel, Derry. For more information call the Rossdowney Fostering Recruitment Team on (028)7131 4200

Rouskey Community Centre – Dalradian Meeting: Monday 27th January at 7.00pm. A number of residents in the Curraghinalt, Attagh, Rousky, Greencastle, Gorticashel and Crockanboy Road areas are interested in setting up a group to represent residents' views to Dalradian. If interested, you are welcome to attend this initial meeting.

Loreto Convent Grammar School, Omagh – Open Night: Wednesday 29th January from 6.30pm, Principal's address at 6.30pm.

All P6 and P7 girls and their parents / guardians are welcome

Greencastle Vintage Club – AGM: Wednesday 29th January at 8.00pm in the GAA Clubrooms. New members welcome

Our Lady of Lourdes PS – Special Grandparents Assembly: Thursday 30th January from 10.30am for Catholic Schools Week.

All are welcome to attend, but we would particularly love to see as many grandparents as possible

Fund-Raising Cycle Event: Sunday 23rd February. With distances to suit all levels of ability and fitness

Institute of Irish Leadership, Pomeroy – Free Beginners and Level 1 Computer Classes in the Institute:

GCSE Irish class starts Wednesday 29th January at 7 30pm. Spaces available

The Church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by "attraction": just as Christ 'draws all to himself' by the power of his love, culminating in the sacrifice of the Cross, so the Church fulfils her mission...

It might reasonably be maintained that the true object of all human life is play. Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground. To be at last in such secure innocence that one can juggle with the universe and the stars, to be so good that one can treat everything as a joke - that may be, perhaps, the real end and final holiday of human souls.

G.K. Chesterton

Greencastle	Monday 27th January	P4 to P6	Catriona McAleer / Briege Beggs
Youth Club Rota	Worlday 27 " January	P7 to P10	Louise Coyle / Fiona McCrory

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

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 quidelines 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

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com 7th and 8th February • 7th and 8th March • 4th and 5th April • 9th and 10th May • 6th and 7th June Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

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.

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.

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Friday 14th February to Monday 17th February, 2014.

Please contact Eileen at events@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898 / 07840 182 004

Musings

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

Today's Second Reading shows that disunity could be found among Christ's followers from the outset. And yet, as the gifted preacher and writer Herbert McCabe OP once remarked: 'Christian divisions do not arise from weakness, from people failing in commitment to Christ. They arise from people striving to be faithful to the gospel while being so concerned with their own kind of striving that they become blind to the strivings of others. Christians discover, to their surprise, that they are separated. They wake up one morning to find that it has happened. It is certainly not something that they seek.'

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

The Deep End – The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand:

Jane Mellett (janemellet@yahoo.com)

Galilee was situated at the extremes of the Holy Land and Matthew stresses Jesus' decision to start there, almost at the ends of the earth. Jesus is entering into God's work and we might recall at some time having the sense that we are part of a greater movement, that we are God's instruments. Matthew sums up Jesus' message here as 'Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand'. He is calling people to a change of heart, to a new way of seeing and doing things. The Kingdom of Heaven is a vision of what the world would look like if God were in charge instead of human beings.

The story which follows is that of the calling of the fishermen. They responded to Jesus immediately, leaving their boats and nets. Not everyone can drop everything and walk away like they did for a greater cause, but we can certainly learn from their actions. Saint Francis of Assisi said: 'Preach the Gospel always. If necessary use words.' We might focus on the fishermen's actions today, stepping out of their boats and following Jesus.

If we could only see each other as we really are all the time. There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed. I suppose the big problem would be that we would fall down and worship each other... the gate of heaven is everywhere.

Thomas Merton

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *Matthew 4:12-13*:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

- 1. 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light' ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
- 2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
- 3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?
- 4. In v 23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

Omagh Volunteering Centre: Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and make a real difference within your local community. There are a wide range of volunteering opportunities currently available across the Omagh District area. Volunteer Befrienders, Coaches and Mentors are required by organisations including Mencap, Guide Dogs NI and Action on Hearing Loss, to enable them to deliver vital services for people with a learning or sensory disability. Organisations such as RNIB and NI Hospice need local volunteers to help set up local Support Groups, raise vital funds and awareness of their work in the Omagh area. Training and support is provided for all of the Volunteer roles.

Tel (Michelle): (078) 5444 6821 or (028) 8224 0772 Email: omatghvc2@yahoo.co.uk Office: First Floor of Community House

Crocheting and Knitting	4 weeks. 10 people needed Tuesday 28th January. £30 for 6 weeks. Crocheting and Knitting class will be back on Friday afternoons in February. 10 to 12 people needed		
with Mary Kally	be back on Friday afternoons in February. 10 to 12 people needed		
with Mary Relly			
Cooking Programme with Siobhan Sweeney for Over 50s	Begins Monday 17 th January at 11.30pm for £10 for 4 weeks. 10 places		
	Begins Wednesday 22 nd January at 8.30pm. £16 for 4weeks. For people		
Line Dancing Course	who have attended line dancing classes before. 10 to 12 people needed		
Contact Bridie on 07847 45	69 428, 07591 047 556 or 07847 459 428 and leave a message		
ingaged Encounter – Rules for Argu	uing: 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	Y If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again		
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	I Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues		
NO CHEAP SHOTS	S 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			
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	R Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine		
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING			
	on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world		

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 26th January –	St. Timothy and St. Titus (bishops) Close to St. Paul as followers and later in their
	work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's
	advice to him to take some wine for his stomach's sake, he has been invoked as a
	Patron Saint in cases of stomach complaint. Titus was sent to organise the Church
	in Crete. [Not celebrated this year]

Monday 27th January – St. Angela Merici (virgin and religious) [1474-1540] Founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness and concern for the individual.

Tuesday 28th January – St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and Doctor of the Church) [1224-1274] Born in Italy,
Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is a Patron Saint of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Friday 31st January – St. John Bosco (priest) [1815-1888] Born in Piedmont, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a Patron Saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

Saturday 1st February – St. Brigid (abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland) [c. 454-524] Renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare, with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. Her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland, but in several European lands.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

	Sunday 2 nd March	St. Patrick's	2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation
Sacramental	Temperance Sunday		
	Friday 28th March	St. Patrick's	6.30pm First Confession
Celebrations	Sunday 1st June	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
	Feast of the Ascension		·

Solemn Annual Exposition		Sunday 11th Ma	ay St. Patrick's
of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 24th Augus	st Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Socio Masses in our Paris		Tuesday 11th February • Tuesday 8th April • Thursday 29th May Saturday 19th July • Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October St. Patrick's	
Dublic Drovers for	Saturday 5th J	uly St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Public Prayers for our Deceased	Sunday 6th J	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
(Cemetery Sunday) (5th and 6th July)	Saturday 1st Novem	ber 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

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Saturday 25th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Saturday 22 nd February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Saturday 22 nd March	Third Sunday of Lent	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Friday 28th March	Third Week of Lent	6.30pm First Confessions (Reconciliation)	
Saturday 12th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Saturday 3 rd May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 1st June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion	
Saturday 22 nd June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass	