

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Fourth Week of Lent [Year A] (26<sup>th</sup> March, 2017)**  
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**Thought for Lent:** Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.  
*From a sermon by St. Peter Chrysologus (bishop) Prayer knocks, fasting obtains, mercy receives*

**Liturgy Schedule for the Third Week of Lent [Year A] (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March)**

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass: Willie Joe Morris (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and Margaret Morris (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Mass (Missae Pro Populo) Mass
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>6.45am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	Mass Mass
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b>	Mass
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mass
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Mass First Confession for primary 4 children
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mass Mass
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> St. Ceallach (Celsus) (bishop)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Mass followed by Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until <b>11.00am</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Mass (Missae Pro Populo) Mass

**Lenten Programme:** In addition to the usual Mass schedule there will be 6.45am Mass on each of the Mondays of Lent, along with Stations of the Cross after 10.00am Mass each Friday of Lent. *Mass at 7.30pm on the Fridays of Lent • All in St Patrick's*

**Weekly Collection:** £1,100 • **Clerical Education and Ongoing Formation:** £925  
*If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more*

**Remembering our Dead:** We pray for the repose of the souls of **Willie Joe Morris (10<sup>th</sup>)**, **Margaret Morris (5<sup>th</sup>)** and **David O'Hagan (5<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**First Confession:** Please keep in your prayers the children of Primary Four from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School who will make their First Confession on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**Rise up for 'I AM ALIVE':** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday) from 8.00pm in St. Columb's Hall, Derry. Come join Derry's own worship band on their one-year anniversary as they celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A musical celebration and a night not to be missed.  
*Tickets are £10 (available at Veritas, Derry)*

**Trócaire Lenten Message:** This Mother's Day we pray for mothers around the world who agonise over their children's futures in the harshest environments. We think of Miriam, who appears on this Lent's Trócaire Box, as she wonders if she will manage to get her little daughter Maria to safety when the next storm hits northern Honduras and floods their home.  
*Read Miriam and Maria's story at trocaire.org/lent*  
 "...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune" *Ecclesiasticus 3:4*

**Pioneer Lenten Challenge:** Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. You can make your Lenten pledge by visiting [pioneerassociation.ie](http://pioneerassociation.ie) and joining online or by contacting local parish Pioneer representatives. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

**St. Vincent de Paul Helpline:** For those in need of assistance please call 07738 837 992

**Pope Francis' Intention for April (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Young People:** That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**Next Week's Readings:** Ezekiel 37:12-14 • Psalm 129 R/v 7 • Romans 8:8-11 • John 11:1-45  
 Lectionary 1:305      **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>Parish Liturgy for April, 2017</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McCullagh	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Frankie Bradley	Eileen McKenna	Josephine Clarke
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Ryan Clarke	Lauryn Hollywood	Cara-Rose Brogan
<b>Collectors</b>	Noel McElhatton Francis McLaughlin	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Pat McGuigan Brendan Daly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Alice Keenan, Anne Donnelly and Anne Tuohey		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Tadhg Clarke</b>	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March The family of <b>Orla Morris</b>
<b>First Confession is scheduled for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm</b>		

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April The family of <b>Charles Conway</b>	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April The family of <b>Caelum Tracey</b>
<b>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</b>		

**RTÉ Mass:** The Parish of Greencastle in association with Trocaire and Dean Maguire College will be taking part in a live broadcast mass on Holy Thursday from the RTÉ Studios in Dublin. During this coming week various people will be approached to carry out different functions during the mass. There is room to accommodate around another dozen people on the bus to Dublin. If you are interested can you please leave your name and telephone number with Fr. Gallagher by Friday. If there are more names than places available he will draw names from a hat and get back to you.

**Pope John Paul II Awards:** The parish congratulates our parishioners Shauna Morris, Aileen Tracey, Conan Maguire and Michaela McBride of Dean Maguire College and Olivia Heagney of Holy Trinity College who received their Pope John Paul II Awards from Archbishop Eamon Martin on the evening of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. *Well done*

**Badoney Lower – Lenten Talks:** The following Lenten Talk events will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Gortin  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30pm:** Confessions and Reconciliation with God (presented by Teresa Lappin)  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm:** What does adult faith look like? (presented by Dr. Tony Hanna)  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm:** Youth Mass assisted by members of the Diocesan Youth

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service – Facilitator Required:** Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses. Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together? ACCORD is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships. Professional training provided - Certificate in Marriage Education (Special Purpose Award). Accredited by Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College Maynooth.  
**Email:** info@accordni.com • **Tel:** 02890 233002 • **Website:** accord-ni.co.uk • **Closing Date for Applications:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**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 [derryouthcommunity.com](http://derryouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)

**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. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.  
*For more information call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 7126 4087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)*

**Cross Border Jobs Fair:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. Eures Cross Border Partnership in conjunction with the Department of Social Protection and the Department for Communities in Northern Ireland. A large number of employers will be in attendance and will have a number of job offers available. *Admission free*

**Catholic Grandparents Association – First Annual Retreat / Conference:** *Speakers include Fr. Benny McHale*  
**Theme:** *Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly-secularised times*  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24  
 (Day only and overnight attendance options available). Inspiring talks, lively discussion  
**Tel:** Connie on +353 098 24877 • **Email:** catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

**Healing Mass at Columba House:** Fr. Neal Carlin and the Columba Community will celebrate a special Mass for healing on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Columba House, 11 Queen Street, Derry. *We invite you to come along and share in this evening*

**Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo – All-Ireland Rosary Rally:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
**Main Celebrant:** Bishop Brendan Kelly DD • **Homilist:** Fr. Thady Doyle  
 Also the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest

**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.mcmenamini@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

**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:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

**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 prayer 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

**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*

**Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Walking Challenge:**  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Walk the way of St. James. *Limited places*  
**Website:** childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

**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

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs and their families and friends:**  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass  
*If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087*

**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*

**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*

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:**  
**Knock Shrine:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 11.00am to 4.00pm (Mass at 3.00pm)  
**Rome Pilgrimage:** [Group 1] Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
 [Group 2] Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)  
 All Pope John Paul II Award participants, past and present are invited to take part in these very special celebrations along with their parish leaders and Award leaders. Please note that you must be over 18 to take part.  
*To find out more visit [thepopejohnpauliiaward.com](http://thepopejohnpauliiaward.com) or call Sean at the Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087*

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April – St. Ceallach (Celsus) (bishop) [1080-1129]** Became abbot of Armagh in 1105 and was ordained priest. He was influenced by the reform then in progress in Munster. He presided at the synod of Rathbreasail in 1111. In 1129, on a visitation of Munster he died and is buried in Lismore in accordance with his own request.  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – St. Francis of Paolo (hermit) [1416-1507]** Was a hermit and attracted others to his way of life, later called the Order of Minims. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 9:1-41:** *John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)*  
 1. A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are:  
 a. The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you?  
 b. The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?  
 c. There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

**Musings – 'As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth ...':** *Sacred Space, 2017 – Messenger Publications*  
 The opening question of the disciples was, 'Who is to blame?' This is a common question in the media today; perhaps it is part of my own vocabulary. Jesus reminds his disciples, and us, that sometimes no one is to blame but that difficult situations present an opportunity for us to be drawn into God's presence.  
 Lord, there were times I was lost and found, was blind and then could see. Thank you. The man's blindness is cured, but the blindness of those who won't believe in Jesus remains. I think of how I grope, stumble, and am unsure of my direction unless I can rely on Jesus, the light of the world.

**The Deep End – We are not blind, surely?** *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*  
 What a convoluted Gospel we have today. The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man's parents as witnesses.  
 The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?'  
 But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus' healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. 'If this man were not from God,' he says, 'he couldn't do a thing.' He understands that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.  
 Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: 'Lord, I believe.' The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. 'We are not blind, surely?' is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

2016 Parish Statistics		
<b>Baptisms (18)</b> 7 Boys 11 Girls	<b>First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)</b> 10 Boys 6 Girls	<b>Confirmations (21)</b> 10 Boys 11 Girls
<b>Marriages (16)</b> 7 within parish 9 outside parish	<b>Funerals (10)</b> 8 within parish 2 outside parish	<b>Station Masses in October</b> 8
<b>Events</b> The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		

**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](http://towardspeace.ie) • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**JMC Counselling and Training – Level 2 Award – Communicating with Children and Young People**  
 Begins Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm in the Loreto Grammar School, James Street, Omagh BT78 1DL  
 This course explores development across childhood and adolescence  
 Participants will also understand the specialist nature of working with children and young people  
**Duration:** 8 Weeks • **Entry Requirements:** None  
**Suitable for the following individuals:** Teachers, Youth Workers, Social Workers, Community Workers, Child Minders or anyone who comes into contact, or works with children  
*To find out more call (028) 8774 6582 or visit [jmccounsellingandtraining.co.uk](http://jmccounsellingandtraining.co.uk)*

**Thornhill Ministries – Lenten Programme:** *Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry*  
**Lent from the Inside** Thursdays from 10.30am to 2.30pm **Into the Twilight** Mondays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm  
 Five short retreat days as we reflect on the road of life An hour of silent meditation  
**Opening to the Word** Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.45am  
 Lectio: Quiet guidance in Scripture-praying  
**Tel:** (028) 7135 1233 • **E-mail:** [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org) • **Online:** [thornministries.co.uk](http://thornministries.co.uk) / find us on Facebook

**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.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Palm Sunday

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Good Friday

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Sunday

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am**

Confirmation

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 12.00noon**

First Holy Communion

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery**

Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am in Broughderg Cemeteries**

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