



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

**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Vocations) [Year B] (26<sup>th</sup> April, 2015)**  
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**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Bishop Donal McKeown will confer the Sacrament on our candidates, the young people of Year 7 attending our parish school, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary. We, in this parish faith-community of Greencastle, are honoured to have Bishop Donal join us for this important occasion in the lives of our young people. Our candidates for Confirmation 2015 are

Caitlin Clarke • Aoife Conway • Oisín Coyle • Rachel Devine • Tyler Gumley • Joseph Hagan  
Ruanai McDermott • Shauna McGurk • Alisha McKenna • Enda McKenna • Shauna McKenna  
Stephen Meenan • David Morris • Kieran Mullholland • Niamh Tracey • Joseph Warnock

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Easter [Year B] (27 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2015)		
<b>Saturday Evening (25<sup>th</sup> April)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter [Year B] Day of Prayer for Vocations	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass <b>2.00pm</b> Sacrament of Confirmation
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> Second Week of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr) and St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> St. Pius V (pope)	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> St. Joseph the Worker	St. Patrick's	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass: John McCullagh (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday Morning (2<sup>nd</sup> May)</b> St. Athanasius (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass:
<b>Saturday Evening (2<sup>nd</sup> May)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass <b>8.35am</b> Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) followed by opening of the Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Rose Hollywood (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) <b>4.30pm</b> Concluding prayers of Solemn Annual Exposition

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£1,167** and **£33** in loose change.  
**Lenten Trócaire Collection:** A further **£80** was received.  
**Diocesan Purposes Collection:** To be collected on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Trócaire has received information that the Government in London will match £ for £ your contribution to this year's Lenten Collection – they are one of 4 charities that have received this offer this year and so are especially grateful for your contributions in 2015. If you have any outstanding contributions to make please bring them in as soon as possible as these have to be with Trócaire by the end of this week.

**Sick and housebound Visitations:** These will be attended on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

**Remembering Our Dead:** Pray for **Mary Morris, Jane McNamee** and **John McCullagh** whose anniversaries occur now.

**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  
**Eoin Heagney (Greencastle) and Patricia Teague (Greencastle)** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage  
**Golden Jubilee Anniversaries (!):** We offer our prayerful support and congratulations to  
**Kenny and Philomena Conway** and **John and Angela McCullagh** who celebrate 50 years of marriage on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April and **Barney and Tish McCrory** who also celebrate their anniversary on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 • Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32, r/v 26 • 1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8 • (Lectionary I, page 514) **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**Exodus, A Fundamental Experience of Vocation:** This is the title of the Holy Father's Message for the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, to be held today (26<sup>th</sup> April – Fourth Sunday of Easter).

In the text, the Pope explains that at the root of every Christian vocation there is an exodus that starts from the renouncement of the comfort and inflexibility of the self in order to go forth trustfully, like Abraham, towards the "new land" that God indicates to us. This dynamic is relevant not only to a personal calling, but also to the missionary and evangelical action of all the Church, truly faithful to her Master, "to the extent that she is a Church which 'goes forth', a Church which is less concerned about herself, her structures and successes, and more about her ability to go out and meet God's children wherever they are, to feel compassion (com-passio) for their hurt and pain". It is a dynamic towards God and towards man that fills life with joy and meaning, as Francis says to the young, urging them not to let uncertainties obstruct their dreams, and not to be afraid to go forth.

**Continued in the online news sheet ([greencastleparish.com/newsheetarchive.htm](http://greencastleparish.com/newsheetarchive.htm)) →**

Parish Liturgy for May, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Siobhan McKenna	Helen / Brendan McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of the Faithful	Volunteer needed	Brianna Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Margaret Morris	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Brian Gillen Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Eileen McKenna and Ann McAleer		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
The Altar Society need volunteers for the months of June and July – can you help?			

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April The family of <b>Ryan McGlinchey</b>	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April The family of <b>Aoife Conway</b>

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May The family of <b>Daire Tracey</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May The family of <b>Oisín Coyle</b>
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. <b>What can you volunteer to do in your parish?</b> Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish.		

**Pope Francis' Intentions for May (please remember these in your personal prayer)**  
**Universal:** That rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.  
**Evangelisation:** That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularist cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

**In Thanksgiving for Religious Life:** In this Year of Consecrated Life, on Sunday 26 April at 4.30pm in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, there will be a special Evening Prayer to open a Floral Celebration in thanksgiving for the contribution of religious women and men in this diocese. This is an opportunity to show the support of the diocese to those in religious life. All are very welcome to attend, especially those who have relatives who are in religious congregations and orders.

**Marian Movement Regional Cenacle:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 10.30am to 4.30pm in St. Mary's Chapel, Ardmore, Derry City. The format will include rosary, confessions, talks and finish with Mass. Please bring a packed lunch.  
*For more information call (028) 8164 7672 or email [marianmovementcenacle@gmail.com](mailto:marianmovementcenacle@gmail.com)*

**World Youth Day:** This will be held in Kraków, Poland from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016. If you are aged between 18 and 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at [wyd@derrydiocese.org](mailto:wyd@derrydiocese.org) or alternatively, call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087. World Youth Day, founded by St. John Paul II is the largest gathering of its kind in the world. It is celebrated every 3 years, each year moving to a different country, with the Pope presiding over the event. WYD is an excellent opportunity for young people from across our diocese to come together, in fellowship, with other young Catholics from around the world, to share and engage in their faith.

**Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** This will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle next weekend. Please feel free to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings and those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers I invite people from the named areas to take responsibility to ensure a presence at specific times. **Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us**

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
<b>10.00am</b>	Glenhull / Aughminacrory	<b>1.30pm</b>	Benefreaghan
<b>10.30am</b>	Muniamale / Alworries	<b>2.00pm</b>	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan
<b>11.00am</b>	Crock / Coneyglen	<b>2.30pm</b>	Teebane / Carnanrancy
<b>11.30am</b>	Aughascribba	<b>3.00pm</b>	Crockanboy
<b>12.00pm</b>	Broughderg / Evishession	<b>3.30pm</b>	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
<b>12.30pm</b>	Formil East	<b>4.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule
<b>1.00pm</b>	Formil West	<b>4.30pm</b>	Concluding Prayers and Benediction

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month			
The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)	The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)	The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls us to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist

← continued from above [Exodus, A Fundamental Experience of Vocation]

**Pope's Message for the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations:** *Vatican City (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015) [VIS]*

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this way she reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus himself told his disciples, so that 'the Lord of the harvest may send out labourers into his harvest'. Jesus' command came in the context of his sending out missionaries. He called not only the twelve Apostles, but another seventy-two disciples whom he then sent out, two by two, for the mission. Since the Church 'is by her very nature missionary', the Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission. Hearing and following the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, means letting ourselves be attracted and guided by him, in consecration to him; it means allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into this missionary dynamism, awakening within us the desire, the joy and the courage to offer our own lives in the service of the Kingdom of God.

To offer one's life in mission is possible only if we are able to leave ourselves behind. On this 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I would like to reflect on that particular 'exodus' which is the heart of vocation, or better yet, of our response to the vocation God gives us. When we hear the word 'exodus', we immediately think of the origins of the amazing love story between God and his people, a history which passes through the dramatic period of slavery in Egypt, the calling of Moses, the experience of liberation and the journey toward the Promised Land. The Book of Exodus, the second book of the Bible, which recounts these events is a parable of the entire history of salvation, but also of the inner workings of Christian faith. Passing from the slavery of the old Adam to new life in Christ is a event of redemption which takes place through faith. This passover is a genuine 'exodus'; it is the journey of each Christian soul and the entire Church, the decisive turning of our lives towards the Father.

At the root of every Christian vocation we find this basic movement, which is part of the experience of faith. Belief means transcending ourselves, leaving behind our comfort and the inflexibility of our ego in order to centre our life in Jesus Christ. It means leaving, like Abraham, our native place and going forward with trust, knowing that God will show us the way to a new land. This 'going forward' is not to be viewed as a sign of contempt for one's life, one's feelings, one's own humanity. On the contrary, those who set out to follow Christ find life in abundance by putting themselves completely at the service of God and his kingdom. Jesus says: 'Everyone who has left home or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life'. All of this is profoundly rooted in love. The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves, 'decentring' us and triggering "an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self towards its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God'.

The exodus experience is paradigmatic of the Christian life, particularly in the case of those who have embraced a vocation of special dedication to the Gospel. This calls for a constantly renewed attitude of conversion and transformation, an incessant moving forward, a passage from death to life like that celebrated in every liturgy, an experience of passover. From the call of Abraham to that of Moses, from Israel's pilgrim journey through the desert to the conversion preached by the prophets, up to the missionary journey of Jesus which culminates in his death and resurrection, vocation is always a work of God. He leads us beyond our initial situation, frees us →

← from every enslavement, breaks down our habits and our indifference, and brings us to the joy of communion with him and with our brothers and sisters. Responding to God's call, then, means allowing him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness.

This exodus process does not regard individuals alone, but the missionary and evangelising activity of the whole Church. The Church is faithful to her Master to the extent that she is a Church which 'goes forth', a Church which is less concerned about herself, her structures and successes, and more about her ability to go out and meet God's children wherever they are, to feel compassion (com-passio) for their hurt and pain. God goes forth from himself in a Trinitarian dynamic of love: he hears the cry of his people and he intervenes to set them free. The Church is called to follow this way of being and acting. She is meant to be a Church which evangelises, goes out to encounter humanity, proclaims the liberating word of the Gospel, heals people's spiritual and physical wounds with the grace of God, and offers relief to the poor and the suffering.

Dear brothers and sisters, this liberating exodus towards Christ and our brothers and sisters also represents the way for us to fully understand our common humanity and to foster the historical development of individuals and societies. To hear and answer the Lord's call is not a private and completely personal matter fraught with momentary emotion. Rather, it is a specific, real and total commitment which embraces the whole of our existence and sets it at the service of the growth of God's Kingdom on earth. The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father's heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest. A disciple of Jesus has a heart open to his unlimited horizons, and friendship with the Lord never means flight from this life or from the world. On the contrary, it involves a profound interplay between communion and mission.

This exodus towards God and others fills our lives with joy and meaning. I wish to state this clearly to the young, whose youth and openness to the future makes them open-hearted and generous. At times uncertainty, worries about the future and the problems they daily encounter can risk paralysing their youthful enthusiasm and shattering their dreams, to the point where they can think that it is not worth the effort to get involved, that the God of the Christian faith is somehow a limit on their freedom. Dear young friends, never be afraid to go out from yourselves and begin the journey! The Gospel is the message which brings freedom to our lives; it transforms them and makes them all the more beautiful. How wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in adoration of the divine mystery and in generous service to our neighbours! Your life will become richer and more joyful each day!

The Virgin Mary, model of every vocation, did not fear to utter her 'fiat' in response to the Lord's call. She is at our side and she guides us. With the generous courage born of faith, Mary sang of the joy of leaving herself behind and entrusting to God the plans she had for her life. Let us turn to her, so that we may be completely open to what God has planned for each one of us, so that we can grow in the desire to go out with tender concern towards others. May the Virgin Mary protect and intercede for us all.

**Looking After Our Parish Cemeteries:** These are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please co-operate in their maintenance and care with respect, dignity and honour. Remove flowers and wreaths that have withered. Please do not dump them anywhere in the graveyard. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away and not dispose of it at the side of the cemetery

**Lough Derg – Upcoming Events:** **Tel:** 00353 71986 1518 • **Email:** info@loughderg.org  
**One Day Retreats:** Begins Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and continues on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May. *Advance booking is essential*  
**Three Day Pilgrimage Season:** From Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. You can begin on any day between then and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. *Pre-booking not required*

**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/or 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 Church entrances*

**Registration of the Religious of the Diocese:** Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card. *Thank you!*

**This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr)** Born in France 1803, joined the Marist. He worked on the island of Futuna, Oceania, where he was clubbed to death for baptizing the chief's son. He is honoured as the first martyr of the church in Oceania. [Not celebrated this year]

**St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (priest) [1673-1716]** A priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. His writings concern Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. He strongly promoted the praying of the rosary.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe)** Humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth century Europe, spent all her energies for the Church, being able to achieve the Pope's return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April – St. Pius V (pope) [1504-1572]** Dominican, elected Pope in 1565, he implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal and Catechism. He is noted for his defense of Christendom against the Ottoman empire.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – St. Joseph the Worker**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – St. Athanasius (bishop and doctor of the Church)** Athanasius was born in Alexandria in 295. He fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – St. Philip and St. James (apostles)** In the Gospel of John, Philip asks to see, and having seen, he tells the good news to others. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. James was the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord. He ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle and led a life of penance. He converted many people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62. *[Not celebrated this year]*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 10:11-18:** *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

- Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference that made for you as a child, and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.
- The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When you have known another to do this for you?
- Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation or guilt. We can become like the hired hands who do a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and by free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
- What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

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

Our Second Reading today asks us to consider 'what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!' We might consider here the well-known seanfhocal or proverb in Irish which runs 'Briseann an dúchas trí shúile an chait' ('Heredity breaks out in the eyes of a cat'). If we are, in fact, 'children of God' one would expect us to display some of the characteristics or traits of our Father in Heaven – to think and act in a God-like manner. Yet, if no-one knew we were children of God, would the family resemblance be immediately apparent to onlookers or not?

**TinyLife – Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies:** Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.

**Our Volunteers:** All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.

**How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer?** Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.

*Next Training Dates: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015*

**The Deep End – Shepherds Who Smell of Their Sheep:** *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, so named because of the excerpt from the Gospel of John in which Jesus speaks about himself as the 'good shepherd'. It is also known as a day of prayer for vocations. What makes a good shepherd? John tells us that the good shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The shepherd is at the service of his sheep. Above all, he knows his own sheep. What a simple yet profound model for those with leadership roles in our church, and indeed for all of us.

Pope Francis used quite a vivid image in this context a while back, calling on priests to be 'shepherds with the smell of sheep'. In The Joy of the Gospel, he places this responsibility on all of us: 'Each Christian and every community... all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries".' We cannot be at the service of people unless we know them, spend time with them and understand where they are coming from. We must be willing to serve, wherever help is needed.

A good shepherd does not remain indoors, watching from afar, hoping everything will be okay with his flock. He must be out among them in order to be able to protect and help them.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015			
Sacramental Celebrations	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm</b> Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
	Feast of the Ascension		

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May • Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>		St. Patrick's
	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>		Our Lady of the Wayside
<i>Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates</i>			

Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> July)	<b>Saturday Evening (4<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	St. Patrick's	Directly after <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
	<b>Sunday Morning (5<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after <b>11.00am</b> Mass
	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)

**'Do This In Memory'** liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass

**Changes in Mass Times:** Due to First Holy Communion on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg will be at 9.00am and Mass at St.Patrick's Church, Greencastle will be at 11.00am.

**Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season:** Opens Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April and continues until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. See poster on church notice boards for more details. [knock-shrine.ie](http://knock-shrine.ie) • 00353 949 388 100