



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderrg

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (26<sup>th</sup> July, 2015)**

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Best wishes to everyone travelling for their summer holidays, may your journeys be safe and your time away renewing and refreshing. For everyone staying at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most out of it.

***You are welcome to begin each day with daily Mass***

**Liturgy Schedule for the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (27<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2015)**

<b>Saturday Evening (25<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	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: Felix Slane (19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Martha	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Peter Chrysologus (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b> St. Ignatius Loyola (priest)	Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass: John Coyle (Month's Mind)
<b>Saturday Morning (1<sup>st</sup> August)</b> St. Alphonsus Ligouri (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass <i>First Friday of the Month</i>
<b>Saturday Evening (1<sup>st</sup> August)</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b> Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	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: Pat Tracey (Anniversary)

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of **£922.50** and **£17.50** in loose change.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for ***Felix Slane, Fr. Vincent MacRory*** and ***Francis McCrory***, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick and housebound Visitations:** These will be attended on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

**St. Patrick's Cemetery:** Fr. Hasson gratefully acknowledges the receipt of **£20** in individual donations received this week for the support of the on-going work.

**Annual National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick –Reek Sunday:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Confessions on the summit from 7.30am to 2.00pm with Mass on the summit every half-hour between 8.00am and 2.00pm.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg:** Bishop McKeown will lead and invites you to join him on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. If you are aged 16 and over and would like to register, please call Niamh Moore at the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email n.moore@hotmail.co.uk

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

**Universal – Volunteers:** That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

**Evangelisation – Outreach to the Marginalised:** That setting aside our very selves, we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 • Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, r/v 24 • Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
John 6:24-35 • Lectionary I, page 782      ***Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]***

Parish Liturgy for August, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Monica Coyle	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of the Faithful	Aidan / Ryan Clarke	Rosemary McCullagh	Conan Maguire
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Michael McElhatton	Peter Tracey Eoghan Clarke	Perry McCrory Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Siobhan McKenna, Caitriona McCullagh and Ciara McKenna		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead Donnelly			

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Michael McGlinchey</b>	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July The family of <b>Niamh Tracey</b>

As a parish community we thank the young people from year 4 and year 7 and their families for the important task of leadership at our Sunday Masses throughout the year they display when they bring the gifts to the altar on our behalf. During the summer months no particular family will be scheduled for this task so anyone can volunteer to participate and we say thanks to you for taking on this responsibility.

**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 before Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August in Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged between 16 and 35, this is a great opportunity to find out what your Catholic faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland.  
*For more info and to book online visit [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie) or call 01675 36 90*

**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 and 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 Conway on (028) 8225 1559 to book your appointment or for more information*

**The Catholic Grandparents' Association** has asked that on this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July (Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of Mary) you pray with your people for all grandparents, in thanksgiving for the important role that they play in handing on the faith in families and in the church as a whole.

**Universal Prayer for Grandparents**  
*Composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008*

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,

that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,

help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. *Amen*

***Please honour the special needs parking spaces in the Church car park***

**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 or into our neighbour's property. Ask Monumental Sculptors who have completed their work to take rubble away.

**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!*

**Alcohol: The Challenge of Moderation** *A pastoral letter from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference*

We commend the many adults and young people who have chosen to remain abstinent from alcohol until 18 years old or for life.

We encourage people who feel that for them alcohol has become a problem and decide to seek professional help from treatment centres, local health services or support groups in their community.

We commend all the good work which is done by support groups around the country and the many parishes and communities that provide meeting rooms and services for such groups.

What a great legacy and gift it would be for our children if we would be the generation brave enough to promote and work for an attitude and culture of moderation rather than excess in our use of alcohol. If we could promote abstinence or moderation and create attitudes towards alcohol use that are conducive to a better and healthier way of life, then indeed we would be leaving a wonderful inheritance to future generations.

*Full text can be read at catholiccommunications.ie*

**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/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 entrances*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015		
<b>Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> Our Lady of the Wayside
<b>Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. Patrick's	
	<i>Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed</i>	
<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)

**A Prayer for Our Earth**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*Pope Francis – from his encyclical 'Laudato Si' – 'Praised be' (Published 18<sup>th</sup> June) [tinyurl.com/o6sowft](http://tinyurl.com/o6sowft)*

**Diocesan Prayer for Year of Consecrated Life**

God our Creator and Guide,  
You call us out of darkness into  
Your wonderful Light,  
making us a Royal Priesthood, a Holy  
People, set apart to sing Your praises.

May our families and parishes  
continue to nourish the seeds of vocation  
to the Consecrated Life and the Priesthood.

And may all who have already  
responded to this call, like Mary, live with  
openness of heart, to treasure Your  
presence, to ponder Your actions,  
so that all may joyfully proclaim Your  
goodness now and always. *Amen*

<b>Ordination to Priesthood:</b> Rev. Sean O'Donnell will be ordained a priest of our diocese at 3.00pm on Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Please keep him and all considering responding to God's call to priesthood in your personal and family prayers this week. The following priests in our diocese have / will be celebrating special jubilees this year. Pray for them:		
<b>60 years</b> (1955)	Dr. Brendan Devlin [5 <sup>th</sup> March, retired] Fr. Bernard Bryson [19 <sup>th</sup> June, retired] Msgr. Ignatius McQuillan [19 <sup>th</sup> June, retired]	Fr. Michael Mullan [19 <sup>th</sup> June, retired] Fr. Art O'Reilly [5 <sup>th</sup> March, CC Banagher]
<b>55 years</b> (1960)	Fr. Michael Collins [12 <sup>th</sup> March, retired] Fr. John Doherty [19 <sup>th</sup> June, CC Melmount]	Bishop Francis Lagan [19 <sup>th</sup> June, retired] Fr. Seamus O'Connell [19 <sup>th</sup> June, retired]
<b>50 years</b> (1965)	Fr. Oliver Crilly [20 <sup>th</sup> June, PP Greenlough]	Bishop Kieran O'Doherty [20 <sup>th</sup> June, PP Granaghan]
<b>45 years</b> (1970)	Fr. Eugene Boland [11 <sup>th</sup> April, Bishop's Office Derry]	
<b>40 years</b> (1975)	Fr. Charles Keaney [1 <sup>st</sup> June, PP Coleraine] Fr. Michael Doherty [15 <sup>th</sup> June, PP Melmount]	Fr. Patrick Doherty [15 <sup>th</sup> June, PP Glendermott & Strathfoyle]
<b>35 years</b> (1980)	Fr. Edward McGuinness [8 <sup>th</sup> June, Bishop's Office, Derry] Fr. Eugene Hasson [14 <sup>th</sup> June, PP Greencastle]	Fr. Fintan Diggin [22 <sup>nd</sup> June, PP Clomany]
<b>30 years</b> (1985)	Fr. David O'Kane [15 <sup>th</sup> June, PP Claudy]	
<b>25 years</b> (1990)	Fr. Paul McClafferty [24 <sup>th</sup> June, Bishop's Office, Derry]	
<b>10 years</b> (2005)	Fr. Peter O'Kane [24 <sup>th</sup> June, Post-grad studies, Rome]	

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

Today's First Reading and Gospel are clearly related, recounting, as they do, the feeding of one hundred people with twenty barley loaves on the instruction of Elisha and, far surpassing this wonder, five thousand people with five loaves on the instruction of Jesus. In each instance, there is considerable doubt beforehand: 'but how can?', 'but what are they among so many people?' Each of us, too, have our own questions today: 'but how will we manage to make ends meet this month?', 'how will I get through this repeat exam?', 'how will I face these hospital tests?', 'how will I cope without him/her?' Can we trust in a generous God to surprise us too?

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

- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July – *St. Joachim and St. Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*** Both received the vision of an angel, who announced that Anne would conceive and bear a most wondrous child. The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom Anne named Mary. When the child was three years old, Joachim and Anne, in fulfilment of her divine promise, brought Mary to the Temple at Jerusalem, where they left her to be brought up. This event became so important in church doctrine that by 1585 Pope Sixtus V included in the Western church calendar the liturgical feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary (21<sup>st</sup> November). Although this festival originated early in the East, probably at Jerusalem in 543, its first Western observance was recorded in England in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Anne is the Patron of Brittany and Canada and of women in labour. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July – *St. Martha*** Sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the son of God and in the resurrection. In welcoming a guest we welcome Christ; we show our Christian spirit of service; and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God.
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July – *St. Peter Chrysologus (bishop and doctor of the Church)*** 'Golden-Mouthed' died c. 450, bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July – *St. Ignatius of Loyola (priest) [1491-1556]*** Founded the Society of Jesus. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory.
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August – *St. Alphonsus Liguori (bishop and doctor of the Church) [1696-1787]*** Founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life. He is remembered as a popular preacher and influential writer of theology.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *John 6:1-15*.

*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life, with which Jesus feeds us. Can you recall an experience of Eucharist that was especially significant for you? What was it that made it different? How did it influence your understanding of the Eucharist?
2. Take, give thanks, distribute. The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?
3. From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?
4. Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?

### The Deep End – *Spiritual Fast Food*.

*Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

There are many things to reflect on in today's Gospel. It is rich in symbolism and you can imagine yourself in the many different characters of the text today. The people who had gathered were hungry in every sense of the word and Jesus and the disciples are faced with a huge dilemma.

When we are faced with a huge challenge, our attitude towards it is key. Some of us are like Philip, stating the facts but unable to see a way out of the situation. Some are like Andrew, who sees the young boy with the small amount of provisions he had, yet he is unable to see how they may be of use. Sometimes we can be the people sitting, hungry, in poverty (physical or spiritual) waiting for someone to come and show us the way.

Have you ever wondered about this young boy? He handed over the little he had, perhaps confused yet hoping it would do something to help the situation they were in. It is a powerful gesture and one that reminds us that it is not the size of the gifts or the expectation of return that is important. How must he have felt when he saw the events unfold? Jesus turns these small resources into something truly amazing. Very often we can react like Andrew and not see the value in the small gestures. Jesus satisfies the deep hunger within and shows the crowd that he is someone to hope in. We must never think that our small resources and gifts are not enough to do amazing things.