

The Mass

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A
26TH JULY, 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Stand)

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

PENITENTIAL ACT (1)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy. **People:** Christ, have mercy

Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

◀◀ SIT ▶▶

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

A reading from the first book of Kings:

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what you would like me to give you." Solomon replied, "Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. "Since you have asked for this," the Lord said, "and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you."

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 118

[R] Lord, how I love your law!

[1] My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. [R]

[2] Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. [R]

[3] That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. [R]

[4] Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. [R]

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans:

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

(Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

[Shorter Versions: Matthew 13:44-46]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the Fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They said, "Yes." And he said to them, "Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old."

The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(Sit)

THE CREED

(Stand)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

◀◀ SIT ▶▶

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

◀◀ KNEEL ▶▶

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (1)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.
People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb ...
People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (26th July, 2020)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
Website: greencastleparish.com • **Email:** greencastlepp@yahoo.com • **Tel:** (028) 816 48474

Thought for the Week: "Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?"
St. Augustine of Hippo

Liturgy Schedule for the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time [Year A] (26th July – 2nd August)

Saturday 25th July St. James (apostle)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Binnefreaghan)
Sunday 26th July 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside Facebook Live	9.00am 11.00am	Mass (Teebane East, Carnanrancy and Aughminacrory / Coneyglen) Mass followed by Angelus and Rosary
Monday 27th July	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass: James Daly (4 th Anniversary) Angelus and Rosary
Tuesday 28th July	Facebook Live	9.00am	Mass and Rosary
Wednesday 29th July St Martha	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday 30th July	Facebook Live	10.00am	Mass and Rosary
Friday 31st July	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Angelus and Rosary
Saturday 1st August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori (bishop and doctor of the Church) (Formil, minus Aughascribba Road)			
Sunday 2nd August 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	9.00am 11.00am	Mass (Cashel, Leaghan and Brackagh South) Mass followed by Angelus and Rosary

Remembering our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **James Daly (4th)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and for all who have died due to Covid-19.

Parish Bulletin and Mass Leaflets: During the months of July and August Parish Bulletins will be printed using unused Mass Leaflets. For mass in church a number of Mass Leaflets will be printed for those attending each weekend. *For those following mass online a weekly link to the leaflet will be posted with the bulletin on the website*

Anniversary Masses: As we recommence public masses on a rota basis for townlands it may become difficult to be present for an anniversary mass when your townland or area is not rostered. Here are some possibilities, you may wish to book a mass for some of the other weekdays, Monday or Friday Morning or Wednesday evening (when scheduled) or for Facebook Live Masses on Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday morning. We will try to accommodate as far as possible. Please understand the less than ideal situation we are trying to work with.
If you wish to book a mass please contact Fr. Gallagher

Mid Ulster Agewell: Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.
For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org

Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)
The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3 • Psalm 144:8-9, 15-18, R/ v 16 • Romans 8:35, 37-39
 Matthew 14:13-21 • Lectionary 1:685 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Public and Facebook Live Weekend Mass Schedule: As the general situation either improves or otherwise we will adjust the schedule as necessary. Please continue to be patient with us as I am sure not all will not be to everyone's satisfaction but we are trying to do our best within the guidelines we have been given to follow. Please follow the directions of the ushers / stewards who will greet you outside the church, in the porch and who will lead you or direct you to your seat. So far no one has had to be asked to listen to mass from their cars in the car park. All other instructions will be given during the course of mass. For the time being Fr Gallagher will lead the singing during mass. Please see the timetable below for public masses and take note of the date and time of mass set aside for your area. Families from areas outside the parish who attend regularly are invited to attend mass within the townland nearest to their home or original family home. Once again please also note that Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended but as an alternative you are welcome to come to mass on Monday or Friday at 10.00am or Wednesday at 7.30pm when mass is scheduled. Mass will also continue at 11.00am on Facebook Live every Sunday.
Please consult the bulletin each weekend

Saturday 1st August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil (minus Aughascribba Road)
Sunday 2nd August	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Cashel, Leaghan and Brackagh South
Saturday 8th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule (minus Maryville and Sheskinshule View)
Sunday 9th August	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Broughderg and Crock
Saturday 15th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Muninamale, Alworries and Aughascribba Road
Sunday 16th August	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Crockanboy, Maryville and Sheskinshule View
Saturday 22nd August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Binnefreaghan
Sunday 23rd August	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacrory and Coneyglen

Arrangements for other Sacraments and Ceremonies:
Baptism: If you have a child for baptism contact Fr. Gallagher and a date and time for baptism will be organised.
Marriage: Most weddings for 2020 have been rearranged for 2021. Any weddings in church in 2021 will follow government capacity regulations.
Confirmation: It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday 5th September at 11.00am.
First Communion: It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday 26th September at 11.00am with First Confession shortly beforehand.
Confession: In the short-term during summer months (weather permitting) Fr. Gallagher will be available for Confession at the Calvary in the graveyards on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 5.50pm in St. Patrick's Church and Sundays from 8.30am to 8.50am in Our Lady of the Wayside. Confession with social distancing and privacy in the church building is quite difficult to achieve hopefully this will resume in the near future.
Funerals: According to present regulations only 30 people are permitted in the church or cemetery at any one time.
Please note that as regulations change we will either extend or roll back on these arrangements, please follow any directions given by ushers. Further details next weekend

The Net – July-August, 2020 Edition: With the Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the July-August edition of 'The Net' will only be available on the Diocesan website at this stage (derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-july-august-2020). However, the publication will be available again in parishes when the restrictions are lifted.
For inclusion of your faith related news in future editions just email editorthenet15@gmail.com

Prayer for the End of the Virus: Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

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

Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):

Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies
 Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or
 listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply)

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 • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** towardspeace@iecon.ie

Alcoholics Anonymous: Can't stop? There is a solution.

Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email csoofaa@btinternet.com. alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

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

Accord Counselling Services: Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.

If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

Epilepsy Action NI: Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?

Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

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

Online Youth Programmes: To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit:

Facebook: DerryDiocesanYouth **Instagram:** derryyouth

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.

*Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on
 (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk*

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 derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

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

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage

2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people

4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth

6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

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

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 / 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*

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". Pope St. John Paul II

A Prayer for Now: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

Scripture Saturday with Bishop Donal: Created by Derry Diocesan Youth, Bishop McKeown presents a series of short lessons on the Gospel in easy-to-understand, short (3-4 minute) videos, with tips and references of where and how to use these lessons in your daily life. *View the series at derrydiocese.org/scripture-saturday*

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Derry Youth Community: A faith-based Gap Year opportunity for young adults aged between 18 and 25 is now open for applications for the year starting September, 2020. DYC offers the opportunity to live in community, to develop and be formed in faith and be involved in youth ministry in parishes. The three main aspects of DYC are: Accompaniment, Community and Encounter. *If interested and for more info email dyc@derrydiocese.org*

Trócaire: Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. As with your parish envelope please leave at Broughderg Post Office, St Patrick's Church Sacristy outside door postbox or the Parochial House. No boxes please.

Please also fill in Gift Aid details on envelope. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination. *If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 29th 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.

Saturday 1st August – St. Alphonsus Mary de 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.

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2019
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	1 within parish • 6 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	11

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000
 6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people
 3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people

The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics
 7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?

In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.
 The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s
 The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg GAA / Greencastle Community Association: Like all communities at the minute Greencastle is about to enter into unfamiliar territory as we face the influx of the Covid-19 coronavirus. No one knows what the incoming days and weeks bring, however, what we are sure of, is that we as a community will be supporting each other. We have a number of volunteers within our community who have already put their names forward to help where needed. If you, your family or someone you know is currently in self isolation and require some help please contact any of the individuals below. We would encourage everyone to make a call to your neighbour as they may need help and again please contact any of the individuals below. We have a team of volunteers willing to help where required, it may be something like picking up some shopping, posting some mail, lifting a prescription or just a friendly phone call. *For up to date info and advice visit www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus*
 Collie Touhey: 07970 379 741 Fiona Teague: 07813 935 996 Briege Beggs: 07799 058 273

Community Coordination Hub: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Covid-19 Community Coordination Hub will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline to assist residents who may have become isolated and vulnerable due to the impacts of Coronavirus and the associated mitigation measures. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure those most at risk will have access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. **Access to Food Parcels** provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who can't leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, don't have support through family, friends or access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. Please complete the Food Parcel Request Form and a member of the Council's Community Coordination Hub will contact you. We aim to respond to requests within 24 hours. Referrals to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Coordination Hub for other support services are directed through the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline:
Freephone 0808 802 0020 Text ACTION to 81025 Email covid19@adviceni.net
 Support and advice is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week.

Help is available for the Unemployed: Have you recently been made redundant or are unemployed? If so, SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support with job searches, CV building, interview preparation. mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in the local area. An online course provision is also available which includes mindfulness and meditation, money management, holistic therapies, self-care, employability, confidence and motivation, job club and much more.
For more information email Tracy at tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk or call (074) 3653 3475

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