

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (26th August, 2012)
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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 at home may the weather be kind and may we all make the most of it.
If you are a homemaker, on school holidays, not presently working or retired you are invited to make time in your schedule to attend Mass daily. Thank you for your support especially during the summer season

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (27th August, 2012 – 2nd September, 2012)

Saturday Evening (25th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 26th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Joseph O'Neill (Anniversary)
Monday 27th August St. Monica	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 28th August Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 29th August The Beheading of John the Baptist (martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 30th August St. Fiacre (monk)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: DDS members and benefactors
Friday 31st August St. Aiden of Lindisfarne (bishop and missionary)	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass
Saturday 1st September Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (1st September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 2nd September 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] <i>Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 11.00am Mass until 4.30pm</i>	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£980**.
Annal Sisters of Nazareth Collection: Thank you for your support, which amounted to **£630**.

Baptisms: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Daniel Patrick Goodwin** who was baptised recently. May our adult community offer our newly baptised and his parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Fill their hearts with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of understanding, joy, fortitude and peace
 We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to
Patrick Bradley (Greencastle) and Grainne O'Connor (Dunamanagh) Thursday 12th July
Eoin Clarke (Greencastle) and Rhonda McKenna (Maghera) Wednesday 22nd August
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Fr. Kieran Devlin (P. Em. Badoney Lower)** who entered eternal life last Tuesday evening, please remember him in your prayers. We also pray for **Joseph O'Neill, Kathleen McGuigan** and **Matthew McGuigan**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Father Kieran Devlin (P. Em. Badoney Lower): It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Fr. Kieran Devlin at his sister's home in Sligo on Tuesday 31st August. His remains were brought to St. Mary's Church, Rouskey for Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd August (Feast of St. Eugene, patron of the diocese). Requiem Mass was celebrated on Saturday 25th August at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church, Rouskey with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Sick and Housebound: These will be attended **Monday 3rd September**. Let them know if you live nearby.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)

General – Politicians: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.
Missionary – Help for the Poorest Churches: That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people along with concrete resources to the poorest Churches.

Next Sundays Readings: Joshua 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14:2-5, 16-23, r/v 1; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; (Lectionary I, page 793) **(Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)**

Parish Liturgy for September, 2012	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Caitriona McCullagh	Anne McDermott
Prayers of Intercession	Emma McCullagh	Rosemary McCullagh	---
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Seamus Keenan	Patrick Tuohy Michael Bradley	Pat McGuigan EoinClarke
Altar Society	Nuala Glass, Rosemary Conway and Merissa Conway		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

New choir members will always be welcome, contact Sinead to learn more

Offertory Gifts: 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.

Parish Mission Weekend (Thursday 27th September to Tuesday 2nd October): With Fr. Joseph Nangle OFM, who served twelve years as the Co-Director of Franciscan Mission Service. He spent fifteen years as a missionary in Bolivia and Peru and is currently engaged in ministry to the Hispanic community of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Arlington, Virginia. Fr. Joe is also a member of the Assisi Community in Washington DC, an intentional Catholic community of lay and religious men and women dedicated to a simple life-style and social change.
Keep this weekend free and invite your neighbours to do the same

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This will take place in Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg next weekend. Please feel welcome to attend at any time throughout the day to pray for your personal needs or blessings as well as those of our wider parish community and world. To ensure a continuity of worshippers people are invited from the named townlands to take responsibility to ensure a presence.
"Teach us the lesson of silence, of prayer, of quiet – Lord hear us"

Time	Townland	Time	Townland
11.30am	Formil West	2.30pm	Teebane / Carnanrancy
12.00pm	Broughderg / Evisheession	3.00pm	Crockanboy / Sheskinshule
12.30pm	Formal East / Aughascribba	3.30pm	Maryville / Sheskinshule View
1.00pm	Muninamale / Alworries	4.00pm	Crockanboy / Coneyglen / Glenhull / Aughminacroy
1.30pm	Binnafreaghan		
2.00pm	Cashel / Brackagh / Leaghan	4.30pm	Concluding prayers and Benediction

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates:
Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 24th October
 It would be a blessing if a family in each townland would host a Station Mass this October – please consider it – hospitality should be kept to the minimum. *Gathering to pray the Mass together will be most important*

Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests: 1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (**this will take place in Greencastle on Thursday 30th August**). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. **Living:** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

Viatres Christi Overseas Volunteering Information and Recruitment Sessions: Belfast on Thursday 30 August at 7.30pm in St John's Parish Hall, 470 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6EN. Dublin on Saturday 1st September at 11am in the Irish Aid Volunteering Centre, 27 - 31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. colette@viatoreschristi.com 0035318689986 viatoreschristi.com

Fr. Shields Camogie Club – Tyrone Junior Camogie Final Championship: Sunday 26th August at 5.15pm at Edendork pitch.
The team would welcome all support to cheer them on

Irish Dancing Classes with Patricia Wilson: Resumes Monday 3rd September at 4.15pm in Greencastle.

Lady of the Lough Charis Integrated Care: Eddies bar on Sunday 26th August from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, music by *Hype*.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre Upcoming Events	Sunday 26th August: Dance
	Sunday 2nd September: 2.30pm sponsored walk then refreshments

Lotto Results: B – H – K – M – W (9 people with 3 letters, 5 drawn – £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £1,600

Children in Crossfire Upcoming Events	Zipline Across the River Foyle: You are invited on Saturday 1 st September. Travel 1,300ft across a 170ft drop at 35mph.
	Three Day Cycle Challenge: Friday 14 th – Sunday 16 th September. Derry to Enniskillen to Sligo to Donegal Town to Derry.
Tel: +44 (0)28 71269898 Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org Online: childrenincrossfire.org	

Our Parish cemeteries are special places providing a focus for our prayerful remembrance of the dead. Please cooperate 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.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2012-2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com
 12th and 13th October 9th and 10th November 1st and 2nd December 11th and 12th January
 8th and 9th February 8th and 9th March 12th and 13th April 10th and 11th May 7th and 8th June
 Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD
 Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time
 God our Father, we you people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, in good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.
Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em. (Badoney Lower, 2012)

Barnardo's Main Office Line for the Child Bereavement Service in Belfast Number Change:
 Please note that this number is no longer (028) 9069 4000 anymore and is now (028) 9066 8333.

Clothing Collection at Carrickmore: A Carrickmore parishioner and friend of St. Josephine who has housed 150 refugee families in Medjugorje wishes to assist and advance the skills of these families in order to make them more self-sufficient. To this end, a clothing collection is on-going at the GAA Grounds, Carrickmore. *Your support is appreciated. Call Briege on (028) 8076 0667 / 07687 934 684 or Colette on (028) 8076 1493*

Looking for a book for your parish study group? Consider *The Mystery of Work*: This is a book that teaches how to turn ordinary acts into acts of prayer, a collection of insights by saints, popes and mystics about how work itself can be prayer. Recommended for spiritual development by Fr. Raphael Simon, OCSO, Trappist monk and Retreat Master. Excerpt: "I believe quite simply that it is Jesus Himself, hidden deep in my poor little heart, who works within me in a mysterious manner and inspires all my daily actions." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Free Study Guide downloadable from our website. Purchase indiv. copies at Amazon. For 5 or more copies at discounted prices, see our website. logosinstitute.org

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: (028) 8225 1116
 Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.

War is so complex it's beyond the ability of the human mind to comprehend. Our judgment, our understanding, are not adequate. And we kill people unnecessarily. *Robert S. McNamara (architect of the war in Vietnam)*

NVQ Level 2 and 3 Health and Social Care and NVQ Level 3 Business Administration, Training and Work Experience; Available FREE for people out of work. Contact Omagh District Training Consortium on (028) 8224 6535 or email odtc@omagh.gov.uk.

Family Care Society – Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged under 8 and who need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?
For more information contact Family Care Society on (028) 9069 1133 (Belfast) or (028) 7136 8592 (Derry) email@familycaresociety.org familycaresociety.net

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012
 Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sunday 2nd September	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	
Thursday 30 th August	Friday 19 th October
Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Patrick's Church unless a Requiem is needed	
Friday 2nd November	St. Patrick's 8.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Parish Pastoral Councils – Support Programme: As the Year of Faith begins, the 2nd phase of the Support Programme for the introduction of new Pastoral Councils in the diocese is well advanced. Seven parishes are taking part in Phase Two, which appears to be going very well to date.

I am writing to invite your participation in Phase Three of the programme which it is hoped to begin in January 2013 (see attached). The programme will be most suited to those parishes where the parish priest and interested lay members have already given serious consideration to the establishment of a Pastoral Council and where assistance is sought with the process of setting one up.

In order to provide meaningful support and formation, it is expected that the programme will be made available to eight to ten parishes in the third phase. As before, to allow a greater opportunity for learning and development during the programme, it is hoped to enrol at least two parishes from each deanery. If it continues to be successful, the programme will be reviewed and repeated for a further group of parishes in 2014.

Please consider if you and your parish are able to make the following commitments:

- The Parish Priest, other priests (if any), and three lay delegates from the Parish are prepared to attend a Study Day (on Saturday 19 January 2013) and to form a co-ordinating team for the introduction of a Pastoral Council in the Parish.
- The co-ordinating team will arrange the proposed Introductory Weekend for the parish during early February 2013, with prayers during the weekend and an explanatory homily at all Masses.
- The questionnaire on 'The Life and Future of our Parish as a Living Faith Community' will be distributed, collected and analysed before the end of March 2013.
- A Parish Assembly will be held and first members of the Pastoral Council selected in or around April - June 2013 in accordance with the Diocesan Norms.
- The first members of the new Pastoral Council will attend a residential weekend formation programme to be arranged during September-October 2013.
- The Co-ordinating team will participate in evaluation and review of the programme for the benefit of development of the programme.
- The costs of the programme will be met by the parish.

Monsignor Eamon Martin (Diocesan Administrator)

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry – Mass for the Deaf Community: Wednesday 29th August at 7.30pm.
Celebrants are Fr. Mike Depcik, a Deaf Oblate of St Francis De Sales, Chicago, USA and Fr. Eamon Graham, Derry Diocesan Chaplain to the Deaf Community. The Mass will be celebrated verbally and in sign language, with a Powerpoint projection of the text of the Mass. *Buffet for all in the Irish Cultural Centre after Mass*

Contemplative Outreach Dublin – An Introduction to Centering Prayer as Relationship – The method of Centering Prayer – Use of a sacred word – Deepening the relationship with God:
Saturday 22nd September, 10.00am to 3.00pm in St. Augustine's Church Hall, Derry. Presented by Sr. Fionnuala Quinn O.P. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. There is no charge for this event but donations to cover expenses would be much appreciated. For further information or to register please contact Janice on 07734 417 824 or janicedoherty@hotmail.com.

Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy: Campsie Playing Fields, Omagh from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd August from 10.00am to 3.00pm daily for boys and girls aged 5 to 17 years.
For bookings and further details call Sean Davis FAI, IFA, FA European A Licence Coach on (028) 7126 3044

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 29th April – Sunday 14th October.
See poster on church notice boards or visit knock-shrine.ie || T: (00353) 94938 8100 / F: (00353) 94938 8295

Age NI – Digital Switchover Scheme: Age NI is one of the partners in the digital switchover scheme for Northern Ireland in the run up to switchover this October. We are now recruiting for volunteers to help with the home visit service, where older and vulnerable people get a bit of extra help from volunteers, a Northern Ireland wide scheme.

This Week's Calendar of Saints and Feasts:

- Monday 27th August – St. Monica [332-387]** Converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron of mothers.
- Wednesday 29th August – The Beheading of John the Baptist (martyr)** Herod had imprisoned John because he reproved Herod for divorcing his wife (Phasaelis), and unlawfully taking Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod Philip I. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter (traditionally named Salome) danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired, up to half of his kingdom. When the daughter asked her mother what she should request, she was told to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Although Herod was appalled by the request, he reluctantly agreed and had John executed in the prison.
- Thursday 30th August – St. Fiacc (monk)** An Irishman who went abroad to seek a hermitage. Passed through Normandy and eventually met Faro who was a great patron of Irish pilgrims at Meaux. Was given a hermitage near Breuil and there he stayed until his death around 670.
- Friday 31st August – St. Aiden of Lindisfarne (bishop and missionary)** Was of Irish descent and a monk of Iona. When Oswald, the exiled king of Northumbria, who had fled for refuge to Iona returned to his throne in 634 he invited Aidan to come and reconvert his people. Aidan made his headquarters at Lindisfarne. With the aid of the king as interpreter he was very successful in his mission. Died in 651.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 6:60-69: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. When have you learned that life was more worthwhile when you were prepared to do that?
2. 'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?
3. 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to belief because, like Peter, Jesus offered you a more hopeful message than you could find anywhere else.

Questions people ask: *Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap (silvesteroflynn@gmail.com)*

- Q. Is there anything I can do to get rid of this awful fear that I will never be good enough to get into heaven?
- A. Of course you are not worthy to get into heaven because none of us will ever merit heaven. But cast fear aside because Jesus wants all people to be saved. One thing that is clear in the gospel is that Jesus came to save all sinners. Let him be your Saviour, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Accept the divine forgiveness which is celebrated in the sacrament of Confession. Instead of you trying to get into heaven, why not let heaven get into you. What I mean is that you allow God's love and mercy take over your mind and heart. Don't be all locked up in yourself but let God's love take over.

The Deep End – Taking the Rough with the Smooth: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*
'Does it seem to you that churches these days just expect too much from their people? Try us! We are the new and improved lite church. We have 24 per cent fewer commitments than other churches. We have only eight Commandments – you choose which ones apply each week. We are everything you want in a church... and less!'
Anonymous

In today's Gospel, Jesus does not conform to his followers' expectations. His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and to follow. They are annoyed and offended. 'This is intolerable language,' they grumble, 'How could anyone accept it?' Though they were happy to accept his healings and miraculous feeding, they find his claims about eternal life confusing and upsetting.

Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow him. It's a free choice. Some of those in today's Gospel are not ready. Many of his disciples leave him. But, seeing what he has to offer, the twelve hang in there. 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life,' realises Peter.

What is our reaction to some of the more difficult sayings of Jesus? Do we brush them aside and focus only on the ones that suit us? Or, like Joshua in our Old Testament reading, are we ready to boldly declare: 'As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord'?