



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (26th August, 2018)
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Thought for the Week: "The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (26th August – 5th September)

Saturday 25th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Mass: Paul McCullagh (8 th Anniversary) and Elizabeth McCullagh (38 th Anniversary)
Sunday 26th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass
Monday 27th August	St. Patrick's	NO MASS
Tuesday 28th August St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 29th August Beheading of John the Baptist (martyr)	St. Patrick's	NO MASS 12noon - 7.00pm Adoration then Rosary
Thursday 30th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Mary T McAneney (4 th Anniversary)
Friday 31st August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 1st September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Rita Fox (3 rd Anniversary)
Sunday 2nd September Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	7.30am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 11.00am Mass

Please note that the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 2nd September in St. Patrick's is changed to 7.30am to accommodate those travelling to the All-Ireland Final 11.00am mass in Our Lady of the Wayside will be celebrated as normal on that day

Weekly Collection: £1,050 *Thank you for your generosity*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary T McAneney (4th), John McCullagh (1st), Paul McCullagh (8th) and Elizabeth McCullagh (38th)** whose anniversaries occur now and the soul of **Bernie Caruso (Philadelphia)**, recently enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society.

Our Lady of Lourdes PS: Please note that the school will be closed on Monday 3rd September due to the All-Ireland Final the previous day and reopen on Tuesday 4th September 4. Primary One and Primary Seven pupils are requested to return or begin as previously notified on Friday 31st August

Dean Maguirc College: Open for Year 8 pupils on Tuesday 4th September.

Catholic Grandparents Association – Annual National Pilgrimage: Sunday 9th September at 2.30pm in Knock Shrine. Everybody is welcome to come along to honour and thank grandparents, alive and dead, for all they have done for us down through generations. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio. Combined Choirs of Knock Parish, the Tuttle Family and Dana will sing 'Our Lady of Knock.' Children are asked to write a prayer for their grandparent(s), all prayers brought / sent to Knock Shrine will be blessed on the day.
catholicgrandparentsassociation.org • Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus, pray for us

Annual Blessing of Graves in Killyclogher: Saturday 1st September during Vigil Mass at earlier time of 6.00pm Mass will be celebrated outside, weather permitting • There will be NO 7.30pm Vigil Mass later that evening The Vigil Mass in Christ the King, Strathroy will remain at the usual time of 6.30pm

Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)

Universal – Young People in Africa: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 • Psalm 14:2-5, R/ v 1 • James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 • Lectionary 1:793 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Parish Liturgy for September, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Joanne McCullagh	Monica Coyle	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	<i>TBC</i>		
Collectors	Patrick McElhatton Megan / Orla Coyle	Ronan Hollywood Peter Tracey	Perry McCrory Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna, Catriona McKenna, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Mary Bradley, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person
 Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service
To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Strule Arts Centre – Upcoming Events: Register at struleartscentre.co.uk or call Kevin Goodwin on 07747 899 249
Irish Language Information Night: Wednesday 5th September at 7.30pm
Sean-nós Dancing, Singing in Irish and Irish Classes: Begins Wednesday 12th September. For 3 levels

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events in September:
Cherish the Ladies Concert [SOLD OUT]: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel.
If tickets become available there is a reserve list • Admission will be strictly by ticket only on the night
Music Workshops: Saturday 29th in Plumbridge with members of "Cherish the Ladies". *Intermediate level upwards*
 Whistle/Flute – Joanie Madden • Fiddle – Nollaig Casey • Tunes Workshop (Any Instrument) – Mirella Murray
Lá Spraoi – Fun Day Integrating the Irish Language: Saturday 29th in Plumbridge.

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:
Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org
'Immersed in Heaney': Includes 'Essence of Heaney' workshop and visit to Homeplace, Bellaghy – 31st August / 1st September.
Holy Land Retreat: 11th to 20th October.

Owenkillew Credit Union – Closure: Monday morning in Greencastle office for the month of August.
 Normal hours for a Monday evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Gortin Office Saturday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

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

Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock.
For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com

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

Quote from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)

"I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye."

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

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

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

Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour: Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.
Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness
For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

ACCORD – Relationship Counseling: A service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non-judgmental setting.
An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall
For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent
Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

Volunteer at White Oaks Acorn Organic Farm: If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Contact us using the details below.
Address: IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Lenamore Road, Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal
Tel: (00353) (0) 74 9384866 • **Website:** celticprayergarden.com • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

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

MARA (Maximising Access in Rural Areas): Find out if you're missing out on benefits, services or grants by booking your FREE home visit. Referrals can be made for benefits checks, home safety visits, occupational therapy assessments as well as others. You'll also receive a FREE bag containing £25 worth of items to help keep you warm this winter.
Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book

Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service?
Applications are invited from individuals wishing to join for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship)
Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth.
For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday
Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghomagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

Family Care Adoption Services *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*
For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.
Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.
St. Patrick's: Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass
First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

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

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019?
Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows:
7th and 8th September • 28th and 29th September • 5th and 6th October • 2nd and 3rd November • 7th and 8th December

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes:
Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018?
For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

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

Musings: 'Like Saint Patrick, I too have heard "the voice of the Irish" calling to me, and so I have come to you, to all of you in Ireland. As I stand at this moment, a pilgrim for Christ to the land from which so many pilgrims for Christ went out over Europe, the Americas, Australia, Africa, Asia, I am living a moment of intense emotion. As I stand here, in the company of so many hundreds of thousands of Irish men and women, I am thinking of how many times, across how many centuries, the Eucharist has been celebrated in this land. How many have found in it the spiritual strength to live, even through the times of greatest hardship and poverty, through days of persecutions and vexations...'
St. John Paul II, Phoenix Park, Dublin, September 1979

As people from across the country and across the world gather in Dublin today with Pope Francis, we offer a prayer for the Holy Father and for all families: Bless us all with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Protect all families with your loving care. Amen.

Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2018-2021 – God is Love: Bishop McKeown has announced the publication of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018-2021 in the diocese, 'God is Love'. The Plan is the result of a two-year programme of work by the Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of 14 men and women - laity from across the diocese, Religious and clergy. It is a first step in developing a co-responsible Church at parish and diocesan level, identifying paths that might lead to solutions to the many challenges we face, including the practical need to plan for the times when priests will not be present in the way that they have been up to now. A number of printed copies of the Plan have been received for the parish and a PDF version of it is also available to view and download on the diocesan website – derrydiocese.org – you are invited to read it. The main work of implementing the Plan will begin after the summer break. Bishop McKeown asks for your prayers and support, in the knowledge that everything done in faith and love will bear fruit in God's own good time.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 28th August – St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [354-430] Bishop of Hippo where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on understanding God's grace. Patron Saint of theologians.

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.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 6:60-69: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

- 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. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others' (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, n.10).
- '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?
- '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. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?
- 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

The Deep End – Why is it, Lord? Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

I once heard the following reflection read out at a first communion:

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?'

Sometimes it can be difficult to look beyond the practicalities and see the possibilities. It depends on all sorts of things, from our circumstances to how willing we are to be open to the beauty and deeper meanings in life. We all need a reminder that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists.

Some of Jesus' followers in today's gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus has been teaching them that he is the living bread. But it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language', and some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life.' Some of the disciples are able to see beyond the obvious.

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*

2017 PARISH STATISTICS		
Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick's Church		