



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

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (26th September, 2021)

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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Thought for the Week: "Getting born again is something we need to do daily as we discover more of our own souls with each new life encounter. For the true Christian, evangelizing should begin with oneself, being born again with each new day, conveying the message of hope, and re-creating this world as a place of love, compassion, preservation of beauty, respect for nature, and peace—peace and love above all else."

Carlton Pearson

Saturday 25th September	Our Lady of Wayside	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Bridget Conway (1 st Anniv.)
Sunday 26th September	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Mass
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]			
Tuesday 28th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	
Wednesday 29th September	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Adoration
Thursday 30th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass followed by Confession
St. Jerome (priest and Doctor of the Church)			
Friday 1st October	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass: Laurence McCrory (Month's Mind)
St. Thérèse of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church)			
Saturday 2nd October	St. Patrick's	12.00pm	Wedding Mass
The Guardian Angels		6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Lizzie McCullagh (nee McCaffrey) (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Mass: Mary Rose McCullagh (4 th Anniv.)
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]			
Note: As of next week (the first weekend in October) Sunday mass in the parish will be celebrated at 11.30am. While social distancing rules continue this mass will be celebrated in either Greencastle or Broughderg Churches. Please check the Liturgy Schedule and Townland Rota each week for the venue of Sunday Mass			

Baptism Dates for October and November: While social distancing rules are in place, only one baptism at a time will be permitted. Until informed otherwise please continue to contact Fr. Gallagher for booking.			
Greencastle		Broughderg	
Saturday 2 nd October and 6 th November at 3.00pm		Sunday 3 rd October and 7 th November at 12.30pm	
Sunday 10 th October and 14 th November at 12.30pm			

Sick and Housebound: Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care on Friday 1st October at the usual times. All of the sick, both at home and in hospital, will be remembered and prayed for at mass this Thursday at 10.00am (the eve of First Friday).

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Fr. Pat O'Hagan** (California USA, formerly of Cashel) who died this week and for the souls of **Bridget Conway (1st)**, **Jeanie Keenan (7th)**, **Anthony Bradley (25th)** and **John McCrory (29th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Weekly Collection: £1,520 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

Monthly Devotions Through the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:
Friday 1st October after 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church.

Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Evangelisation – Missionary Disciples: We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24 • Psalm 127 R/ v 5 • Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16 • Lectionary 1:807 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Townland Mass Rota

Some changes to the townland groupings have been made, please check below to see if your townland (or part of it) has been changed. Mass for Broughderg is not broadcast so you may need to follow either the mass on YouTube from either the Vigil Mass from Greencastle or Gortin. Please note that the 11.00am mass time may be changed later in the month to 11.30am.

Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South now with Formil • All of Aughascribba Road now with Aughascribba, Binnefreaghan now with Sheskinshule and Crockanboy

Saturday 25th September	Our Lady of Wayside	6.00pm	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
Sunday 26th September	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacrorry, Alworries
Saturday 2nd October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
Sunday 3rd October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Saturday 9th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacrorry, Alworries
Sunday 10th October	Our Lady of Wayside	11.30am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
Saturday 16th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Sunday 17th October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
Saturday 23rd October	Our Lady of Wayside	6.00pm	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
Sunday 24th October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Teebane East, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road, Aughminacrorry, Alworries
Saturday 30th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
Sunday 31st October	St. Patrick's	11.30am	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South

Greencastle / Badoney Lower Parish Proposals: Following our meetings with the Pastoral Councils of both parishes we can now move forward with some of our proposals. These are provisional arrangements which will be trialed until next January when they will be reviewed. *Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated*

For the next few weeks the Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same. If and when the new schedule is required its commencement will hopefully be announced a week or two in advance. However some of the proposals need to be started from next week. For most weekdays the schedule for the two parishes will be as follows except when any announcements are made to the contrary.

Fr Eddie Gallagher PP

Week Beginning Monday 6 th September (please check bulletin weekly)		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesdays
St. Patrick's, Gortin at 10.00am	St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 10.00am	St. Mary's, Rouskey at 7.30pm
Thursdays	Fridays	
St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 10.00am	St. Patrick's, Gortin at 10.00am • St. Patrick's, Greencastle at 7.30pm	

Months Mind / First Anniversary Masses

Wednesdays St. Mary's, Rouskey, 7.30pm • Thursdays St. Patrick's, Gortin / Our Lady of the Wayside, 7.30pm
Friday St. Patrick's Greencastle 7.30pm • Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses are also available, but as it is the Parish Sunday Mass, readings and Prayers of the Faithful for the particular Sunday will be used, if there is a Parish Choir due to sing at the mass they will come before any singers brought in by the family. .

Baptisms Beginning the First Weekend of October		
First Saturday of Month	First Sunday of Month	Second Sunday of Month
Greencastle, 3.00pm	Broughderg, 12.30pm	Greencastle, 12.30pm
Third Saturday of Month	Third Sunday of Month	Fourth Sunday of Month
Gortin, 3.00pm	Rouskey, 12.30pm	Gortin, 12.30pm

A fuller version of these proposals are available on the Parish website and Facebook page.
Please see there or in next week's bulletin further information

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path: Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October with Mass outdoors (weather permitting).
The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Advance booking is essential.
Email: info@loughderg.org **Telephone:** 0(0353) 71 986 1518 **Website:** loughderg.org
Address: Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

Dún Uladh – Online Traditional Music Classes: Lessons available in tin whistle, flute, concertina, fiddle, banjo, harp and button accordion with instruments also available to hire. From 28th September (flute and whistle 21st September). *For more info call the centre on 028 8224 2777 or e-mail info@dunuladh.ie*

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 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

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)

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

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

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@jecon.ie

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

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

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 to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

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.

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Applications for the Autumn intake close Monday 30th September. *For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org*

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*

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*

Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster? Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.

To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit barnardos.org.uk/foster

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.

What Is Spiritual Communion? It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

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%

Radio Maria Ireland: An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.
You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:
Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)
Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
Streaming on radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)
'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)
Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

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*

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

Certificate in Christian Thought: Drumalis Retreat Centre, in association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast, invites applications for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2021. The course will be delivered over 7 Saturdays in each of two successive years, from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The Certificate in Christian Thought programme aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. During the course, participants will cover topics on Spirituality, Pastoral Theology, The Eucharist, Living the Christian Life, The Sacraments, The Scriptures, Where in the World is God? And much more.
Full details are available at derrydiocese.org/news/certificate-in-christian-thought

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*

1. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. 'S/he is invading my patch.' Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.
2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another?
3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

The Deep End: *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

In the second reading from St. James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on into the Gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down 'the little ones'. It is a lesson in tolerance and a call to care for the weak and vulnerable.

During this Season of Creation we are reflecting on the call to Restore Our Common Home and care more deeply for God's creation, to live out our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork. This means being aware of the facts of the crisis so that we can discern where we are being called to act. Scientists tell us that we are now living through the sixth mass extinction of life on our planet because of the catastrophic destruction of biodiversity due to human activity. We have plundered the earth. We are also aware that our world faces a devastating climate crisis. This Autumn, two vital UN conferences are due to take place, the UN Conference on Biodiversity (known as COP15, in China) and the UN conference on Climate Change (COP26 in Glasgow). Catholics all over the world have been invited to sign a petition addressed to the Presidents of these conferences, to raise our voices for God's Creation and encourage world leaders to take the necessary action. The petition is called 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People' and has been endorsed by the Vatican as the main action for Catholics to take during this Season of Creation. It is something we can all easily do by going to www.thecatholicpetition.org and inviting our families and friends to do the same. Parishes, dioceses, universities, businesses, congregations can also sign. By taking part in this way, we are standing in solidarity with young people, with the poor who suffer the most from environmental destruction and with creation.

Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be carers of creation, to connect more deeply with the wonderful world around us, to take action against all that threatens our common home.

You can find this year's Season of Creation resources on www.catholicbishops.ie

A message from Triona Doherty and Jane Mellett

This is the final instalment of the Deep End column

For the past 11 years we have thoroughly enjoyed sharing our thoughts and reflections on the Sunday Gospel with you all. We are very grateful to Intercom for this opportunity and to all those parishes that shared our reflections through their parish newsletters and in other ways. If you have enjoyed our reflections, we are delighted to say that our new book is now available through Messenger Publications: The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke www.messenger.ie.

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	Baptisms	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	First Communion	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	Weddings	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	Deaths and Burials	8

SUSE+ New Courses Starting in September: Are you currently unemployed? SUSE+ can offer help and support to get into further education, training and employment. We complete job searches, CV building, interview preparation.

Mentors work 1-to-1 with participants to help secure opportunities in the local area.

New courses include Foundation Skills in Working with Children, Personal Success and Wellbeing, Digital Skills, Progression to Employment, Customer Service, Money Management and Business Administration.

For more information email tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk or call 074 3653 3475

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

Thornhill Ministries – Beyond the Bruising: Saturday 9th October at 11.00am. An oasis hour for those seeking serenity as they live with fractured relationships. Available on zoom. thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 26th September – St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs) Twin brothers, physicians, and early Christian martyrs born in Cilicia, part of today's Turkey. They practiced their profession in the seaport of Ayas, Adana, then in the Roman province of Syria. Accepting no payment for their services led to them being named "Avápyροι" (Unmercenary); it has been said that, by this, they attracted many to the Christian faith.

Monday 27th September – St. Vincent de Paul (priest) [1580-1660] Founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of charitable works.

Thursday 30th September – St. Jerome (priest and Doctor of the Church) [340-420] Translated the bible into Latin and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron Saint of librarians.

Friday 1st October – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church) Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30th September, 1897. She was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron Saint of Missions, florists, aviators and France.

Saturday 2nd October – The Guardian Angels This feast expresses God's personal care for each individual and our belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard us.

Sunday 3rd October – Blessed Columba Marmion [1858-1953] An Irish monk, and the third abbot of Maredsous Abbey. Beatified by Pope John Paul II on 3rd September, 2000, Marmion was one of the most popular and influential Catholic writers of the 20th century. His books are considered spiritual classics.