

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time [Year A] (26th October, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (27th October, 2014 – 2nd November, 2014)

Saturday Evening (25th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Jeannie Keenan (Month's Mind)
Sunday 26th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8.35am Public Recitation of Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary 11.00am Mass: Michael O'Neill (17 th Anniversary)
Monday 27th October St. Otteran (monk) Home of Michael and Caroline Coyle (Sheskinshule)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary 10.00am Mass (sick and housebound will be visited) 7.30pm Station Mass (confessions available before)
Tuesday 28th October St. Simon and St. Jude (Apostles)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 29th October St. Colman (bishop)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary 10.00am Mass: DDS Society Members and Benefactors*
Thursday 30th October St. John of Capistrano (priest)	St. Patrick's	NO PARISH MASS but Mass will be offered for the 1 st anniversary Jim McCullagh by a visiting priest at 8.00pm
Friday 31st October Blessed Dominic Collins (martyr)	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS
Friday 31st October	Our Lady of the Wayside	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Vigil Mass for Feast Day 11.00am Mass
Saturday Morning (1st November) All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)	St. Patrick's	
Saturday Evening (1st November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday** 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Sunday 2nd November Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	
**At the 6.00pm Mass on the feast of All Souls we will remember all who have died in our parish in the past year Relatives are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved one Throughout October members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass		

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£940** and **£85** loose change.
Mission Sunday Collection: A total of **£550** was graciously received.
 The new boxes of envelopes for the parish collection are now available. You will notice that your new box will contain envelopes for the next 18 months and will run until April 2016. In future the envelopes will cover the period known as the tax year and this will assist us with our gift aid claims. If you are a tax payer please consider making your contribution to the parish as gift aid by signing the necessary paperwork.
At this time of year maybe you can review your contributions to the parish

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Francis O'Hagan** and **Mary McBride** who entered eternal life this week, we offer their families and all who mourn for them our deepest sympathy and prayerful support. We also pray for **Michael O'Neill**, **Mick Fox** and **Eddie Fox**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14, r/v 1; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 11:25-30;
 Readings may be chosen from Masses for the Dead (Lectionary II, page 849-890) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Book of the Names of the Dead: This will be displayed on a table in front of the Baptismal Font from the Solemnity of All Souls until the beginning of Advent. It will be left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember and pray for the repose of their souls. Placing the book close to the Baptismal font gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection.
If you wish to enter a name in the book you are welcome to

GAA Lotto Results: D • F • J • L • P (9 with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,500

Parish Liturgy for November, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Monica Coyle	Sean Clarke
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of the Faithful	Ryan Clarke	Megan McKenna	Brianna Gillen
Collectors	Gerry McDermott Noel McElhatton	Michael Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Francis Keenan Sean Keenan
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 25 th October The family of Lennon Mayton	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 26 th October The family of Shauna McGurk
Saturday 1 st November The family of Matthew McGlinchey	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 2 nd November The family of Alisha McKenna
Saturday 8 th November The family of Michael McGlinchey	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 9 th November The family of Enda McKenna
Saturday 15 th November The family of Amy McGurk	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 16 th November The family of Shona McKenna
Saturday 22 nd November* The family of Caolan McKenna	Solemnity of Christ the King	Sunday 23 rd November The family of Stephen Meenan
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. Thanks to all who participate in the life and work of our parish faith-community. *Do This In Memory Week 3		

Do This In Memory of Me: Our parish programme in preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion took place at the Vigil Mass in Greencastle last weekend, thank you for your participation.
The next liturgy will take place at the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Christ the King on Saturday 22nd November

***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. These Masses go on all the time. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (**this will take in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle on Wednesday 29th October**). 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.
Please attend on Wednesday if you can

Appointment of Safeguarding Coordinator for the Diocese: As of Monday 6th October, Paula Cunningham has taken up the role of Safeguarding Coordinator for the Diocese. Paula is based at the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street and is available Monday and Tuesday from 9.00am to 5.00pm.
Tel: (028) 7136 2475 • **Fax:** (028) 7126 0970 • **Email:** child.protection.committee@derrydiocese.org
 If there is a concern regarding the behaviour of a member of Church personnel it should be directed to the following Diocesan Designated Persons: **Mrs. Mary McCafferty** (075) 1426 5252 • **Mr. Noel O'Donnell** (075) 9650 0793

Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

From 12.00noon on 1st November until midnight on 2nd November all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1st November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st to 8th November.
 The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1st to 8th November.
The conditions mentioned above apply also for this

Pioneer Association – Annual Short-Term Pledge Initiative for November: In honour of the Holy Souls.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 1st to 6th July. The Youth Team will be part of this pilgrimage. Young people participating in the Pope John Paul II Award can apply to be part of the Youth Team. There will be opportunities for the Youth Team to be actively involved in the pilgrimage, including involvement in various liturgies and ceremonies, and assisting the sick or less able pilgrims.
Applications can be downloaded from derrydiocese.org and sent via these methods before 31st October
 derry pilgrim@outlook • Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Derry Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ
Please note that places are limited

Owenkillew Credit Union – Annual General Meeting: Thursday 30th October in Greencastle Office. *Adult members are welcome*

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre: Card Playing commences on Friday 24th October at 8.30pm.

Book by Fr. Neal Carlin of Columba Community – *They That Wait on the Lord: An Uncharted Journey:*
 Having recently celebrated 50 years in the priesthood this new book reveals Fr. Carlin's journey of both joy and pain. From ministering in the Maze prison during the troubles to establishing a rehabilitation centre for those in the despair of addiction, this is a story of hope and trust in the Lord for those who wait in faith.
Available from Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry, IOSAS Centre, Derryvane, Muff and Veritas bookshops • (028) 7126 2407

Irish Language Class for Beginners: Every Thursday in Greencastle GAA Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.
 Teenagers and adults welcome. *Call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001*

Annual Christmas Fayre: Scheduled for Sunday 30th November in the Greencastle Community Centre.
Anyone interested in having a stall can call either Leona on 07789 687 564 or Caroline on 07733 114 210 for more details

Derry Diocesan Society Mass in our Parish	Wednesday 29th October St. Patrick's
Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

Jack and the Beanstalk: Monday 22nd December at 3.00pm. A relaxed performance designed to create an enjoyable atmosphere for young people with learning and sensory difficulties and their families to experience theatre.
Early bird offer £10 before 31st October

Child Safeguarding: If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI/or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities

Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *Matthew 22: 34-40:* *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. But have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?
2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?

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

The Gospel today tells us that the greatest commandment is love. In a speech given at the World Congress of the Lay Apostolate in October 1957, Giovanni Battista Montini (later Pope Paul VI), who was beatified last Sunday, explained that 'the secret of the lay apostolate is to know how to love ... those nearby and those afar; love our own country and those of others; love our friends and our enemies; love Catholics, Protestants, Anglicans, the indifferent; love Muslims, pagans, atheists ... love our own times, our modern civilisation, techniques, art, sport, our world ... let us love it with the heart of Christ.'

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015
 St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
 14th and 15th November • 5th and 6th December • 9th and 10th January • 6th and 7th February
 6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults: A new resource from the Irish Episcopal Conference, designed to complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It has been adapted for an Irish audience and is written in accessible, easy to understand language. Whilst it can be used as an Individual private resource for reflection, it is also particularly useful for Parish Study Groups, Liturgy Groups, Parish Pastoral Councils and any individuals / groups working in parishes to promote catechesis / deepening of adult faith formation. A Study Guide to complement the Catechism has also been published. The Catechism is available from Veritas bookshops, at a cost of £19.99 / €24.99 and the Study Guide costs £11.00 / €12.99. Good discounts are available for multiple purchases. Tel: 02871 266888 or E-mail: derryshop@veritas.ie

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Sunday 6th September to Sunday 13th September. Direct from Belfast. Price includes half-board, tax, insurance is £539 and (£439 if paid by 10th December).
For details call Maria Bradley on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 27th October – *St. Otteran (monk)* Irish monk associated with Columba of Iona. Some claim that he was an abbot from County Meath but that is not definite. Patron Saint of graves and cemeteries.

Tuesday 28th October – *St. Simon and St. Jude (Apostles)* The teaching of the apostles is the living gospel for all to hear. Their authority comes from their fidelity to Christ and his message. We pray today that they continue to watch over the Church and give it protection against error. St. Jude is Patron Saint of hopeless causes.

Wednesday 29th October – *St. Colman (bishop)* Hailed from Kilmacduagh, Co. Clare in the 7th century. After studying in Aran, where he founded two churches on Inis Mhor, he returned to make a foundation at Kilmacduagh.

Friday 31st October – *Blessed Dominic Collins (martyr)* He was born around 1566 in the city of Youghal, Co. Cork. In 1598, after a military career, he entered the Society of Jesus as a Brother. He returned to Ireland in 1601, but on 17th June, 1602 he was captured by the English who tried in vain to make him abjure his faith. Condemned to death, he was hanged in his native city on 31st October, 1602.

Saturday 1st November – *Feast of All Saints* Arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honoured.

The Deep End – *Selfless Saints:* *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

Various figures down through the ages have become synonymous with selfless love – Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Oscar Romero, St Damian of Molokai, St Don Bosco, St Maximilian Kolbe... the list goes on. They were people who gave up everything to help others, often suffering greatly themselves in the process. They were those rare human beings who truly lived out the familiar, yet challenging instruction to 'love your neighbour as yourself.'

I recently came across the story of St Josephine Margaret Bakhita of Sudan, who was kidnapped as a young woman and spent many years as a slave. Asked once 'What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?', she responded: 'If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today.' During illness in her later years, when a visitor would ask how she was, she would reply 'As the Master desires'. Her words display a deep understanding of the two greatest commandments, to love God with all your heart, and to love your neighbour as yourself.

The God who speaks in today's First Reading is a God 'full of pity' who hears the cry of the poor and vulnerable. Many of the saints down through the ages echoed this love in their service of others. Reading about the lives of the saints might no longer be fashionable, but there is so much we can learn.