



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Resurrection of the Lord [Year C] (27th March, 2016)
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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus
 "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy."
 Liturgy Schedule for the Easter Octave [Year C] (27th March, 2016 – 3rd April, 2016)

Saturday Evening (26th March)	St. Patrick's	9.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 27th March	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Resurrection of the Lord [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Easter Sunday Mass
Monday 28th March	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Mass
Easter Monday			
Please note that there will be NO MASS between Tuesday 29th March and Thursday 31st March			
Friday 1st April	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass: Maggie Bradley (Month's Mind)
St. Ceallach (Celsus) (bishop)	<i>First Friday of Month</i>		
Saturday Morning (2nd April)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30am
St. Francis of Paolo (hermit)			
Saturday Evening (2nd April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm	Confessions
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Joseph McGarvey (8 th Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd April	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Second Sunday of Easter [Year C]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am – 10.45am	Confession
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		11.00am	Mass

Collection: £1,140 including £25 loose plate • **St. Patrick's Day collection for Clerical Education and On-Going Formation:**
 We thank you for your generosity which has realised **£655** so far.

Baptism: We congratulate the parents and family of baby **Cathair James Conway** on the christening of their child on Saturday 20th March in St. Patrick's Church.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Annie Morris** whose anniversary occurs now.

We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to **Kevin Brogan (Trillick) and Brieghe Beggs (Greencastle)** Saturday 12th March
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage

Irish Pilgrimage Trust: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travel to Lourdes every Easter with children and young people from all over Ireland with physical needs / illness, intellectual disabilities and social needs. One of the groups from the Derry area is urgently looking for a nurse to travel with the group on the 27th March for 6 nights. If interested please call Jimmie on 07802 545 282 or Mary on 00353 87796 2047 as soon as possible for more details.

Pope John Paul II Awards: We congratulate 3 of our parishioners **Brianna Gillen, Niamh Coyle** and **Rebecca Coyle** of Dean Maguirc College who received recognition for their parish and community work from Archbishop Eamon Martin at the awards ceremony in St. Patrick's Cathedral Armagh on Tuesday 15th March.
Well done and we hope their parish involvement will continue in the years ahead

Veritas and James Kilbane – Overnight Pilgrimage To Knock: Departs Thursday 7th April from Derry at 8.00am with stops at Strabane and Omagh. Arriving in Knock at around 12noon. Presentation of the film "The Story of Knock" at 1.00pm. Mass in Apparition Chapel at 4.00pm with Fr. Gerry Gillespie as celebrant (music by James Kilbane). Overnight stay in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris (approx. 10 miles), where dinner will be served followed by a night of music and song in the hotel. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Gillespie in the hotel the following morning after breakfast with music by James Kilbane before departing. Total cost £85 (inc. bus, hotel accommodation, evening meal and Breakfast).
Call Marie or Lucy at Veritas on (028) 7126 6888 to learn more

Next Week's Readings: Acts 5: 12-16 • Psalm 117: 2-4, 22-27, R/v 1 • Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19
 John 20:19-31 • Lectionary I, page 444 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

I wish you and your families all the blessings and graces of this Holy Season of Easter.
 I thank all who have participated in any way in our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies this year. May God reward you for your generosity. *Fr. Edward Gallagher PP*

Parish Liturgy for April, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Clare Tuohey	Rosemary McCullagh	Shauna Morris
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Lawrence McBride	Peter Tracey Cathal Keenan	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Anne Donnelly, Alice Keenan and Anne Tuohey		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 26th March</u>	Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	<u>Sunday 27th March</u>
The family of Rian Slane		The family of John McGlinchey
Saturday 2 nd April	Second Sunday of Easter	Sunday 3 rd April
The family of Caolan Tracey		The family of Chloe McGurk
<i>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</i>		

An Caislean Glas Gaa Tir Eoghain – Cleaner Required: 3-4 hours per week.
If interested call Mick Coyle on 07817 401 639

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – Relief Caretaker / Cleaner Required: For school for Holiday Relief.
For more information call (028) 8164 8732

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Fundraising Dance: Tickets £8 • Proceeds to subsidise cost of music classes Saturday 2nd April in Shepherds Rest, Sixtowns (music by TG4's Glór Tire winner Liam Kelly).
Call Roisin on 07789 697 238 or pay at door

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 2nd April.
If you would like more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

Derry Youth Community: Are you a young person aged between 18 and 25? Are you interested in a gap year experience with a difference? The DYC is a group of committed young people who live in a community based in Derry City who serve the Diocese of Derry. You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be given the opportunity to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities and youth ministry. You will also live in mutual co-operation with others; explore and deepen your faith; participate and share in leisure activities such as music, art, sport and drama. If you feel you are equal to the very real challenges of the initiative. **Web:** derryyouthcommunity.com • **Closing Date:** Friday 27th May

St. John's College, Dromore – Free One-Day Irish Course: Saturday 9th April from 10.00am to 4.00pm with classes for beginners, improvers and advanced learners. Course will also include classes for GCSE and A Level students in preparation for their upcoming exams.
For more information email kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com or call (028) 8225 6220

Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes: To register call 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706
PA1 / PA2 Spraying Course: The course costs £425 including VAT. If you wish to spray for neighbours you must do this two-day training course. This course is a one-day theory course done on that day, followed by a second day practical and a two hour assessment at a later date. 6 people need to run course • Still space left
Crocheting and Knitting Classes with Mary Kelly: Second class on Wednesday 30th March at 7.00pm for 6 weeks (£25). Beginners and advanced crocheters and knitters are all welcome • 10 people need to run class

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Fundraising Dance: Saturday 2nd April at 9.30pm in the Shepherd's Rest, Sixtowns.
 Tickets are £8 and include a hot supper • Available from committee • With dancing to Liam Kelly

The Big Family Picnic at An Creagán: Easter Monday from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Admission is free.
Fun and games for whole family

Derry Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July): Doctors and Nurses are needed to help with this Pilgrimage. For further information please call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 7126 0293 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.00am to 1.00pm) or 07517 965 751 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 6.00pm)

*Notices for the bulletin should be left with or sent to Fr. Gallagher no later than 10.00am on Thursday mornings
 Any notices which do not make the print version of the bulletin can be found on the parish website*

Pope Francis' Intentions for March (please remember these in your personal prayer)

Universal – Families in Difficulty: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelisation – Persecuted Christians: That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact:

Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592
Email: email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Notice from Bishop Donal McKeown to Parishioners: An important key to maintaining and handing on the faith is knowledge of the faith. In seeking to help us deepen our knowledge, I have arranged for every person in the parish to have trial access to online resources from the Augustine Institute (USA). Every parishioner will have free 24/7 access on any device including computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access, until Thursday 17th March. You will find high quality videos, courses and other material that explain the Catholic faith, explore Scripture and reflect on the deepest meaning of Marriage and Baptism, as well as many other inspiring audio talks and books on a variety of topics relevant to our faith.

After the period of free trial access, the Augustine Institute hopes to be able to offer a service to parishes who then wish to subscribe on a permanent basis. You are encouraged to look at this online material and your feedback is welcomed by your Parish Priest

ACCORD Pre-Marriage Courses: All couples intending to be married in the parish are expected to have completed a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course. Please book well in advance of your wedding date.

1st and 2nd April • 6th and 7th May • 3rd and 4th June • 24th and 25th June

To book (opening time can be found on the website):

Website: accord.ie • **Tel:** (028) 8224 2439 • **Email:** omagh@accordni.com

Lourdes Pilgrimage (Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th July):

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office is now open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Forms available from Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: (028) 7126 0293 / 07517 965 751 (Mon. to Fri. 9.00am to 6.00pm)

I AM Alive – Christian ROCKS Concert: Easter Sunday 27th March from 8.00pm to 10.00pm in St Columb's Hall, Derry. Take part in a musical celebration of our love for Jesus and his love for us. A 14-piece band will deliver music in a fresh new way aimed at lifting your soul and inspiring your faith.

Tickets (available at Veritas): Adult (£10) • Students (£7)

Thornhill Ministries 8-Day Retreat Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd September. There are still a few places are still available.

For more details call Sr. Perpetua on (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Yoga with Margaret Franklin: Every Tuesday at 7.15pm in An Creagán

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

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

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership: A post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to leadership roles or with an interest in the Catholic School system.

For more info call the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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/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. *See poster at entrances*

The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees: The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*

Website: tuesdayschild.ie • **Email:** info@tuesdayschild.ie • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362

Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g. TUES75 £5)

Towards Peace: A new 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

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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass

Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese, and their contact details, are as follows.

Rosemary Johnson • (028) 8225 9541 / 07810 387 825 • otmil_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk

Siobhan Sweeney • (028) 8224 8479 / 07880 588 041 • siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk

Ethna Hill • (028) 8226 9245 / 07528 249 838 • ethna776@yahoo.com

Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com *prayerforpriests.com*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 25th March Good Friday **Saturday 26th March** Holy Saturday **Sunday 27th March** Easter Sunday
Sunday 24th April at 2.00pm **Saturday 14th May at 12 noon**
 Confirmation First Holy Communion
Sunday 26th June at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Melmount, Strabane
 Ordination of Rev. Christopher McDermott to the Priesthood for Derry Diocese
Saturday 2nd July **Sunday 3rd July**
 Intercession for the Dead in Greencastle Cemetery Intercession for the Dead in Broughderg Cemeteries
Wednesday 2nd November **Sunday 27th November** **Sunday 25th December**
 Mass for the Dead First Sunday of Advent Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)

Year of Mercy – Local, National and International Pilgrimages as Arranged by the Diocese

LOCAL (beginning at 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass)			
Carndonagh	Dungiven	Omagh	Long Tower
Sunday 8 th May	Sunday 5 th June	Sunday 10 th July	Thursday 11 th September
NATIONAL			
Lough Derg	Friday 17 th to Sunday 19 th June (some pilgrims will be walking to Lough Derg, leaving Derry on Wednesday 15 th June and going via Castlefin and Pettigo) • Early August (date TBC)		
Knock	Wednesday 20 th to Sunday 24 th July (Cursillo Walk to Knock) • Croagh Patrick September (date TBC)		
INTERNATIONAL			
Lourdes	Krakow (World Youth Day)	Rome and Assisi	
Friday 1 st to Wednesday 6 th July	Thursday 21 st to Sunday 31 st July	Friday 2 nd to Thursday 8 th September	

2015 Parish Statistics

Baptisms	Confirmations	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation	Marriages
6 Boys 8 Girls	8 Boys 8 Girls	10 Boys 9 Girls	10 within parish 5 outside parish
Station Masses in October	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE		
7	Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
Funerals	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson		
13	Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Friday 1st April – St. Ceallach (Celsus) (bishop) [1080-1129] Became abbot of Armagh in 1105 and was ordained priest. He was influenced by the reform then in progress in Munster. He presided at the synod of Rathbreasail in 1111. In 1129, on a visitation of Munster he died and is buried in Lismore in accordance with his own request.
Saturday 2nd April – St. Francis of Paolo (hermit) [1416-1507] Was a hermit and attracted others to his way of life, later called the Order of Minims.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 24: 1-12.

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

- You might identify with the women through the events of that morning. They came search and found an empty tomb. Then they were told they were looking in the wrong place: 'why look for the living among the dead'. Finally they had to cope with the staggering good news that Jesus was alive when they thought he was dead. Let their story remind you of your journey when you found life again where you thought there was none – you discovered that you had been looking in the wrong place.
- The women were the first witnesses to the resurrection. Remember the women in your life who have brought you good news, and the women who have been witnesses for you bringing you to faith in yourself, in others, or in God.
- The women did not keep their discovery to themselves but hastened to share the good news with the apostles. Have there been times when your heart has been full of good news that you were eager to share with others.

Musings

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

The joy and newness of Easter is well captured in a homily by the fourth-century saint, Gregory of Nyssa: 'This is the day the Lord has made – a day far different from those made when the world was first created and which are measured by the passage of time. This is the beginning of a new creation. On this day God makes a new heaven and a new earth. What is this new heaven? It is the firmament of our faith in Christ. What is the new earth? A good heart, a heart like the earth, which drinks up the rain that falls on it, and yields a rich harvest.'

The Deep End – *Light of Our Darkness:*

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of people overcoming it.

Helen Keller

There are people in our world and all around us who overcome suffering every day. We all know people who keep smiling and joking through serious illness or misfortune, and people who have many problems of their own but are still always available to help others. There are brave folks who, having lost a loved one to illness, go on to dedicate their time to charitable works and fundraising in the hope that others might avoid the same agony. And then there are people who, though themselves in the depths of pain or despair, can help others simply by empathising with their suffering. In different ways, these are all 'Easter people', full of hope and light amidst the darkness. They remind us that even in the darkest of situations, God's light can shine.

Today we celebrate the ultimate victory over suffering and death. We have journeyed this week through the darkness of loneliness, betrayal and abandonment into the light of forgiveness, healing and new life.

In her poem Dawn, the poet Emily Dickinson wrote: 'Not knowing when the dawn will come, I open every door.' Dawn will always emerge from darkness. If we want to be 'Easter people', we need to be open to throwing ourselves into the ups and downs, the sufferings and the joys of life, always open to experiencing resurrection and hope in all their forms. Christ is risen – alleluia!

Alzheimer's Society Carer Information and Support Programme (CrISP)

CrISP is a series of workshops for people caring for a family member or friend with dementia. It provides an opportunity for you to talk in a friendly and confidential environment about your experiences and the impact they are having on you.

Week 1 – Induction and Welcome Welcoming everyone to the programme

Week 2 – Understanding Dementia Explores the physical, psychological and emotional impact of dementia

Week 3 – Legal and Money Matters Explores legal and financial issues to help you understand the importance of planning for the future

Week 4 – Providing Support and Care Explores concerns/challenges that may arise when supporting a person with dementia

Week 5 – Coping Day to Day Looking at the physical, psychological and Emotional impact that dementia may have on you as a carer

The free workshops are run by Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers for a group of up to 12 people who care for a family member or friend with dementia

If interested Paula Canney on (028) 8225 0103 / 07718 322 726 or email paula.canney@alzheimers.org.uk