

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

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

Second Sunday of Easter [Year A] (27th April, 2014)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Second Week of Easter [Year A] (28th April, 2014 – 4th May, 2014)

Saturday Evening (26th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 27th April Second Sunday of Easter [Year A] Divine Mercy Sunday	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Rose Hollywood (2 nd Anniversary)
Monday 28th April St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr) and St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 29th April St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 30th April St. Pius V (pope)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: John McCullagh (4 th Anniversary)
Thursday 1st May St. Joseph the Worker	St. Patrick's	No Mass
Friday 2nd May St. Athanasius (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 8.00pm Mass
Saturday 3rd May St. Philip and St. James (apostles)	St. Patrick's	Public Recitation of the Rosary before 10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (3rd May)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 4th May Third Sunday of Easter [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,030**.

Good Friday Collection in Support of Shrines in the Holy Land: Thank you for the contribution of **£180**.

Diocesan Purposes Collection: To be taken up after Holy Communion next weekend (3rd and 4th May).

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Rose Hollywood, John McCullagh** and **Sr. Victor**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and housebound: These will be attended **Monday 12th May**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Canonisation of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II: Pope Francis will today (Sunday) canonise two of his predecessors in the ministry of Bishop of Rome. Both are held dear in the hearts of so many of the faithful. A writer recently stated *a saint can be defined, or at least described, as one who lives in complete harmony with the divine will, demonstratin in an outstanding way all the virtues, in particular humility, charity, and heroic suffering, such were the virtues of St. John and St. John Paul.*
Linked with the faithful gathered in Rome today we too ask these saints to intercede for our Church and for our world

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.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul: Appreciation is extended for our continued support for their work in the Omagh district and for being so generous to the clothing bin. Tel: (028) 8224 9839

Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal: That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace..
For Evangelisation: That Mary, Star of Evangelisation may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2: 14: 22-23; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1: 17-21; Luke 24:13-35; Lectionary 1 (page 461)
Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]

Lotto Results: G • I • K • R • W (3 drawn with 3 letters winning £20 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,200

During the month of May members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month

The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)	The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)	The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)	The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)
The Resurrection	The Annunciation	The Agony in the Garden	Jesus is baptised in the Jordan
The Ascension	The Visitation	The Scourging at the Pillar	Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana
The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles	The Birth of the Lord	The Crowning with Thorns	Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and calls us to conversion
The Assumption of our Lady into Heaven	The Presentation in the Temple	The Carrying of the Cross	The Transfiguration
The Crowning of our Lady as Queen of Heaven	The Finding of the child Jesus in the Temple	The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord	The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist

Parish Liturgy for May, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Nuala Glass	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Seoirse / Kevin Conway	Peter Fox	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Eugene Tracey Brendan Conway	Sean Clarke Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Kathleen Tracey and Maria Morris		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make yourself known
 Thank you for everything you do in our parish-faith community

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 26 th April The family of Caelum Tracey	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday 27 th April The family of Michelle O'Brien
Saturday 3 rd May* The family of Orla Morris	Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday 4 th May The family of Catherine O'Connor

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.
What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community.
**Do This In Memory Week 8 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

St. Columba's, Long Tower – Mass for Healing: On Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm. Fr. Neal Carlin and the Columba Community will celebrate a healing Mass followed by individual prayer for healing

Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World – Summer Camp for Young Men: At the Seminary in Ajofrin, Toledo, Spain from 2nd to 25th August. There are 21 places available for men between the ages of 17 and 25. The actual camp is free, so all that is required of the boys who wish to come is that they pay for their own travel to and from the Seminary. It would also be useful for them to bring a small amount of spending money as well, should they wish to visit any touristic sites around the area.

Annual Pioneer and Friends Buffet and Dance: Friday 2nd May in Shepherd's Rest. Ticket is £12.50. Music by Larry & Co.
Pioneer Council Meeting: Tuesday 29th April at 7.00pm in St. Patrick's.

Annual Le Chéile-Together Lecture – Faith and Education in a Pluralist World: Tuesday 6th May at 7.00pm in St. Mary's University College, Belfast. Delivered by Dr. Francis Campbell, the new Vice Chancellor of St. Mary's University, Twickenham.
Chair: The Most Rev. Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

Cappagh / Badoney CCE Invite Applications for the Gaeltacht Bursary from paid-up members by Wednesday 30th April.
Call Tom or Bridget on (028) 8164 8719

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: If you have not yet been able to make your returns for the Trócaire Lenten campaign please do so as soon as possible. Make returns in the special envelope that was in the package you received at the beginning of Lent.
Thank you in anticipation of your support

Ards Friary – Legion of Mary Retreat: Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th May. Transport available. *To book contact (028) 8164 8436*

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje (7th to 14th September): Half board and all taxes and insurance £499.
 Spiritual Director is Fr. Mark Monaghan. *For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357*

Remembering the Past – A Bridge to the Future – Healing Division: An invitation to explore our shared future at the Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle on the weekend of 9th to 11th May. For details of programme and costs please visit our website at corrymeela.org or call our Belfast office on (028) 9050 8080

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland.

A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.

Adoption: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 28th April – St. Peter Chanel (priest and martyr) Born in France 1803, joined the Marist. He worked on the island of Futuna, Oceania, where he was clubbed to death for baptizing the chief's son. He is honoured as the first martyr of the church in Oceania. [Not celebrated this year]
St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (priest) [1673-1716] A priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. His writings concern Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. He strongly promoted the praying of the rosary. [Not celebrated this year]

Tuesday 29th April – St. Catherine of Siena (virgin and doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe) Humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth century Europe, spent all her energies for the Church, being able to achieve the Pope's return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

Wednesday 30th April – St. Pius V (pope) [1504-1572] Dominican, elected Pope in 1565, he implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal and Catechism. He is noted for his defense of Christendom against the Ottoman empire.

Thursday 1st May – St. Joseph the Worker

Friday 2nd May – St. Athanasius (bishop and doctor of the Church) Athanasius was born in Alexandria in 295. He fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ.

Saturday 3rd May – St. Philip and St. James (apostles) In the Gospel of John, Philip asks to see, and having seen, he tells the good news to others. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. James was the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord. He ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle and led a life of penance. He converted many people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 20:19-31:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed.' That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

Musings

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

There is a story told of a French soldier who deserted his post in Napoleon's army, but did not make it very far before being captured and hauled back to face what he expected to be certain execution. In desperation, the soldier's mother managed to get an audience with Napoleon to plead for her son's life, begging that he be shown mercy. Napoleon stared blankly at her and, having stressed the seriousness of her son's crime, barked 'He doesn't deserve mercy!' 'I know he doesn't', his mother quickly replied, 'for if he did, it wouldn't be mercy.'

The Deep End – So That You May Believe:

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

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. I was sitting in a hospital waiting room recently when two elderly women came in. They sat down and quietly began to recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy together. Afterwards they handed out Miraculous Medals to those in the room, before heading on their way to visit a patient.

Their simple act of prayer was moving, as was their willingness to pass on their faith to others. It made me think of how the faith we have today has been guarded and passed down through the generations, through prayers, devotions and practices. Our task is to continue to carry the torch.

Today's Gospel recalls one of the first encounters of the disciples with Jesus after he rose from the dead. The end of the Gospel tells us that these things were recorded 'so that you may believe'. The faith we celebrate today has come down from these very disciples.

We were not there when Jesus appeared to the disciples, but we experience his presence in the Christian community.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Sacramental Celebrations	Sunday 1st June Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 11th May	St. Patrick's	
	Sunday 24th August		Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Thursday 29th May • Saturday 19th July		St. Patrick's
	Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October		
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5 th and 6 th July)	Saturday 5th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 6th July	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
	Saturday 3rd May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 1st June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
	Saturday 22nd June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

Marriage and Family at the Heart of the Parish:

Saturday 14th June at the Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin. The conference will explore how parishes can support families in their calling to live, pass on and share their faith, given the pastoral challenges that affect families today. The day will involve an opening address by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, input from Dr. Tony Fahey of UCD and from Ms. Colette Furlong (Sligo Parishes Cluster Catechist) and drama presentations followed by reflection and discussion.

The three conference aims are:

- To explore the 'pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelisation' (Pope Francis)
- To explore how the parish community supports families in their Christian calling to share their faith
- To inform the work of the Council for Marriage and the Family

Participants:

This conference is offered to leaders in parishes and dioceses, and others exercising faith and pastoral leadership, including parents, grandparents, teachers, members of Parish Pastoral Councils as well as other groups and organisations serving the Church's mission.

*Further information is available from Ms. Trish Conway at Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co Kildare,
Tel: 087 6220 349 and bookings can be made to cmfconference@jecon.ie.*