

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 A] (27th August, 2017)
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Thought for the Week: "Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy." *St. Isidore of Seville*

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 27th Aug. – Sunday 3rd Sept.)

Saturday 26th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Rita Fox (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 27th August	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass
Monday 28th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
St. Augustine (bishop and doctor of the Church)			
Tuesday 29th August	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass: Mary T. McAnaney (3rd Anniversary)
Beheading of St. John the Baptist (martyr)			
Please note that there will be NO MASSES on any Wednesdays throughout July and August			
Thursday 31st August	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass followed by Adoration and Confession until 11.00am
Friday 1st September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Saturday 2nd September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 3rd September	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass

Lough Derg One Day Pilgrimage from Greencastle Parish £40 (can be paid on bus on day)
 Saturday 2nd September. Departing from outside St. Patrick's Church at 8.15am, we leave the island at 4.30pm.
Details of the Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 23rd Sept. will appear in next week's bulletin and will be a joint venture with Badoney Lower Parish

COLLECTIONS **30th July:** £1,300 • **6th August:** £800 • **13th August:** £1,090
20th August: £1,160 • **Emergency for East Africa:** £1,945

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family **Paidi Francis Myles** and **Mollie Mae Teague** who were baptised on Saturday 19th August in St. Patrick's Church. *May God continue to bless them and their parents and godparents*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **John McCullagh (Cookstown, formerly Glenhull)** who died during the week and for **Rita Fox (2nd)**, **Mary T. McAnaney (3rd)** and **Annie McCullagh (27th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for **Noelle Conway**, **P. Joe Clarke** and **Patsy O'Neill** who are recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society.

Sick and Housebound: Fr. Danny Monaghan will visit Friday 1st Sept. at the same times as the start of August.

Blessing of Bikes and Bikers: An Inter-denominational Service will take place in St. Aengus' Church, Burt (on the N13 near the Derry Bridge Border) on Sunday 3rd September for around 1.30pm. Collection on the day will be for RNLI. The Service will be followed by a 'Ride Out' to Ned's Point RNLI Station where light refreshments will be served. If anyone is interested, Fr. Gerry Sweeney will be leaving the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road, Strabane after Mass at 12.30pm to travel to Burt Chapel.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
 Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579
Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.
Tel: 01 443 4510 • **Email:** reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Massive Prayer Rally for Ireland: Saturday 9th September at 1.00pm. Join thousands of people gathering at Nutts Corner, Co. Antrim, to pray for the healing, restoration and transformation of our land.
For more information call Precious Life on (028) 9027 8484 or email info@preciouslife.com

McCrea's Bar & Lounge, Glenhull – Annual Steak BBQ: Saturday 9th September. *All proceeds go to Aware NI*

Pope Francis' Intention for September (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Parish: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen

Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9 • Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9, R/ v 2 • Romans 12:1-2 • Matthew 16:21-27
Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]

Parish Liturgy for September, 2017	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Nuala Glass	Brendan / Helen McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	Michaela Gillen	Rosemary McCullagh	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Colm Keenan Michael Clarke	Sean McKenna Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

Tyrone Ancient Order of Hibernians – Hibernian Day Parade: Sunday 10th September in Greencastle Co. Tyrone to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima at 3.00pm. We will be walking up to The Mass Rock on The Green Road, Greencastle for Rosary and Hymns then parading back to Greencastle Community Centre
 Anyone wishing to take part in this community parade please email tyronecountyboardah1@yahoo.com • Everyone Welcome

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 10th September. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to honour the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, family and society in teaching and passing on the faith. Anointing of the Sick will be at 2.30pm, with Mass at 3.00pm followed by the Rosary. Chief Celebrant Archbishop is Eamon Martin with Music by the Ballina School Choir featuring special guest Dana. *All prayers will be blessed during the pilgrimage*
Bus: £15 (pick-ups can be made along the main route) • **Meals (optional):** €30
Call Mona on (028) 8673 7954 or Una on 07743 575 969 to book • Everyone welcome!

Children's Prayer Appeal: Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents. The prayers can be brought to Knock on the day or posted in advance to the Catholic Grandparents' Association, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co Mayo.

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders.
For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 7126 4087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Institute of Irish Leadership **Creative Writing Workshops:** Tues. 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th September (10.30am to 12.30pm)
Walking Group: Meet every Mon. in Pomeroy Forest Car Park (11.00am to 12.00noon)

IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden – Growing in Grace Weekend Retreat
 Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September at St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrenn, Burnfoot, Co. Donegal. For those in recovery from addiction facilitated by 11th Step Group (Scotland). *Call (00353) (0)7493 84866 to book or for more info*
 €150 [residential] // €100 [non-residential] • Limited accommodation available • All meals provided

Rouskey Community Cookery Book: Another new project for Rouskey. We are now looking for homemade cooking and baking; old traditional recipes, new recipes and gluten-free and vegetarian. We invite you to bring all your recipes on Monday 11th September from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Rouskey Community Centre or you can still email them to rouskeycommunity@yahoo.com or give the recipes to members of committee. *Funded by the Fermanagh Omagh District Council*
Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma: Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring. We have a number of people who are interested in this course but we need a few more. *Proposed by Rouskey CDA • Call Bridie on 07591 047 556 for more information*

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
 Get together over a cuppa with all your friends in aid of your Local Foyle Hospice.
 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

Dunamanagh Parish Annual Steak BBQ: Friday 8th September in Aughabrack Hall, starring Johnny Brady.
Admission: £15 • **Food Served:** 8.00pm to 10.30pm • In aid of the Building Fund

Mrs Darling's Confidence Academy: Returns to Green Elves Playgroup, Greencastle on Saturday 9th September, offering high-quality drama, singing and dance classes to feed your child's imagination and boost their confidence.

Munchkins Session	3 and 4 year olds	10.00am to 11.00am	£35
Kool Kids Session	5 to 8 year olds	11.00am to 12.30pm	£40
Superstars Session	9 to 12 year olds	12.30pm to 2.00pm	£40

There is a sibling rate to make this very affordable for families with the eldest sibling being full price. Additional siblings are charged at £20. Sign up on Saturday 9th September, fifteen minutes before your child's class.
 Find us on facebook or call (028) 8164 8119 for further information

Picnic on the Hill would like to thank everyone who came to support us on Sunday 30th July. We were delighted to raise **£2,735** for three worthy causes (Charis Cancer Care, Chest, Heart & Stroke and the Cardiac Assessment / Stroke & Rehabilitation units in Omagh Hospital). It was a great family day out and we hope to see you all next year

Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions

Every 13th of the month from May to October with the exception of 19th August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13th May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour
Celebrant: Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown • *All are welcome*

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

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

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

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

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

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.

If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office
Email: t.mcmenamini@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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

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

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*

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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

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

10th Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:

Rome Pilgrimage: [Group 1] Sunday 29th October to Thursday 2nd November
[Group 2] Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)
God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;

To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word,
To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.

Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done
with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*
Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 16:13-20: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
2. 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?
3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
4. These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today?

Musings – What Am I For You?

Donal Neary SJ

What does this story tell us? Jesus wanted a response to his question who am I for you? He had spent time with people and some have accepted him. Peter's was the remark of faith. Faith is in the person of Jesus before any creed. Our faith is based on Jesus not on the Church. It is knowing Jesus from the inside – knowing who he really is with the knowledge of the heart.

Is our faith just like a birthmark or a way of life and love?

For some it is just a birthmark. A label for birth, marriage and death. It has become more like this in Ireland and the Church in many ways allows this.

Who is Christ for me? The question that will ground our faith.

We are here for partnership with the Lord in bringing on the reign of God.

What would that look like? That people who care for each other and particularly for the old, the child, the weaker, the unborn and the refugee. The Church is the community where the weakest are welcomed. The son of the living God is the one who heals, cures, wants us, and is the human face of God. We are that too – he has no body now on earth but ours!

The Deep End – Who Do You Say I Am?

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

Peter gets it right in today's Gospel and Jesus calls him 'blessed'. That is, he is a person who brings a great gift and who brings that gift to others. Already in the community that Matthew is writing for, the community of Jesus' followers are gathering as 'church'. Peter is seen as Jesus' successor and future leader for that community.

Jesus is a very different Messiah to the one the Jews expected. It is understandable that he would order the disciples to keep quiet. The people of his time wanted a leader who would lead them in a military revolt against the Romans, who would be a great king. Jesus' mission involves a very different focus, reaching out to the outcast, those on the margins, a radical love. His actions will speak for who he is. It is for each of us to make up our own minds as to who Jesus is. Peter is quite clear and sincere in his declaration, however, as we will see later, Peter did not understand fully what the journey of Jesus would entail. Peter commits himself but it is a reminder that we must always leave room for growth in the understanding of our commitments.

The joy of Jesus bursts out ... and he speaks his dream of an impregnable community of faith held together by the power of God rather than by external organisation, a community of commitment and freedom.
W. Yeomans

A question to focus on today might be: 'Who do YOU say that Jesus is?' What is Jesus for you, today, in your life at this precise moment?

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

Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub

This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.

We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.

An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.

To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.

The questionnaire will also be available online

Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.

We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

SUSE+ Community Programme: Are you aged between 16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week? If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid
If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below

Address: SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

Email: conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk • **Tel:** 07834 129 213 *Courses will be run, subject to minimum number interested*

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Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes: Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 469 428 or (028) 8164 8706

Child Care Level 2
Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College in Rouskey Community Centre in September

Provides learners with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare them for employment or to provide career development opportunities to progress onto a relevant Level 3 programme. As work placement is a vital part of this programme, learners will get the opportunity for both 'learning' and 'doing'.

Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma
Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College

Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring.

Essential Skills Levels 1 and 2 in English and 2 in IT These September courses are free

Camowen Farmers Group trip to National Ploughing Championships, Tullamore: Leaving Carrickmore Tuesday 19th September at 12noon and returning Thursday 21st September at 3.00pm. £250, this includes luxury coach for 3 days, entry to Ploughing Championships, 2 nights B&B and 2 dinner in 4-star Trim Castle, Co. Meath, Lunch on Tuesday 19th in Glencarn Hotel, Castleblayney and dinner on 21st in Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan. £100 deposit by Tuesday 15th August to secure booking • Call (028) 8076 1339 / 07789 067 231 for more details

Pope Francis – 'Vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit'

The Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations has launched a prayer initiative for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in Ireland. In this centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, parishes, schools and families are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary, for vocations in Ireland, on the 13th of each month from May until October.

Those taking part in the prayer initiative are invited to use the social media hashtag #Pray4Vocations

2016 Parish Statistics

Baptisms (18) 7 Boys 11 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16) 10 Boys 6 Girls	Confirmations (21) 10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16) 7 within parish 9 outside parish	Funerals (10) 8 within parish 2 outside parish	Station Masses in October 8
Events The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 th October		

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 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. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Tuesday 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.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo: Monday 18th September for 4 nights. 4 nights full board in Hotel Centro di Spiritulita. The pilgrimage will include visits to of Padre Pio and Monte Sant Angelo – the shrine in the cave where the birthplace St. Michael the Archangel appeared. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Daniel Ilhunnia MSP • €689
If interested call JWT on 00353 1241 0816, Marie on 07799 112 224 or Clare on 07778 025 587

St. Pio Monthly Devotions: The monthly devotions through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina that take place the second Wednesday of each month in St. Patrick's Church will resume 13th Sept. after summer break.

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

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.

For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** a.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk