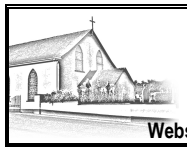

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (27th September, 2015)

Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU

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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (21st September, 2015 – 27th September, 2015)

Saturday 26th September St. Cosmas and St. Damian (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	**5.30pm** Confessions **6.00pm** Vigil Mass: Jeannie Keenan (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 27th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	**9.00am** Mass (Missa Pro Populo) **10.30am** Confessions **11.00am** Mass
Monday 28th September St. Wenceslaus (martyr) and St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs)	St. Patrick's	**10.00am** Mass
Tuesday 29th September St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael (Archangels)	St. Patrick's	**9.00am** Mass
Wednesday 30th September St. Jerome (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	**7.30pm** Mass
Thursday 1st October St. Thérèse of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Lourdes PS	**10.00am** Mass followed by Confession for First Friday with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **7.30pm** Sacramental Preparation Meeting
Friday 2nd October The Guardian Angels	St. Patrick's *First Friday of Month*	**10.00am** Mass: *Sick and Housebound Visits*
Saturday Morning (3rd October) Blessed Columba Marmion	St. Patrick's	**10.00am** Mass of First Saturday in honour of Mary, Our Blessed Mother followed by Confession for First Saturday with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday Evening (3rd October)	St. Patrick's	**5.30pm** Confessions **6.00pm** Vigil Mass: Rita Fox (Month's Mind) with Confessions after Mass
Sunday 4th October Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	**9.00am** Mass (Missa Pro Populo) **10.30am** Confessions **11.00am** Mass followed by Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. In order to make this Sacrament more available to parishioners I will be adding some additional times to Confession Times, beginning Thursday 1st October. I hope to talk about this Sacrament over the coming weeks particularly as we are approaching the beginning of the Year of Mercy in the Church and then talk about our Celebration of Mass highlighting the centrality of the Eucharist and how it is celebrated in 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

Station Mass Dates in October: Monday 5th, Monday 12th and Thursday 15th October. Station Masses have been booked in Sheskinshule, Brackagh South, Broughderg, Binnefreaghan and Formil. To book call Fr. Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474 or approach him after Mass over the next few weeks. *More details in next week's news sheet*

Collection: Thank you for your kindness in last week's collection of ***£1,026*** and ***£28.50*** in loose plate.
If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more.
Trócaire – *Collection to Aid Refugee Crisis*: To be taken up next weekend (3rd and 4th October) after Communion).

Remembering Our Dead: Please pray for the repose of the souls of ***Rita Fox*** at the time of her Month's Mind and ***Philomena Devlin*** whose Anniversary occurs at this time.

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

Universal: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelisation: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24 • Psalm 127 R/ v5 • Hebrews 2:9-11 • Mark 10:2-16 • Lectionary I, page 807
Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]

Parish Liturgy for October, 2015	**St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)**	**St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)**	**Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)**
Readers	Aisling Donaghy	Catriona McCullagh	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Kevin / Aidan / Ryan Clarke	Maeve McCullagh	Brianna Gillen
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Francis McLaughlin	Michael Clarke Peter Tracey	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Anne Tuohey, Alice Keenan and Anne Donnelly		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	**Offertory Gifts Rota**	**9.00am Sunday Morning**
Saturday 26th September The family of **Ella Kane**	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 27th September The family of **Elle Hague**
Saturday 3rd October The family of **Aisling Lucas**	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 4th October The family of **Cathal Keenan**

Sick and housebound Visits for Friday 2nd October

Before 10.00am Mass	**From 11.30am**	**From 2.30pm**
Formil	Gortacashel Road, Crock and Darvagh Road	Sheskinshule, Binnefreaghan and Barony Road

Sacramental Preparation Meeting: Thursday 1st October in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School for parents and children making their First Communion and Confirmation. The meeting is being hosted by the Parish and the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre. The children will take part in activities with the Derry Youth Community while the presentation to parents takes place. There will also be a short input to help launch this year's Do this in Memory Programme. *It is very important that parents and children attend*

Annual Derry Diocesan Pioneer Mass: To be celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown on Sunday 4th October at 3.00pm in St John the Baptist's Church, Granaghan (Swatragh). All Pioneers and their friends are invited to attend.
Refreshments will be served afterwards in Michael Davitt's GAA Hall

Pathways: A two-year course for adults who wish to explore their faith. There are no exams and no written work. Each day consists of input and group discussion. Cost: €250 for the coming academic year (October-June). Booking is now open. First Saturday of every month beginning 3rd October (10.00am to 4.30pm).
Website: raphoepastoralcentre.ie • **Tel:** +353 (74) 9121853 • **Email:** gdohertyraphoediocese@gmail.com

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)

Refugee Crisis – Bishop McKeown Calls for Support: I am writing in response to the refugee crisis which has been gathering over the past number of months, and has come to a head in recent weeks. While there has been much said about accommodating refugees, the fact is that, as yet, they are not here and their ability to move into our area is under the control of the UK and Irish governments. However, we can act now in relation to the terrible conditions being endured by refugees, not so much in western Europe where there is at least the possibility of government action to support them, but in other areas where there are huge numbers of refugees and inadequate provision. Over recent days the diocese has been in contact with Trocaire and I have been informed that Trocaire has partner agencies in Serbia, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey. While Pope Francis has invited parishes in Europe to host refugees and some people here have expressed a willingness to do this, we are not in an area to which governments have moved refugees. We can, however, at this stage provide financial support to Trocaire in this time of crisis.
The collection will take place in our parish next weekend (3rd and 4th October) after communion at all masses

Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick: Friday 9th October for those aged between 16 and 35. Do you fancy a trip to Westport, Co Mayo combined with a hike of one of Ireland's most famous mountains 'Croagh Patrick'? Well now could be your chance!
To register your interest, contact Naoimh Moore at The Diocesan Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or on 07714 882 955. Alternatively, you can drop her an email at n.moore@derrydiocese.org

Youth 2000 – Catholic Weekend Retreat in Lough Derg: Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October for young adults between the ages of 16 and 35. The weekend will include excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, music, activities, adoration and lots of time to meet new people and friends. Parental consent required for those under the age of 18. All meals and accommodation provided. Don't let money be an obstacle; just bring any donation and a sleeping bag.
Website: youth2000.ie • **Tel:** 07598 876 399

Alzheimer's Society – *Tyrone Memory Walk (2K and 5K)*: Sunday 4th October at the Loughmacrory Lough. Registration is at 11.00am and the walk starts at 12 noon. *Leading the fight against dementia • memorywalk.org.uk*

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – *Upcoming Events This Autumn*:
Dún Uladh, Drumnakilly Road, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, BT79 0JP, United Kingdom

Traditional Music Classes	Tuesday 29th September to Tuesday 8th December. *Mid-term break over Halloween* Registration takes place on Tuesday 22nd September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm. *All students must attend registration*
Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced Music Classes	Classes for ages 7 to 9 will be grouped according to standard on registration night. Total beginner lessons start at 6.30pm, minimum age of 7 years old. *One-to-one lessons on various Irish Traditional Instruments available*
Tap and Clap Classes [NEW]	Provides a fun and educational music, singing and dance experience for any young children who hope to follow down the path of Irish Traditional Music. 6.00pm to 6.30pm or 6.30pm to 7.00pm. Booking is essential. *Tea / coffee and scones will be on sale in our café for parents / guardians*

For more information call (028) 8554 2777 or email info@dunuladh.ie

Gaeilge i nDún Uladh OCN NI Irish Qualification	Beginning Wednesday 30th September (level 1 and 2) and Thursday 1st October (level 3) with 30 weeks of classes. **Level 1 Award:** Wednesday, 5.30pm to 7.30pm (£130, reduced £90) **Level 2 Award:** Wednesday, 8.30pm to 10.00pm (£130, reduced £90) **Level 3 Award:** Thursday, 6.30pm to 8.30pm (£155, reduced £115)

All courses are subject to demand • Register interest by emailing sean.anton@dunuladh.ie
Classes will be held in Dún Uladh in cooperation with South West College

Irish Language Taster Sessions and Talks	Thursday 8th October at 8.00pm in the Hospital Road Community Centre, Omagh Linda Ervine and Gordon McCoy • The hidden history of Protestants and the Irish language • The miracle of Turas • The role of Presbyterians and the Irish language
Irish Language Introduction Classes	Beginning Thursday 15th October from 7.30pm to 9.00pmin Hospital Road Community Centre, Omagh for 10 weeks. *£2 per class with concessions available*

Ceol Cois Tine All tickets are £10

Holy Geraghty, Jonathan Roche and MJ MacMahon: Friday 9th October at 8.30pm
A highly acclaimed trio playing Concertina, Button Accordion and Guitar.
The second in our new series of concerts "Ceol Cois Tine" (Music by the fire side).

Graham Guerin and James Duggan: Friday 13th November at 8.30pm
Two All-Ireland Champions on Button Accordion and Fiddle. The third in our series of concerts

Sean Keane and Gearoid Keane: Friday 11th December at 8.30pm
On concertina and fiddle for a night to remember. Our final night.

Concerts

Iarla Ó Lionáird and Steve Cooney: Sunday 29th November at 8.30pm (tickets are £10)
Steve Cooney is joined by extraordinary traditional vocalist Iarla Ó Lionáird for this eagerly awaited concert. The duo will be joined by Scottish Singer and Harpist Misha MacPherson.

Cherish the Ladies: Friday 2nd October at 8.30pm (tickets are £10 Adv. £12.50 on door)
"It is simply impossible to imagine an audience that wouldn't enjoy what they do". Cherish the Ladies have proven themselves one of the most engaging ensembles in the history of Irish music.

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

Disregard for the duty to cultivate and maintain a proper relationship with my neighbour, for whose care and custody I am responsible, ruins my relationship with my own self, with others, with God and with the earth. When all these relationships are neglected, when justice no longer dwells in the land, the Bible tells us that life itself is endangered. We see this in the story of Noah … These ancient stories, full of symbolism, bear witness to a conviction which we today share, that everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others.

Pope Francis (Laudato Si', 70)

Irish Pilgrimage Trust – *Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes*: The Irish Pilgrimage Trust travels to Lourdes every Easter Sunday with young people and children from all over Ireland. The Derry, Tyrone and Donegal groups are currently accepting applications from young people of all religious denominations with:

A medical condition, physical disability or illness (aged 9-18) • A learning disability (aged 11-21)
Very seriously ill children under the age of 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative
Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness.

The young person travels without their family but accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. This week is a great experience for the young person as they have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence and often provides respite for parents/carers. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Alice O'Hagan on (00353) 86346 0522 or Jimmie on 07802 545 282 for further details and an application form. **Please note closing date for applications is 31st October**.

Have you ever wanted to volunteer and help others? If you are interested in volunteering with The Irish Pilgrimage Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer for a week next Easter please call either of the numbers above for more information. All volunteers pay their own fare of £560 (€650). *More details can be found on our website*

Red Cross – *Volunteering Opportunities Available*: Closing date for applications Sunday 25th October. Contact Siobhan McGlone / Tiernach Mahon on
Tel: (028) 8225 1116 • **Email:** smcglone@redcross.org.uk • **Online:** tmahon@redcross.org.uk

Liam Bradley Tours: Wicklow, Monday 19th October for 4 days. 3 dinners, B/B, 2 teas. Daily tours are £210 pps, Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Loghaire. Departs from Omagh at 9.00am. *For more information call 07707 166 717*

Youth Ministry – *Diocesan Conference*: Saturday 14th October from 9.30am in Thornhill College, Culmore Road, Derry. The keynote speaker will be John McAreavey. All those interested in helping young people to be part of the Church are warmly invited. The fee, which includes lunch and refreshments, is £20 (€27). Booking is essential.
For a booking form call (028/048) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – *Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership*: Beginning this Autumn in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. This is 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

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48*: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. John objected to a person who was not in their group casting 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 who is 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?

Diocesan Safeguarding Training Notification: As part of the Safeguarding training programme in the Diocese, a series of Adult Safeguarding training events has been arranged, to take place during the month of September for those involved in Eucharistic Ministry to hospitals, nursing homes and the housebound. If you currently undertake this parish role, please contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Representatives to book a place at your designated session. Alternatively, to book a place:
Address: Safeguarding Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry • **Tel:** (028) 7136 2475 • **Hours:** Mon. and Tues., 9.00am to 5.00pm

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*

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***

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 28th September – St. Wenceslaus (martyr) ***[905-925]*** Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother. Patron of brewers. [Not celebrated this year]

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions (martyrs) ***[1839-1867]*** During the period 1633 to 1637 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood our love of for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

Wednesday 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

Thursday 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.

Friday 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.

Saturday 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.

Sunday 4th October – ***St. Francis of Assisi (priest) [1181/1182-1282]*** Abandoned all things for the love of Christ. Founded the Friars Minor and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron Saint of ecologists.
[NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	**Thursday 29th October** St. Patrick's	
	Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed	
Monday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	**6.00pm** Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)

The Deep End – *Remove the Stumbling Blocks*: *Jane Mellett (janemellet@yahoo.com)*

Earlier in the Gospel of Mark the disciples were arguing about who amongst them was the greatest; in any group there is bound to be the occasional dispute! Today they are complaining that people, who are not part of the gang, are performing works in Jesus's name. The disciples are eager to pass judgement, yet Jesus is asking them not to focus so much on how other people are a stumbling block to the Gospel, but to look inwards and ask themselves how are they doing? What stumbling blocks do they put in their way or in the way of others?

On Sunday 4th October we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, bringing 'Creation Time' to a close. Some parishes have a blessing of animals; others have 'Eco-Sunday' and some have achieved the 'Eco-Parish' award from Eco-Congregation Ireland. *If your parish is not on the list, maybe you can gather people together to start the process by visiting ecocongregationireland.com/eco-tips*

It is easy to point the finger at major corporations and poor leadership and think that there is nothing we can do about climate injustice. As this season of 'Creation Time' draws to a close, let us really celebrate by committing to small actions as parish communities, being part of the solution and not a stumbling block.

> Common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning… Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life. *Pope Francis (Laudato Si', 207)*