



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (27th October, 2013)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (28th October 2013 – 3rd November 2013)

Dear Parishioners, I had to have a plaster put on my foot this week and I have become incapacitated and unable to drive. I apologise because I will be unable to serve you with daily Mass but I hope that I will be able to find a priest to lead you in prayer at weekends. This weekend Fr. Donal Bennett is available and I thank him for his support. Because of the uncertainty the schedule may need to change and I will try to keep you informed as best I can. Thank you for your understanding and patience. I will not be able to attend the sick and housebound in November.

Fr. Eugene Hasson

Saturday Evening (26th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 27th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	8.30am Public Recitation of the Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
NOTE: There will be no 10.00am Mass from Monday 28 th October to Thursday 31 st October		
Thursday 31st October Feast of All Saints	Our Lady of Wayside	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Vigil Mass for Feast Day
Friday 1st November	St. Patrick's	11.00am Mass: Derry Diocesan Society for living members <i>Details can be found in the online news sheet</i>
Saturday Morning (2nd November) Commemoration of All the Faithful departed	Our Lady of Wayside	10.00am Mass for the Dead:
Saturday Evening (2nd November)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 3rd November Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of 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 **£1,045**.
Annual Mission Sunday Collection: A total contribution of **£420** was made, thank you.
New Sunday envelopes will be distributed shortly.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Patsy Coyle** whose anniversary occurs at this time and remember **Fr. Vincent MacRory** and **Lucy McCullagh**, the most recently enrolled members of the Derry Diocesan Society.

Praying the Rosary: Thank you to the members of the Legion of Mary supported by others in our congregation who lead the public recitation of the Rosary before Mass each day during the month of October.

Centering Prayer: This is a method of prayer, similar to meditation but grounded in the Christian contemplative tradition. There will be an introduction to Centering Prayer on Saturday 2nd November in St. Augustine's Church hall, Derry from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The Introduction is provided free of charge but participants are asked to bring own lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided.
To book a place or for more information contact Janice on 07734 417 824

Children in Crossfire – Barcelona Half Marathon: Friday 14th February to Monday 17th February, 2014.
Please contact Eileen at events@childrenincrossfire.org or call (028) 7126 9898 / 07840 182 004

Greencastle GAA – Christmas Fayre: Sunday 8th December in Community Centre. *Call Leona on 07789 687 564*

Greencastle Community Centre – Card Playing: Resumes Sunday 27th October at 7.00pm.

Pope Francis' Intentions for November (please remember these in your personal prayer)	
General – Priests Experience Difficulties:	That priests experiencing difficulties may be comforted in their sufferings, sustained in their doubts and confirmed in their fidelity.
Missionary – Churches of Latin America:	That the Churches of Latin America may send missionaries to other Churches as fruit of the continental mission.

Greencastle Youth Club Rota	Monday 28 th October	8.00pm – 9.30pm	Years 8, 9 and 10 (Mary McCrory)
	Tuesday 29 th October	6.30pm – 8.00pm	P4 and P5 (Liz Conneely)
There will be nothing for P4 to P6 due to a trip to the Folk Park on Thursday 31 st October. <i>All children must be at hall for 2.45pm</i>			
BADA – Upcoming Events:	Friday 1st November	Card playing at 8.00pm.	<i>Refreshments served</i>
Next Sunday's Readings:	Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10; Lectionary I, page 928 (Sunday: Year B) (Weekday: Year 2)		
Lotto Results:	B • E • J • W • X (2 person with 3 letters, winning £25 each) Next Jackpot: £4,850		

Parish Liturgy for November, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Barry Maguire
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Seoirse Conway	Rosemary McCullagh	Claire Coyle
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Peter Tracey Colm Keenan	Tony Donnelly Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Rosemary, Shauna and Ciara McNally		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			
6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning	
<u>Saturday 26th October</u> The family of Cara-Rose Brogan	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 27th October</u> The family of Aine Lucas	
<u>Saturday 2nd November</u> The family of Nicole Cahill	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 3rd November</u> The family of Miceal McCann	
<u>Saturday 9th November</u> The family of Niamh Clarke	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 10th November</u> The family of Daniel McCrory	
As the wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this important task of leadership. What can you volunteer? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community. <i>We need new volunteers in every aspect of life</i>			

Pope: Attachment to Money Destroys People, Families and Relationships - Reflects on the Effects of Greed During Morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta By Junno Arocho Esteves *Vatican City (Monday 21st October) [Zenit.org]*

In his homily this morning in the chapel of Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis warned of destruction of people, families and relationships brought on by the attachment to money and greed.

The Holy Father reflected on today's Gospel which recalls the moment when Jesus is asked to resolve a problem between two brothers arguing over their inheritance.

"How many families have we seen destroyed by the problem of money?," the Holy Father asked. "Brother against brother, father against son. This is the first result that this attitude of being attached to money does: it destroys!"

"When a person is attached to money, he destroys himself, he destroys the family. Money destroys! It does, doesn't it? It binds you."

The Pope observed that while money can serve to bring good things to others, especially in works of human development, an attachment can only bring about the destruction of one's self.

Referring to Christ's parables of the rich man who lives to accumulate treasures for himself, the Holy Father said that such greed leads to an idolatry that destroys one's relationship with others.

"It's not money, but the attitude, what we call greed. Then too this greed makes you sick, because it makes you think of everything in terms of money," the Holy Father said.

"It destroys you, it makes you sick. And in the end – this is the most important thing – greed is an instrument of idolatry because it goes along a way contrary to what God has done for us."

"Saint Paul," Pope Francis continued, "tells us that Jesus Christ, who was rich, made Himself poor to enrich us. That is the path of God: humility, to lower oneself in order to serve. Greed, on the other hand, takes us on a contrary path: You, who are a poor human, make yourself God for vanity's sake. It is idolatry!"

The 76 year old pontiff went on to say that for this reason, Christ speaks strongly in the Gospel's against this attachment to money, which can impede one from trusting in God in moments of need. The path of greed is contrary to the path of God and "destroys all human fraternity."

Concluding his homily, Pope Francis called on the faithful that the path taught by Christ is "not the path of poverty for poverty's sake" but rather to use "the way of poverty as an instrument, so that God may be God, so that He will be the only Lord."

"All the goods that we have, the Lord gives them to us to advance the world, to advance humanity, to help, to help others. Today may the Word of the Lord remain in our hearts: 'Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not depend on that which they possess.'"

Green Elves Playgroup – Parent and Toddler Group: Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm from 14th November.
All welcome just come along. For more information call (028) 8164 8119

Families Bereaved by Suicide Residential Weekend: From 7.30pm on Friday 15th November until 5.00pm on Sunday 17th November in The Sanctuary, the IOSAS Centre, Muff, Co Donegal.

St Canice's Oratory Celtic Prayer Garden (Lenamore Road) – Healing Mass: Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm.
Celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin. *Refreshments afterwards in the IOSAS Centre*

PTAA – Month of the Holy Souls: Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrificial act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise! Take the SHORT-TERM pledge for NOVEMBER.
For more information visit pioneerassociation.ie

Derry Diocesan Society for Sick and Infirm Priests:
1. Any person may become a member, sharing in all its privileges by paying at least £20. 2. Likewise, any person whomsoever may have a deceased relative or friend placed on the Register of Members of the Society, the deceased person thereby becoming a sharer in all the Masses and prayers offered for members. These Masses go on all the time. **Privileges of members: Deceased:** 1. A Mass every day in a parish in the Diocese (*this will take in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle on Friday 1st November (Feast of All Saints) at 11.00am*). 2. The prayers of every congregation in the Diocese on the first three Sundays of each quarter. **Living:** 1. Mass will be offered each month, as listed on the Church notice board. 2. When a living member dies the name is transferred to the list of deceased members without further payment.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 accordmagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

Prayer from the Community at Taize: God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in Syria and elsewhere in the world. So we turn to you - you do not let us give in to discouragement. You bring us to understand that our prayer and our compassion count. Be close to those who are suffering and send your Holy Spirit, that all humans may be inspired to make signs of peace.

Saturday 2nd November

St. Patrick's

6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls
(remembering all who died during the year)

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*
God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

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

Mission Month – Mission Sunday:
As we come to the end of our celebration of Mission Month it might be worthwhile to reflect on how Missionary are we as a Believing Community. A few reflection questions follow:

- Do we know of any missionaries who come from our Diocese/Parish? Do we remember to pray for them? Do we invite them to speak to us in the parish/school/community when they are home on holiday? Do we run a parish project to support their work?
- Is our Parish involved in any missionary outreach project overseas or in any local outreach project e.g. suicide, mental health, drugs, alcohol etc.?
- Do our faith formation programmes in the school/parish include a module on what it means to be a missionary community?

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?
For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2014: 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 any religious denomination with:

- A physical disability or illness (aged 9-18)
- Very seriously ill children under 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative
- A learning disability (aged 11-21)
- 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 on 086 856 6432 or James on 07989 303 896 for further details and an application form.
Please note closing date for applications is 31st October. If you are interested in volunteering with The Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer please contact either of the numbers above. All volunteers pay their own fare

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.
*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

- Sunday 27th October – St. Otteran (monk)** Irish monk associated with Columba of Iona. Some claim that he was an abbot from County Meath but that is not definite. Patron Saint of graves and cemeteries. [Not celebrated this year]
- Monday 28th October – St. Simon and St. Jude (Apostles)** The teaching of the apostles is the living gospel for all to hear. Their authority comes from their fidelity to Christ and his message. We pray today that they continue to watch over the Church and give it protection against error. St. Jude is Patron Saint of hopeless causes.
- Tuesday 29th October – St. Colman (bishop)** Hailed from Kilmacduagh, Co. Clare in the 7th century. After studying in Aran, where he founded two churches on Inis Mhor, he returned to make a foundation at Kilmacduagh.
- Thursday 31st October – Blessed Dominic Collins (martyr)** He was born around 1566 in the city of Youghal, Co. Cork. In 1598, after a military career, he entered the Society of Jesus as a Brother. He returned to Ireland in 1601, but on 17th June, 1602 he was captured by the English who tried in vain to make him abjure his faith. Condemned to death, he was hanged in his native city on 31st October, 1602.
- Friday 1st November – Feast of All Saints** Arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honoured.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 18:9-14:

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1. There can be an element of defensiveness in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we can be totally open and know we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?
2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitations? Have you ever found that when you are humble in this way in prayer, God lifts you up?
3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees another picture. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions?

The Deep End – A Little Kindness:

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'Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle'. Depending on who you ask, this well-known quote is attributed to Plato, Philo, Ian Maclaren, or a variety of other thinkers. Another writer, Peter Pan author JM Barrie expressed a similar sentiment thus: 'Always try to be a little kinder than is necessary'.

How easy it can be to judge. The Pharisee in the parable does not come across as a pleasant man, with his superiority complex and his judgemental attitude towards the tax collector. He knew nothing of the other man praying alongside him in the temple, of his joys or his struggles. Yet he was ready to dismiss him and others as 'grasping, unjust, adulterous'. The tax collector, on the other hand, was humble enough to admit to his shortcomings, and to simply ask God for his mercy and help.

Like the Pharisee, our attitude towards others can leave room for improvement. We can be all too ready to judge others and to feel ourselves somehow superior to them, without knowing anything about their situation.

Today's Psalm tells us that the Lord is close to the broken-hearted. We are all broken-hearted in our own way, and we all need God's help. We all have our challenges and struggles. If we could remember this about each other, we would be a lot kinder to those we meet.