

.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, 2019)

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Thought for the Week: "We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not replace them." *Pope Francis' Encyclical on Family (Amoris Laetitia, Chapter 2, #37)*

Liturgy Schedule for Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (27th October – 3rd November)

Saturday 26th October	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Mary McBride (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 27th October	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass
Monday 28th October	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
St. Simon and St. Jude (apostles)	Aughascribba	7.30pm	Station Mass
Tuesday 29th October	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 30th October	St. Patrick's	12 noon to 7.15pm	Adoration 7.30pm Mass
Thursday 31st October	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass: Michael McCullagh (1 st Anniversary)
Blessed Dominic Collins (martyr)	Our Lady of Wayside	8.00pm	Vigil Mass of All Saints'
Friday 1st November	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Mass followed by Confession
All Saints' Day			
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass for All Souls' Day followed by Confession
DTiM (week 2) • All Souls' Day		6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Michael Conway (11 th Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd November	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am	Mass

COLLECTIONS **Weekly:** £780 **Mission Sunday:** £705 *Thank you for your continuing generosity*

Wedding: We congratulate and offer our best wishes and prayers to Christopher McLaughlin (Greencastle) and Shauneen Corrigan (Cappagh) • Friday 18th October in St. Mary's, Killyclogher

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Michael McCullagh** whose First Anniversary mass will be celebrated Thursday morning. We also pray for **Mary McBride (5th)** and **Jim McCullagh (6th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and Housebound: Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care Friday 1st November. Morning visits will begin later due to the Holy Day Mass at 11.00am.

Station Mass: This week it is being hosted Monday 28th October in the home of Francis and Brigid Keenan, Carnanrancy Road, Aughascribba. The ceremony begins with the availability of Confession from 7.30pm followed by Mass including the Blessing of Holy Water and of the Family Home.

Mass for the Faithful Departed: The Annual Mass to pray all our Family and Parish Dead will take place this year on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. This is to avoid a clash with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 2nd November and an uncomfortably large congregation at this important mass.

Fr. Bill Healing and Faith Renewal Retreat: Monday 4th to Friday 8th November in St. Mary's Convent, Knock. Given by Fr. Anthony Saji VC. *For more info call Roisin on 074 93 63336*

An Caisleán Glas – Gala: Saturday 9th November in Silver Birches, Omagh. Celebrate 50 continuous years of An Caisleán Glas. greencastle50gala@outlook.com

Annual Derry Diocesan Pioneer Mass: Celebrated by Bishop McKeown on Sunday 27th October at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Ballerin, Co. Derry. *Refreshments will be served in the nearby Errigal Hall. Everyone welcome.*

Some Important Dates

Friday 8th November at 7.30pm Mass for the Parish Faithful Departed	Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm Service of Light for P7 Confirmation children
Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm First Confession for P4 Children	Sunday 26th April at 2.00pm Confirmation
	Saturday 6th June at 12noon First Holy Communion

Pope Francis' Intention for November (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Next Week's Readings Wisdom 11:22-12:2 • Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, R/ cf. v 1 • 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10 • Lectionary 1:928 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gift Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
26 th October • Emma Fox	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 th October • Katelyn Gumley
2 nd November (DTiM week 2) • Fionn Harte	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 rd November • Nicole Horan
<i>If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented</i>		

Parish Liturgy for November, 2019	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Joann McCullagh	Orla Scullion	Barry Maguire
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Nora McCullagh	Micéal McCann	Laoise Teague
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Shea McElhatton	Colm Keenan Patrick Tuohey	Pat McGuigan Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Kathleen Beggs and Mary McCullagh		Anne McDermott Martina Daly

Alcoholics Anonymous: Can't stop? There is a solution.
Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email csoofaa@btinternet.com. alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg – Annual General Meeting: Monday 18th November at 8.00pm in the Community Centre.

Sounds of the Season – A Celebration of Christmas Music: Tuesday 10th December at 8.00pm. Paschal McAnenly with special guests Malachi Cush, Conor McGinty (from ITV's X Factor), Lauren McCrory and The Mc Bennett Sisters. Musical Director: Plunkett McGartland. Proceeds in aid of parish funds. Church of the Immaculate Conception Ballygawley. Tickets £20 and available from Traynor's Butchers, O'Neill's Chemist, Kelly's Inn, Playtime Nursery Eskra or by calling 07928 419 147.
Get your tickets now for what will be a wonderful night of Music and song

Irish Pilgrimage Trust – Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Applications are invited from / for young people (11-30 years) with a medical condition, physical disability, illness, learning disability, social or emotional need. Applications also invited for very seriously ill children under the age of 11, accompanied by a parent or close relative. Those over 11 years travel without their family but are accompanied by experienced adult carers. Those participating have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence. The pilgrimage can also provide respite for parents / carers. The IPT covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. Call Maureen Devine after 5.00pm on 0044 7717 7325 50 or Mary Dunning on (087) 7962 047 for further details and an application form. Closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October. irishpilgrimage.org.
Volunteers, particularly male, are also required; training will be offered

Autumn Gala Concert in Aid of Trócaire: Frs. Martin and Eugene O'Hagan of 'The Priests' and Derry soprano Margaret Keys have announced details of an Autumn gala concert in aid of Trócaire. The concert will be held in Clonard Monastery, Belfast on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm and will feature the three vocalists together with the choir of St. Dominic's Grammar School in Belfast. Admission will be free by ticket with a suggested donation on the night of £10.
To reserve tickets visit eventbrite.co.uk, search 'Trócaire Autumn Gala Concert', email infoni@trocaire.org or call (028) 9080 8030

Holy Trinity College – Substitute Bank of Classroom Assistants: If you have a relevant qualification and wish to be included in the substitute CA register send your CV to the college marked for the attention of Mrs. N. McAshea.

Sperrin Family Practice – Flu Vaccines: Flu vaccines are for all patients registered with Sperrin Family Practice aged 65+ (born before 31-03-1955), those under 65 in a risk category eg patients with asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart etc. and all 2 to 3 year old children (born 02-07-15 to 01-09-17). Primary school children will receive their flu vaccines in school. A walk-in flu vaccine clinic has been arranged for Saturday 9th November between 9.30am and 12noon in Gortin Medical Centre for Gortin and Plumbridge surgery patients (no appointment required).

Meditative Morning – She Inspires Me: Monday 28th October from 10.30am to 12noon in Thornhill House, 121 Culmore Road, Derry. Allows women from Scriptures to inspire us as we are led into reflection on texts from the Bible (suggested offering £7.50).
For more info call (028) 7135 1233, email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or visit thornhillministries.co.uk

Thornhill Ministries, 121 Culmore Road, Derry – Upcoming Events:
Tel: (028) 7135 1233 • **Email:** thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org • **Website:** thornhillministries.co.uk

Oasis Day:	Fr. Paschal McDonnell offers a gentle day's reflection and meditation on 'Harvesting Experience's Wisdom' - Tuesday 5 th November from 9.30am to 2.15pm. <i>Booking essential. Suggested Offering £20 (includes Eucharist and light lunch).</i>
Spiritual Reading Book Club:	Tuesday 19 th November from 10.30am to 11.45am. For anyone interested in spiritual-religious writings, our Book Club reviews books and helps us stay in touch with current issues and theology. The Book of the Month for November is 'A Cry is Heard' by John Vanier. <i>Copies of books available for purchase. New members welcome! Suggested Offering £5.00.</i>

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:
Card Playing: Resumes Friday 1st November at 8.00pm.
Broughderg Area Development Association Ltd Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 13th November at 8.00pm.

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

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.
If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

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

Owenkillew Credit Union – Death Benefit Insurance (DBI):

DBI is an insurance scheme whereby for a small premium, your nominee will receive an additional £2,000 to help defray funeral expenses. Can all members who have not paid their premium please call to either office and do so.

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training

To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.

Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday

Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

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

Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):

Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies

Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) • Join our faith family!

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.
If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Armchair Exercises: Continues every Monday night in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. *Suitable for all ages*

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

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
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

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

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

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

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

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Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life
1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage
2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people
4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth
6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

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

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

Accord Counselling Services: Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none.
To avail of this service call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland Weekend: Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November in the Lake Hotel, Killarney.
For more information and / or booking visit marriageencounter.ie or call 07702 812 321 or (087) 784 0408

The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility: This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.
Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk

In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II – 10 Night Pilgrimage to Poland: Tuesday 21st April to Friday 1st May, 2020. Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit the capital of Divine Mercy, venerate the messenger of Mercy, St. Faustina's relics, see the cell that imprisoned St. Maximilian Kolbe (martyr) as well as visit the largest Marian shrines and sanctuaries in Poland – daily Mass and spiritual activities. Flights from Belfast, luxury coach travel and excellent accommodation.
For more info, a detailed itinerary and price email Fr. Micheál McGavigan at michealmcgavigan@icloud.com

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

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.

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.

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 – All Saints' Day 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.

Saturday 2nd November – All Souls' Day A commemoration of the faithfully departed. To remember the departed, many cultures prepare meals for the souls of the dead, light candles or leave flowers on relatives' graves and some anoint tombstones with holy water or pour milk over them.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel:

John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

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 in prayer, when you are humble in this way, 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 – The Meaning of Life:

Jane Mellett ([mellettjt@gmail.com](mailto:melletjt@gmail.com))

After the Second World War, a Greek man named Alexander Papaderous founded an Institute of Peace and Understanding on the island of Crete, as a response to the atrocities that had taken place there during the war. One day, while taking questions at the end of a lecture, someone asked him 'What is the meaning of life?' In response, Papaderous took a small mirror out his wallet, and said: 'I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world – into the black places in the hearts of men and women – and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I'm about. This is the meaning of my life.'

Papaderous was a person of great humility, aware of how small and seemingly insignificant each one of us is, but full of faith that we can still do great things. Like the tax collector in the parable we hear today, he was aware of his unworthiness, but open to light and hope.

In today's Gospel we are invited to put ourselves in the shoes of the Pharisee, who regarded himself as superior to others, and the tax collector, who throws himself on the mercy of God. Which of them sees the bigger picture?

PARISH EVENTS IN 2018

Thursday 1st February Service of Light for P7	Thursday 8th March First Confession for P4
Monday 12th March 5 Parishioners receive Pope John Paul Awards in Armagh Cathedral	
Sunday 22nd April Confirmation by Bishop McKeown	Saturday 19th May First Holy Communion
Thursday 14th June P7 attend Fan the Flame Mass in Celtic Park Derry	
Thursday 21st June Presentations to P7 Leavers and Mr. Noel McGinn on retirement as principal	
Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July Cemetery Prayers in Parish Cemeteries	
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August Parishioners, along with Fr Gallagher attend Festival of Families in Croke Park and Papal Mass in Phoenix Park	
Saturday 1st September Mr. Neil McCloy officially takes up role as principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	
Sunday 2nd September All-Ireland Final – Tyrone v. Dublin	Friday 2nd November Mass for Parish Deceased
10th November Sr. Bride Counihan makes Mission Appeal	
Wednesday 21st November Inaugural Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council	
Sunday 16th December Advent Penance Service	Saturday 22nd December 2 New Altar servers welcomed
31st December Large congregation gathers for Mass at final sunset of 2018	

2018	PARISH STATISTICS	2017
(16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls	Baptisms	(26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls
(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	First Communion	(14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls
(17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls	Confirmation	(15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
3 within parish • 3 outside parish	Weddings	2 within parish • 3 outside parish
10	Deaths and Burials	12

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent
Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

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World Premiere of The Beating Heart of Ulster: Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre through Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and the RSPBANI. Showcasing local, young traditional talent celebrating shared culture through the medium of music, song, storytelling and dance. The first show takes place in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh on Saturday 2nd November at 7.30pm with a second showing in the Ardhoven Theatre, Enniskillen on Saturday 9th November at 7.30pm. Admission is £5 per person, with concession price at £3 per person and family rates available. To book your tickets visit struleartscentre.co.uk and ardhoven.com.
 For more info on the event call Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre on 028 8224 2777 or e-mail info@dunuladh.ie

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.

St. Patrick's: Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass
 First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am 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

Family Care Adoption Services Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children
 For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
 us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace 2019

Charity and human virtues: the basis of politics at the service of human rights and peace

'Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have."

This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002: "Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role. Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility. Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest. Blessed be the politician who remains consistent. Blessed be the politician who works for unity. Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change. Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear." Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.'

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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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

Family Care Adoption Services *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*

For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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

Deanery of Tyrone Statistics

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000

6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people

3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people

The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics

7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?

In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.

The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s

The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

Mid Ulster Agewell: Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration

12noon – 1.00pm Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life

1.00pm – 2.00pm Married couples and those preparing for Marriage

2.00pm – 3.00pm Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people

4.00pm – 5.00pm Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth

6.00pm – 7.00pm The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages (April to October): 7 nights B&B and Airport

Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing.

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Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events:

To enquire call Tom on (028) 816 48719

Music	Monday nights at 6.30pm in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge – whistle, fiddle, banjo and accordion.
Lessons:	All levels catered for beginners – advanced. <i>Call Tom on number above for relevant class times</i>
Singing	With Ciara Fox Sunday 27 th October and 17 th and 24 th November at 2.30pm in Plumbridge.
Classes:	<i>Call Tom on the number above to register</i>