PARISHES OF GREENCASTLE AND BADONEY LOWER

First Sunday of Advent [Year A] (Sunday 27th November, 2022)

Fr. Roland Colhoun | (028) 8166 1445 | ardstraweast@derrydiocese.org

EMAIL: ardstraweast@derrydiocese.org

PHONE: (028) 8164 8357

WHATSAPP: 07768 395 038

GREENCASTLE (G)

SAT 26 NOV	St. Patrick's, Greencastle 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Suzanna Myles McCullagh
SUN 27 NOV	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg 11.30am Mass
TUE 29 NOV	St. Patrick's, Greencastle 12.30pm Mass followed by Adoration to 4.00pm
SAT 3 DEC	St. Patrick's, Greencastle 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Packie Vincent and Rose Morris
SUN 4 DEC	Our Lady of Wayside, Broughderg 11.30am Mass: Gerald McGurk

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, the season when we prepare spiritually for the coming of the Messiah. It is a time of hope, penance, joy and love in anticipation of the Birth of Our Lord in Bethlehem. Each week we light one candle on the Advent wreath to light up the way to the true Light of the world.

FEAST SUN 27 NOV – St. Fergal – Missionary to Germany and Austria
DAYS OF WED 30 NOV – St. Andrew – Apostle and Patron Saint of Scotland

THE WEEK SAT 3 DEC – St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552) – Missionary to India, Japan and China

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Greencastle: £800 Badoney Lower: £904 Thank you

VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND (GREENCASTLE): Tuesday 29th November

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD (GREENCASTLE): Pray for Susanna Myles McCullagh, Mary and EV McCullagh, Jacinta Haughey, Michael McCullagh, Packie Vincent and Rose Morris, Gerald McGurk and Maureen Walsh, Spiddle, Co. Galway (sister of Johnny Conneely).

TRIP TO ST. BRIGID'S SHRINE, FAUGHART, CO. LOUTH:
Saturday 28th January
For more info call or text 07876 487 381

RURAL LINKS TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICE: A subsidised community transport service that aims to help people in the Easilink area (Omagh, Strabane and Rural Derry) with limited access to public transport or their own private transport to attend hospital and health related appointments and activities in the Western Trust area.

Call (028) 8224 8140 or visit easilink.org for more info

GREENCASTLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - BAZAAR:

Sunday 27th November at 5.00pm in Community Centre

An online draw for a chance to win a spa break may also be entered in O'Neill's Centra Shop Your support would be very much appreciated

OWENKILLEW CREDIT UNION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Thursday 1st December at 7.30pm in Greencastle Office.
All adult members welcome, refreshments will be served after meeting and a draw will take place for all theses who attend on the night.

CARD PLAYING: Friday nights at 8.00pm in Community Centre.

DECEMBER ROTA (G)	GREENCASTLE (6.00PM VIGIL)	BROUGHDERG (11.30AM)
READERS	Aisling McDermott Donaghy	Barry Maguire
PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL	Kathleen Bradley	Clara Maguire
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Aoibhin Coyle	Josephine Clarke
ALTAR SOCIETY	Team Anne	Ann McDermott
COLLECTORS	Margaret Morris, Paul Tuohey	Pat McGuigan, Tony Donnelly

BADONEY LOWER (BL)

SAT 26 NOV	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm Vigil Mass
SUN 27 NOV	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am Mass
	St. Patrick's, Gortin	3.30pm to 5.30pm Adoration
SAT 3 DEC	St. Patrick's, Gortin	7.30pm Vigil Mass
SUN 4 DEC	St. Mary's, Rouskey	10.00am Mass

ADVENT is a sacred season, offering us the God-given gifts of waiting, watching, and reflecting.

Advent looks at the THREE COMINGS of Christ, the first Coming in Bethlehem, the Second Coming at the end of time and the daily coming into our hearts. Advent points us towards repentance, renewal, and joy-filled hope. It's an opportunity to find time for prayer and Confession, to read Scripture, to focus on spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. We pray for God's grace to open our hearts on the Advent journey

OPEN PARISH MEETING: Tuesday 29th November at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Gortin. The purpose of this meeting is to meet with our architect to ascertain the level of repair and maintenance required for our parish buildings. From this, we will be able to make informed decisions as to how we proceed with the necessary repairs and determine which repairs require our immediate attention. *Everyone welcome*

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Saturday 19th to Saturday 26th August Direct from Belfast Half-board in 4* Leone Hotel £639 (£100 deposit secures your seat)

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO:

Saturday 20th to Saturday 27th May Spiritual Director Fr. Eddie Gallagher 2 nights in Rome and 5 nights in San Giovanni, half-board £975 with special offer of £100 off if paid in full by Monday 5th December

Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or via WhatsApp on 07768 395 038 for more info

DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE – *ADVENT REFLECTION*: Tuesday 13th December (4pm) to Wednesday 14th December (5pm). Hosted by SMA Community. includes Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Anointing of Sick. Cost: £120 / €145 *To book call (028) 3082 1224 or email admin@dromantineconference.com*

IOSAS CENTRE, DERRYVANE, MUFF, CO DONEGAL – *UPCOMING EVENTS*Tuesday 29th November, 1.30-4.30pm Card-Making Class. Tea, coffee, shortbread and mince pies served €25.00 per person. To book call 074 93 848 66 or email info@sanctuarydonegal.com.

Coming up: Christmas party dinners, afternoon teas, wreath-making classes, another card-making class and children's storytelling and craft making.

All info can be found on Facebook page @JOSAS Centre & Celtic Prayer Garden

DECEMBER ROTA (BL)	GORTIN (7.30PM VIGIL)	ROUSKEY (10.00PM)	
READERS	Teresa Bradley	Mollie McCullagh (4th), Laura Clarke (11th), Bernadette Ward (18th), Patrick McCullagh (25th)	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Aquinas Devlin	Imelda McCarron, Ellen Morris	
ALTAR SOCIETY	Anne Brogan, Ann McCro Teresa Bradley	ry, Rosaleen McAleer, Teresa McCullagh, Geraldine Brogan	
PARISH COUNTERS	Team E: Gerard Thompson		

HUMOUR: What did one autumn leaf say to the other leaf? I'm falling for you!