



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



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (28th June, 2020)

Thought for the Week: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices." *St. Teresa of Jesus*

Liturgy Schedule for the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time [Year A] (28th June – 5th July)

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| Saturday 27th June | Facebook Live | 12 noon | Angelus and Rosary |
| | | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass: Kenny Conway (Month's Mind) |
| Sunday 28th June 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] | Facebook Live | 11.00am | Mass (Missa pro Populo) |
| | | 12 noon | Angelus and Rosary |
| Monday 29th June | St. Patrick's Facebook Live | 10.00am | Mass: Packie John McCrory (20 th Anniversary) |
| | | 6.00pm | Angelus and Rosary |
| Tuesday 30th June | Facebook Live | 9.00am | Mass and Rosary |
| Wednesday 1st July St. Oliver Plunkett (bishop and martyr) | St. Patrick's Facebook Live St. Patrick's | 2.00pm to 4.00pm | Adoration |
| | | 6.00pm | Angelus and Rosary |
| | | 7.30pm | Mass |
| Thursday 2nd July | Facebook Live | 10.00am | Mass and Rosary |
| Friday 3rd July | St. Patrick's Facebook Live | 10.00am | Mass |
| | | 6.00pm | Angelus and Rosary |
| Saturday 4th July | Facebook Live Facebook Live | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass: Peter Fox (6 th Anniversary) |
| | | 7.00pm | Prayers for the Dead (Greencastle) |
| Sunday 5th July 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] | Facebook Live Facebook Live | 11.00am | Mass (Missa pro Populo) |
| | | 12 noon | Prayers for the Dead (Broughderg) |

COLLECTIONS Weekly: £939 • **Trócaire Lenten Campaign:** £2,933 including £257 Easter Basket Raffle £200 Greencastle Youth Club. *Thank you for your overwhelming generosity at this time*

Remembering our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Kenny Conway** whose Month's Mind we celebrate this weekend. We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Packie John McCrory (20th)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and for all who have died due to Covid-19.

Sick and Housebound: Fr Gallagher will make socially distanced visits at the front / back doors of the sick and housebound in his care on Friday 3rd July between 11.15am and 1.00pm.

P7 Leavers 2020: This weekend we honour and share our prayers and best wishes with the 14 P7 children from Our Lady of Lourdes PS who formally left the school this week. While it was not the sort of conclusion to Primary School which you may have hoped for, we hope that you enjoyed the mass on Friday and the Drive-In Bingo at school afterwards. We wish each of you all the best as you move into your secondary schools in late August. We look forward to then celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with you on Saturday 5th September in St. Patrick's Church at 11.00am. We honour each of you by name

Alice McGlinchey • Caillin Joe McDonald • Cira McLaughlin • Danielle Gumley • Erin Donnelly
Francis McNamee • Katelyn Gumley • Lee Coyle • Laurance McCrory • Nicole Horan
Mary-Jo Morris • Shane Molloy • Shea Tracey • Tadhg Clarke

Anniversary Masses and Names: As mass continues to be celebrated every day from the Parochial House Oratory it is still possible to request a mass for deceased loved ones. The mass can be offered as the intention for each day other than Sunday which is Missa pro Populo (Mass for the People of the Parish). You can also continue to have the names of the deceased prayed for at the weekend masses and included in the Parish Bulletin Online / Facebook and in the restricted number of printed copies. Call Fr. Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474 or leave a note at the Parochial House or in the new letterbox on the side door of the Sacristy facing the road.

A Prayer for Now: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

Pope Francis' Intention for July (please remember this in your personal prayers)

The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Next Week's Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10 • Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, R/ v 1 • Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30 • Lectionary 1:673 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Resumption of Public Masses and Sacraments: After a very difficult few months we are beginning to see some signs of the things we were used to coming back slowly. We can only hope and pray that this continues but not without each of us having reflected on what is really important in our lives and then together make the necessary changes in our ways of being and living. Much of what we plan for in our parish is predicated on what regulations are issued by the Executive and Public Health Authorities particularly in relation to numbers. During the Homily at mass this weekend I will be outlining in more detail than is possible here how we intend to try to make this possible while at the same time making the two parish churches as safe as we can for the gathering together indoors of groups of people. On that front it is proposed that every Friday the two parish churches will be deep cleaned / fogged in a process which will give us a safe environment for the following seven days. However people attending church must make use of Hand Sanitiser and follow the Social Distancing required. Below I give a brief summary of how we intend to proceed.

Mass: Weekday mass in St. Patrick's Church on Monday / Friday at 10.00am and Wednesday at 7.30pm. On Tuesday (9.00am) and Thursday (10.00am) mass will be on Facebook Live. From the weekend of 11th and 12th July there will be public mass in St. Patrick's Church at 6.00pm on Saturday 11 July for residents of Sheskinshule Townland (minus Maryville and Sheskinshule View) and Sunday 12th July at 9.00am mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of the Wayside for the townland of Crock and around Broughderg. Mass at 11.00am will be celebrated on Facebook Live. Each group of townlands will be responsible for providing ushers, a reader and a Eucharistic Minister if needed. In case of overflow mass can be followed in the car from the car park. Other townlands will have mass on a rota basis at weekends.

Baptism: If you have a child for baptism contact Fr. Gallagher and a date and time for baptism will be organised.

Marriage: Most weddings for 2020 have been rearranged for 2021. Any weddings in church in 2021 will follow government capacity regulations.

Confirmation: It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday 5th September at 11.00am.

First Communion: It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament near the end of September with First Confession shortly beforehand.

Confession: In the short-term during summer months with weather permitting Fr. Gallagher will be available for Confession at the Calvary in the graveyards on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 5.50pm in St. Patrick's Church and Sundays from 8.30am to 8.50am in Our Lady of the Wayside.

Please note that as regulations change we will either extend or roll back on these arrangements, please follow any directions given by ushers. Further details next weekend

Parish Envelopes: This year's envelopes are now available for distribution and can be collected by the various townland distributors from the table near the sacristy door in the St Patrick's Church. Broughderg and Crock envelopes can be collected by the distributor from Anne in Broughderg Post Office. Please ignore the Envelopes on dates already passed if you have already contributed on those dates, except for Diocesan Purposes and Peter's Pence which can be dropped in with your normal Weekly Envelope in places we used over the past few months.

Many thanks for your continuing generosity to our Parish

Blessing of the Graves: Our Parish Blessing of the Graves Ceremonies were scheduled to take place on the weekend of 4th and 5th July. However due to the continuing Public Health Regulations large outdoor gatherings cannot still take place. Instead I will celebrate the weekend masses on Facebook Live from the Oratory on those dates for all our deceased buried in our parish graveyards and offer the prayers for the dead at the end of each mass, especially for those who have died since this time last year. During the course of that weekend I will also bless all the graves in each graveyard. You are all invited to do so yourself on either the Saturday or Sunday and offer a prayer at your family grave or in the church. While doing so please observe all Public Safety regulations, in particular relating to Social Distancing and cleaning of seats in the church. *Many thanks, Fr Eddie Gallagher PP*

Mickey Bradley Memorial Walk in Aid of Trócaire: Sunday 28th June from 1.00pm – In memory of Mickey Bradley (Teebane East). I will walk from St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle to Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Broughderg via the Bradley residence and back again in aid of Trócaire. You can contribute using the donate button on the Parish Facebook Page, please also Gift Aid your donation if you can. Donations can also be left in the same places as your Parish Envelopes marked *Trócaire Walk*. We look forward to your support for this worthy cause in memory of Mickey Bradley. *Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP (Derry Diocesan Representative for Trócaire)*

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

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

Commercial free 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)

Alcoholics Anonymous: Can't stop? There is a solution.

Call AA on (028) 9035 1222 or email csoofaa@btinternet.com. alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

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 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

Trocaire – 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

Epilepsy Action NI: Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?

Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

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

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 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

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

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

Covid-19 – Notice: All GAA activities, card playing and community activities suspended until further notice

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

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

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

The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". Pope St. John Paul II

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

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection: O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Priory Institute – 2020 Online Summer School – Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience:
By Pat Collins CM. Two-week online course begins 13th July and 10th August (one lecture per day)
Website: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com • **Email:** prioryinstitute.com • **Tel:** +353 1 404 8124 • **Cost:** €80

Trócaire: Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. As with your parish envelope please leave at Broughderg Post Office, St Patrick's Church Sacristy outside door postbox or the Parochial House. No boxes please.

Please also fill in Gift Aid details on envelope. The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:
Wednesday 1st July – St. Oliver Plunkett (bishop and martyr) Came from Irish nobility. His family supported King Charles I. Ordained in Rome in 1654 he became a professor of theology from 1654 through 1669. He was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669 and was forced to conduct a covert ministry during the suppression of priests. He was arrested and tried at Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the State. It was seen that Oliver would never be convicted in Ireland, and he was moved to Newgate prison, London. St. Oliver Plunkett was found guilty of high treason for 'promoting the Catholic faith' and condemned to a gruesome death. He was martyred on 1st July, 1681 at Tyburn by hanging, disembowelling, quartering and beheading. He was the last Catholic to die for his faith At Tyburn, and the first of the Irish martyrs to be beatified. His body was initially buried in two tin boxes next to five Jesuits who had died before; with his head in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda; most of his body is at Downside Abbey, England; some relics are elsewhere in Ireland.

| 2018 | PARISH STATISTICS | 2019 |
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| (16) 7 Boys • 9 Girls | Baptisms | (19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls |
| (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls | First Communion | (25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls |
| (17) 10 Boys • 7 Girls | Confirmation | (16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls |
| 3 within parish • 3 outside parish | Weddings | 1 within parish • 6 outside parish |
| 10 | Deaths and Burials | 11 |

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%

Online Youth Programmes: To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit:
Facebook: DerryDiocesanYouth **Instagram:** derryyouth

Scripture Saturday with Bishop Donal: Created by Derry Diocesan Youth, Bishop McKeown presents a series of short lessons on the Gospel in easy-to-understand, short (3-4 minute) videos, with tips and references of where and how to use these lessons in your daily life.
View the series at derrydiocese.org/scripture-saturday

An Caisleán Glas agus Sperrin Óg GAA / Greencastle Community Association: Like all communities at the minute Greencastle is about to enter into unfamiliar territory as we face the influx of the Covid-19 coronavirus. No one knows what the incoming days and weeks bring, however, what we are sure of, is that we as a community will be supporting each other. We have a number of volunteers within our community who have already put their names forward to help where needed. If you, your family or someone you know is currently in self isolation and require some help please contact any of the individuals below. We would encourage everyone to make a call to your neighbour as they may need help and again please contact any of the individuals below. We have a team of volunteers willing to help where required, it may be something like picking up some shopping, posting some mail, lifting a prescription or just a friendly phone call. *For up to date info and advice visit www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus*
Collie Touhey: 07970 379 741 Fiona Teague: 07813 935 996 Briege Beggs: 07799 058 273

Community Coordination Hub: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Covid-19 Community Coordination Hub will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline to assist residents who may have become isolated and vulnerable due to the impacts of Coronavirus and the associated mitigation measures. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure those most at risk will have access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. **Access to Food Parcels** provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who can't leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, don't have support through family, friends or access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. Please complete the Food Parcel Request Form and a member of the Council's Community Coordination Hub will contact you. We aim to respond to requests within 24 hours. Referrals to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Coordination Hub for other support services are directed through the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline:
Freephone 0808 802 0020 **Text ACTION** to 81025 **Email** covid19@adviceni.net
Support and advice is available from 9.00am to 5.00pm, seven days a week.

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