

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time [Year A] (28th September, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (29th September, 2014 – 5th October, 2014)

Saturday Evening (27th September) <i>Do This In Memory (enrolment)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 28th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 29th September St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael (Archangels)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 30th September St. Jerome (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 1st October St. Thérèse of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary 10.00am Mass
Thursday 2nd October The Guardian Angels	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary 7.35pm Public Recitation of Rosary 8.00pm Mass 10.00am Mass
Friday 3rd October Blessed Columba Marmion <i>First Friday of the Month</i>	St. Patrick's	7.35pm Public Recitation of Rosary 8.00pm Mass
Saturday Morning (4th October) St. Francis of Assisi (priest)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of Rosary 10.00am Mass
	St. Patrick's Car Park	2.00pm Blessing of pets and other animals
Saturday Evening (4th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday 5th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	8.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary 11.00am Mass: John Gerald Conway (4 th Anniversary)

During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£816** and **£34** loose change.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Anthony Bradley** and **John Anthony Conway**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Month's Mind Mass for the Late Mary T. McAneney: Monday 29th September at 7.30pm by a visiting priest.

Sick and housebound Visitations: These will not take place until **Monday 20th October**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Blessings of Pets / Other Animals: You are invited to bring your pets / animals to the car park in Greencastle on Saturday 4th October at 2.00pm – the day in which St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals) is celebrated worldwide. Faith communities often hold pet / animal blessings to honour the saint's devotion to God's creations.
Please keep all pets / animals safely corralled so as to avoid chaos or danger

Foyle Hospice – World Hospice and Palliative Care Week Events: *Everyone welcome – Together We Care*

Celebration of Hospice Care Monday 6th October, 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Guildhall. A short interdenominational service led by the four hospice chaplains.

Coffee Morning on World Hospice Day Saturday 11th October, 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Foyle Hospice Day Care Unit
 Thank you for your support as we try to raise awareness of Foyle Hospice and Hospice Care services in the North-West.

Omagh Zambia Fund – Variety Concert: Tenth and Final Fundraiser on Saturday 27th September at 8.00pm in St. Joseph's Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm. Admission is £10. M.C. is Declan Forde.

Broughderg Community Centre – Tea / Coffee Morning: Sunday 28th September after Mass until 1.00pm for tea, coffee and treats. Donation on the door in aid of Charis Cancer Care. *Contact Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001*

Pope Francis' Intentions for October (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal: That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.
For Evangelisation: That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20 r/l/s 5:7; Philipians 4: 6-9;
 Matthew 21: 33-43; (Lectionary I, page 708) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

GAA Lotto Results: H • I • T • U • X (3 with 3 letters winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £3,300

Parish Liturgy for October, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	John Enright	Nuala Glass	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of the Faithful	Seoirse Conway		Claire Coyle
Collectors	Margaret Morris Michael McNamee	Cathal Keenan Patrick Tuohey	Brian Gillen Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Caitriona McCullagh, Siobhan McKenna and Ciara McKenna		Anne McDermott Martina McBride

New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 27 th September* The family of Niamh Conway	Offertory Gifts Rota Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 28 th September The family of Rachael Devine
*Do This In Memory (Week 1)		<i>We need new volunteers in every aspect of life</i>

Stations Masses in October: Hosting a Station Mass is a long tradition in the life of our Catholic parish communities. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It will be a blessing if one family in each townland were willing to host a Station.

DATE	TOWNLAND	IN THE HOME OF
Wednesday 8 th October at 7.30pm	Muninamale	Eugene and Rose McCullagh
Monday 13 th October at 7.30pm	Benefreaghan	Paddy and Nuala McDermott
Wednesday 15 th October at 7.30pm	Coneyglen	Sean and Kerrie McCrory
Wednesday 22 nd October at 7.30pm	Formil	Martin McGurk
Monday 27 th October at 7.30pm	Sheskinshule	Michael and Caroline Coyle

Do This in Memory: This is a parish based programme of preparation for First Communion centred in the parish celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and in the home. The programme resources are designed to facilitate parents, families and the parishes' active involvement in the preparation for the sacrament. It complements and supports the work of sacramental preparation in the parish school, The programme takes place once a month for eight months before First Eucharist and concludes during the parish celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. We are pleased to have involved this year:

- Colleen Ann Brogan • Trea Brid Clarke • Ryan Anthony Coney • Niamh Bridin Conway • Shea Cormac Conway
 Tara Kate Haughey • Sorcha Maire Hughes • Lennon Mayton • Matthew Joseph McGlinchey • Michael Joseph McGlinchey
 Amy Bernadette McGurk • Caolan Joseph McKenna • Gearoid Jude McNamee • Darragh Bernard Morris • Patrick Morris
 Shanice Maria Morris • Sean Og Teague • Daire Peter Tracey • Maebh Rose Warnock
As a parish faith community, may we offer and receive mutual support and encouragement as we travel the journey together

Mass and Blessing of Roses for the Feast of St. Therese: Wednesday 1st October at 8.00pm in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca. Also present on the night will be First Class Relics of St. Therese and her Parents, Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin, for veneration. Please bring a rose to have blessed at the Mass.
All are invited and welcome to attend

ACCORD – Relationship Counselling: ACCORD offers a professional counselling 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-judgemental setting. *A counselling appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439*

Trad for Trócaire Concert: Sat. 27th Sept. *Featuring the Knockmore Ceili Band (2014 All Ireland Champions) and many more*

Hike to Croagh Patrick: Saturday 4th October. A trip to Westport, Co Mayo combined with a hike of one of Ireland's most famous mountains, for those aged over 16. Cost is £30 and includes dinner and bus.
For further details about the trip or if you require a booking form, contact Naoimh Moore at the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 or 07714 882 955. Alternatively, you can drop an email to n.moore@derrydiocese.org

Fund-Raising Concert by St. Columba's Choir, Ballinascreen: Michael and Kathleen Trolan have asked for this to be brought to your attention. Friday 3rd October at Magherafelt Parish Centre – Nelson Mandela Tribute, a life and legacy told in music.
Admission is £10, payable at door

Jack and the Beanstalk: Monday 22nd December at 3.00pm. A relaxed performance designed to create an enjoyable atmosphere for young people with learning and sensory difficulties and their families to experience theatre. *Early bird offer £10 before 31st Oct.*

Church Leaders in Northern Ireland have received the email below from PSNI Assistant Chief Constable Stephen Martin, who wants to draw attention to the increase in road deaths in Northern Ireland this year and is keen to spread the word Tragically, so far this year 57 people have lost their lives on Northern Ireland's roads. This figure is the same as for the whole of 2013. We are told that most of the deaths on our roads could be prevented. We all share the responsibility of making our roads safer. This means slowing down, wearing our seatbelts, paying full attention to the road and never driving after drinking alcohol. It

sounds simple. It makes sense. We just need to do it. *Let us pray for all those in our parish who have been affected in some way*

Irish Catholic Newspaper Conference – Pope Francis and the future of the Church in Ireland:

Saturday 4th October from 9.30am. The conference will hear from speakers including:

David Quinn • Baroness Nuala O'Loan • Breda O'Brien • Austen Ivereigh • Michael Kelly
Mary Kenny • Abbot Mark-Patrick Hederman • Fr Tom Norris • Eamonn Meehan

There will also be time for discussion and a panel debate about the future direction of the Church in Ireland. Pre-registration is now open and there is a special discounted rate of €25 (admission is €30 in the door). The event will be held at the Red Cow Hotel, Dublin 22 (near the M50 and on the Luas red line).

To register now call 01 687 4029, email events@irishcatholic.ie or log on to irishcatholic.ie

Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry:

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.

Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults: A new resource from the Irish Episcopal Conference, designed to complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It has been adapted for an Irish audience and is written in accessible, easy to understand language. Whilst it can be used as an Individual private resource for reflection, it is also particularly useful for Parish Study Groups, Liturgy Groups, Parish Pastoral Councils and any individuals/groups working in parishes to promote catechesis / deepening of adult faith formation. A Study Guide to complement the Catechism has also been published. The Catechism is available from Veritas bookshops, at a cost of £19.99 / €24.99 and the Study Guide costs £11.00 / €12.99. Good discounts are available for multiple purchases. Tel: 02871 266888 or E-mail: derryshop@veritas.ie

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordmagh@accordni.com

10th and 11th October • 14th and 15th November • 5th and 6th December • 9th and 10th January
6th and 7th February • 6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June

Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 4th May to Sunday 12th October.

You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year

Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation

In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast

The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone.

This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.

Tel: (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Email: maura@drumalis.co.uk • Web: drumalis.co.uk

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Wednesday 29th October St. Patrick's
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Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)
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Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the Sacristy in Greencastle. Fr. Hasson will be available on the following dates.

Monday 27th October • Tuesday 7th, 14th and 28th October • Wednesday 29th October

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

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

A Farmer's Prayer

Jesus, you are the Bread of Life,

Food for our journey,

You are the Vine and we are the branches,

Drawing our life from you.

As we seek to make out living from the land,

Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch

the beauty of your creation,

Renew your love in our hearts.

And as we see your plan at work in each season,

Bring your peace to our home and to those we love. *Amen*

Musings

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

The approach of death has a way of concentrating the mind. It is interesting how many of the great Christians realised their utter inadequacy before they died. Having laboured on his masterpiece, the Summa Theologica, Thomas Aquinas declared all he had written to be mere straw. On his death-bed, Martin Luther would write *Wir sind bettler – hoc est verum* ("We are beggars – this is true"). And Thérèse of Lisieux prayed 'In the evening of life, I shall appear before you with empty hands ...' How true it is that 'a saint is a sinner who realises his or her need of God.'

Family Care Adoption Services: 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.

Adopters Needed Now: 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.

Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.

*Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle
Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839*

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 28th September – St. Wenceslaus (martyrs) [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.

Tuesday 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

Wednesday 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.

Thursday 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.

Friday 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.

Saturday 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. The Patron Saint of ecologists.

The Deep End – More Debacles:

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

The 'Homeless Jesus' statue was sculpted by Timothy Schmalz (sculpturebytps.com), to bring attention to the chronic problem of homelessness in Toronto and depicts a homeless person on a bench, covered in a blanket. On closer inspection there is a noticeable characteristic, the person bears the wounds of crucifixion. This is Jesus, the homeless wandering preacher. One particular parish were initially enthusiastic in having the sculpture outside their doors but after some reflection decided against it. Parishioners found it 'offensive'; 'provocative' and 'not an appropriate image'. One lady even called the police! What a debacle?! The 'Homeless Jesus' statue eventually found a home; a place where Christians were not afraid to acknowledge Jesus in the most marginalised. The work is now considered to be a meditation on Matthew 25.

Today's parable reminded me of that story. The parable is a simple tale about two brothers, one who eventually shows through his actions that he has heard a message, the other who does not. The chief priests listening to the parable are forced to admit that it is the first brother who has acted correctly. However, they are behaving more like the second.

It is almost comical listening to Jesus say: 'the tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the Kingdom ahead of you'. Some people just don't get it.

I have long since come to believe that people never mean half of what they say, and that it is best to disregard their talk and judge only their actions.

Dorothy Day