



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [Year B] (28<sup>th</sup> December, 2014)  
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**Liturgy Schedule for the Christmas Octave [Year B] (29<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January)**

<b>Saturday Evening (27<sup>th</sup> December)</b>	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday <b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b> Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [Year B]	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> St. Thomas Becket	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b> Fourth Week of Advent	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b> St. Sylvester (pope)	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b> Mary the Mother of God • World Day of Prayer for Peace • New Year's Day	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen (bishops & doctors of the Church)	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>8.00pm</b> Mass Nellie Tracey (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday Morning (3<sup>rd</sup> January)</b> St. Munchin (bishop)	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Saturday Evening (3<sup>rd</sup> January)</b>	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	<b>5.30pm</b> Confessions <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday: Maureen Morris (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b> Second Sunday after Christmas [Year B]	St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>10.30am</b> Confessions <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**We welcome new parishioners and invite you to register by filling out a parish census form**

**Weekly Offerings:** Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection of **£945** and **£35** in loose change.

**Priests' Collection:** Thank you for your generous contributions that were taken up on Christmas Day.

**Sick and housebound Visitations:** These will be attended on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for **Maureen Morris** and **Nellie Tracey**, whose anniversaries occur now.

**St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email dccc@derrydiocese.org.

**Pope John Paul II Award:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February in the Millennium Forum, Derry. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the award in the Derry Diocese and it will be launched in several other dioceses this year.

*Fr. Hasson would like Year 13 students undertaking the award program to offer their gifts for service in our parish*

**Pope Francis' Intentions for January (please remember these in your personal prayer)**

**Universal – Peace:** That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

**Evangelisation – Consecrated Life:** That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6, r/v 6; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11;  
 Lectionary 1 (page 179);      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>Parish Liturgy for January, 2015</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Martin McKenna	Sionhan McKenna	Martina McBride
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	-- TBC --	-- TBC --	Conan Maguire
<b>Collectors</b>	Michael McElhatton Raymond Bradley	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Sean Clarke Brian Gillen
<b>Altar Society</b>	Anne Tuohey, Alice Keenan and Anne Donnelly		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley

New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b> Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December The family of <b>Sean Og Teague</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts Rota</b> Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b> Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December The family of <b>Oisín Coyle</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December The family of <b>Daire Tracey</b>	Second Sunday after Christmas	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December The family of <b>Aoife Conway</b>

**Do This In Memory:** Our next Sunday gathering will be at the Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (17<sup>th</sup> January).

**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.

*Please familiarise yourself with the policy by reading the noticeboard as you leave Church*

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015**

<b>Sacramental Celebrations</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confession
	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm</b> Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion

<b>Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside

<b>Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish</b>	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February • Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April • Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St. Patrick's
	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July • Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September • Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Our Lady of the Wayside

Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates

<b>Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	<b>Saturday Evening (4<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	St. Patrick's	Directly after <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
	<b>Sunday Morning (5<sup>th</sup> July)</b>	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after <b>11.00am</b> Mass
	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2015)

'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Third Week in Ordinary Time	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Sixth Week in Ordinary Time	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Second Week of Lent	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Third Week of Lent	<b>6.30pm</b> First Confessions (Reconciliation)
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Palm Sunday	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	<b>11.00am</b> First Holy Communion
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Feast of Corpus Christi	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass

**Developing a Prayer Network:** Anne McCusker will give this talk in the Pastoral Centre, Brook St, Omagh at 8.00pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January.      *Come and pray*

### This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December – St. Thomas Becket (pope)** Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 until his murder in 1170. Engaged in conflict with Henry II of England over the rights and privileges of the Church and was murdered by followers of the king in Canterbury Cathedral. Soon after his death, he was canonised by Pope Alexander III.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December – St. Sylvester (pope)** Died in 335 after being Pope for 21 years. Being elected in the year after the Edict of Milan he was free to build many churches in Rome.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Mary the Mother of God** At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer. *Lumen Gentium (52)*

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – St. Basil the Great (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [330-379]** Bishop of Caesarea, a brilliant preacher who lived an ascetic life, establishing norms for Monastic life. Implemented the decrees of the Council of Nicaea. Patron Saint of Russia.

**St. Gregory Nazianzen (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [330-379]** Bishop of Constantinople. He was known as the 'Theologian' because of his wisdom and skill in defending orthodox doctrine.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – St. Munchin (Mainchin) (bishop)** Patron Saint of the diocese of Limerick. His traditional birthplace is Dai Cais where a parish and old graveyard, Cell Mainchin (Kilmanaheen) existed. In the 7<sup>th</sup> century he was granted Inis Sibthann (Ibton) in the tidal waters of Limerick, in the region of which he funded a church and had a thriving religious community.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July. Gift vouchers are available from the Thornhill Centre (028) 7135 1233 and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre (028) 7136 2475.

*Vouchers can be used as part or full payment towards the pilgrimage*

### Warm Homes – Are you entitled to Free Insulation and Heating?

Call 0800 988 0559 or visit [warm-homes.com](http://warm-homes.com).

### ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 [accordomagh@accordni.com](mailto:accordomagh@accordni.com)

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February • 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April • 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May • 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 1:22-40:

*John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant encounters on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?
2. Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.
3. Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?
4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

### Musings

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

There's a lot of talk these days about a person's 'Bucket List', i.e. things to be accomplished before death – and the importance of ticking these items off the list. Yet, it's a great (and perhaps rare) blessing if one reaches old age and can truly say 'I have few regrets, I am very happy with how I have lived my life and, actually, there's nothing left that I really want to or need to experience – I am happy to go.' At that stage, perhaps we can make Simeon's prayer ours: 'At last, all powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace according to your promise.'

### The Deep End – The Holy Family:

*Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*

Simeon and Anna have been waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled. They represent all that has happened in Israel's history before this moment. What kind of Messiah were they expecting? Simeon had been assured that he would not die before this moment came and he is there to welcome this family who must have seemed 'ordinary' and poor. Simeon can see that this child will be 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory of your people Israel'. Already there is a note of reversal; of boundaries being stretched. Mary is told that this child 'is destined for the fall and the rising of many'. There will be trouble ahead; there will be challenges for many. Simeon knows that many thoughts will be exposed, what people really think will be revealed, who they welcome and who they exclude will be challenged; for God's invitation and welcome has no boundaries. Anna rejoices for all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. In this statement she knows that this child will overturn systems of oppression and exclusion.

Luke is interested in how humanity responds to the Gospel. If Jesus' message is really good news, then this requires a shakeup; a shakeup which challenges comfortable assumptions about the way God works. God's abundant invitation to all may not sit comfortably with many. While Anna prays and fasts for a change of heart in the way Jerusalem operates, Simeon warns Mary that this will not be an easy road.

**Irish Language Class for Beginners:** Every Thursday in Greencastle GAA Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.

Teenagers and adults are welcome.

*Call Sinéad Warnock on 07849 394 001*