

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (29th January, 2017)
Catholic Schools Week
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Thoughts for Catholic Schools Week – Learning with Pope Francis to Care for our Common Home:
 As we close the door on the Year of Mercy, we are now being called into action to care for our world and to care for each other. The Church reminds us that we have a duty to care for the world and everything in it, for, in the words of Pope Francis, 'she must above all protect mankind from self-destruction.'

Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (29th January, 2017 – 5th February, 2017)

Saturday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas (priest and Doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Monday 30th January Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am	Mass
Tuesday 31st January St. John Bosco (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Wednesday 1st February St. Brigid (abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland)	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Thursday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass with Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses
Friday 3rd February St. Blaise (bishop and martyr) and St. Ansgar (bishop)	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass with Service of Light and Blessing of Candles
Saturday 4th February Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass with Blessing of Throats
Sunday 5th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Mary Ann McCullagh (1 st Anniversary)
	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
		11.00am	Mass

Weekly Collection Amount: £1,050, thank you all very much for your continuing generosity to the parish
Lourdes Hospitalité Collection: Will take place as a second collection on the weekend of 11th and 12th February
If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Bernard McLaughlin** of Camcosy Road, Alwories whose was buried during the week – we keep his family, neighbours and friends in our prayers. We also pray for the repose of the souls of **Philomena McLaughlin (1st)** and **Thomas McDermott (12th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Service of Light Ceremony: As part of our preparation for Confirmation with our Primary Sevens this year we will celebrate our Service of Light on Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. As it is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord we will bless candles which you bring along for blessing. *A small number of Blessed Candles will be available for sale after Mass*

Feasts of St. Brigid and St. Blaise: St. Brigid's Crosses will be Blessed at Mass on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm. On Friday 3rd February (Feast of St. Blaise) throats will be blessed at the end of the 10.00am mass.

Visitations of the Sick and Housebound: Those visited between 9.00am and 10.00am will now be visited from 2.30pm and those visited between 11.30am and 1.00pm will be visited at the usual times, those visited in the afternoon will be visited about half an hour later.
If you have a relative who is sick or housebound in the parish who is not visited at the present time and would like to receive the sacraments contact Fr. Gallagher so that he can add them to his visitation list

Vocations Information Day: Saturday 18th March from 11.00am to 4.00pm in Ardstraw House, 21a Buncrana Road, Derry.
To find out more call Fr. Paul Farren on (028) 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Special Charity Concert in Memory of the Late Bishop Daly: Saturday 4th February in St. Columb's Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go to Bishop Daly's chosen charities of Children in Crossfire, Foyle Hospice and Foyle Search and Rescue. Hosted by renowned comedian Gene Fitzpatrick, the evening will include entertainment from many well-known local artists.
Tickets can be purchased by calling (028) 7126 4455

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

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10 • Psalm 111:4-9, R/ v 4 • 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Matthew 5:13-16 • Lectionary 1:650 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

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6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 28 th January The family of Caitlin McDonald	Offertory Gift Rota Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 29 th January The family of Ronan Coyle
Saturday 4 th February The family of Alice McGlinchey	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 5 th February The family of Neamh Donnelly
Saturday 11 th February* The family of Vanessa Chojak	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 12 th February The family of Aimee Gumley
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented *Do This in Memory Programme (Week 6) We need new volunteers in every aspect of life		

Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs and their families and friends:
 Saturday 6th May at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass.
If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087

Pope Francis' Intention for February (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalised may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – Catholic Schools Week – Grandparents Day:
 Friday 3rd February at 10.30am in the Assembly Hall. *All are welcome*

Bellaghy Youth Choir and Gribbin Girls – Service of HOPE:
 Sunday 29th January at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Bellaghy.
 A night of song and prayer to raise awareness of mental health, suicide prevention and life struggles.
 Also featuring Andrea Begley (winner of "The Voice UK"), Oonagh Clarke and Danny Devlin
Guest speaker from the Niamh Louise Foundation • Donations in aid of mental health and suicide prevention charities

St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co Donegal: The next retreat will be held on Sunday 5th February. Breige O'Hare will lead a day of Guided Prayer and Quiet Reflection starting at 11.00am and concluding with Mass celebrated by Fr. Neal Carlin at 3.00pm.
Cost: £22 / €25 • Tel: 00353 74936 8370 • Email: sarce@eircom.net

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street Derry – Secretary Required: 14 hours per week on a temporary one year contract providing particular support to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office.
For an application pack call (028) 7136 3475 or email safeguarding@derrydiocese.org
The closing date is Thursday 9th February at 3.00pm with interviews being held week commencing 20th February
A full ad is available on the Diocesan Website at derrydiocese.org

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2017		
Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm Service of Light (Primary 7 Children and Families)	Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday	Friday 17th March St. Patrick's Day
Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)	Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday	Friday 14th April Good Friday
Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday	Saturday 6th May at 11.00am Confirmation	Saturday 3rd June at 12.00noon First Holy Communion
Saturday 1st July at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead		Sunday 2nd July at 11.00am in Broughderg Cemeteries Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead

Pilgrimage to Medugorje: Wednesday 6th to Wednesday 13th September
 £619 for half-board • *Price increase due to falling rate of sterling*
 Contact Maria ASAP on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038

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

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – MA in Catholic School Leadership: In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.
For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack: Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.
If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office
Email: t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

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

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

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

Family Care Society: We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.
 For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in prayer for a priest.
 The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: *prayerforpriests.com*
Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com
Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

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

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

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Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption? We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact:
Rachael (Belfast Office): (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592
Email: email@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

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 entrances*

The Net – January Edition: Now on sale, with coverage including:
 Maghera pupils prepare for School Aid Romania venture • St. Cecilia's College, Derry launches House System
 Templemore JAM programme • Ballinascreen music ministry • Pope Francis signs Derry youth's t-shirt
 COR Derry celebrate Nativity • Celebration of Eucharistic Adoration in Craighbane and Claudy
 Iskaheen trip to IOSAS Trail • Burt Church fundraiser • Ardmore 'Love in the Family' talks
 Moneyneena Christmas cake baking • Desertmartin SVP Party • Urney and Castelfinn pilgrim walk
 Steelstown ladies keep retreat tradition alive • Cathedral music night raises over £3,000 for Aleppo
 Emery Celtic Cross on Inishowen calendar • SPRED catechists commended for creating sacred space
 Moville parishioner's faith story • Newtownstewart Divine Mercy image unveiled • Carndonagh Pioneers
 Bethlehem came to Thornhill, Culmore • Charismatic Renewal gathering in Omagh
 Archbishop Eamon re-imagines parish and diocese in Bellaghy talk
 Centuries of Change at Mysterious Mamore • Children's Catechism Club

For coverage of your parish or school faith activities just send an email to editorthenet15@gmail.com or call/text 07809 292 852

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

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.

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 31st January – St. John Bosco (priest) [1815-1888] Born in Piedmont, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a Patron Saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

Wednesday 1st February – St. Brigid (abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland) [c. 454-524] Renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare, with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. Her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland, but in several European lands.

Thursday 2nd February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son and the Mother ... on this day Christ's faithful people, with candles, in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'. They should therefore be taught to walk as children of the light in their entire way of life, because they have a duty to show the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps'.
Ceremonial of Bishops, n.241

Friday 3rd February – St. Blaise (bishop and martyr) Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Patron Saint for sore throats and sick cattle. Died in 315.
St. Ansgar (bishop) A Frenchman who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the 9th century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia. Patron Saint of Denmark.

Sunday 5th February – St. Agatha (virgin and martyr) Died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3rd century. Patron Saint of bell-founders. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

Musings – The Beatitudes: *Fr. David O'Riordan (Ladysbridge and Ballymacoda, Diocese of Cloyne)*
 When the founder of the Taizé community, Brother Roger, died in tragic circumstances in 2005, his monks resisted all efforts to turn his grave into a shrine. The work of Taizé is evangelical with its roots in the Beatitudes. The monks emphasise the value of the provisional over the permanent. We have, after all, no lasting kingdom here.
 During the summer months Taizé is a tented village; accommodations are simple in the fields, young people come for a week and then must leave. When the work of Taizé is done, one imagines the monks will fold up their tents and disappear like Bedouin into the sands.
 Many of our fears about the Church are fears about the loss of permanence. What will happen us? The Church will survive wherever the Beatitudes are being lived; its tents will be wherever the Beatitudes lead.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 5:1-12: *John Byrne OSA (jpbymeosa@gmail.com)*
 The blessings in the Beatitudes are primarily future blessings, but there can be an anticipation of the blessings in the present. At first reading, some Beatitudes may seem to describe circumstances that you would like to avoid at all costs. Read them slowly. Stay with each one for a while. Let yourself get a sense of the paradox involved in each one. Perhaps you have had an experience of a deeper and more authentic life, a blessing, when
 You were poor – you knew your need of God
 You mourned – could feel for others
 You were meek – self-controlled, neither overly aggressive nor a doormat.
 You hungered and thirsted for some cause
 You were merciful rather than vengeful
 You were pure in heart – a person of integrity, whose actions and intentions correspond
 You were a peacemaker
 You were persecuted because you stood for something

The Deep End: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*
 Take a look at the front cover of any women's magazine, and you'll find a host of headlines promising to transform readers' lives for the better. Inside you'll find articles about miracle diets, the most flattering make-up, the latest fashions to achieve the perfect look. This trend is particularly noticeable at this time of year when the focus is on new year resolutions – new year, new you!
 We live in a culture obsessed with appearances. The ultimate message is that we need to constantly transform our outward image in order to feel fulfilled and happy. If we let this message filter in, we can be left feeling empty, frustrated and dissatisfied with our lot.
 But today's Gospel speaks of a different type of happiness. The word 'happy' appears nine times in the Beatitudes – it is sometimes translated as 'blessed'. This happiness Jesus is talking about should not be viewed as a reward for religious achievements, but rather as an act of grace by God. The focus is much deeper than superficial happiness. The Beatitudes call us to a radically new way of being. When we centre our lives on God, we find our true identity and lasting peace.

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Walking Challenge:
 Thursday 30th March to Tuesday 4th April. Walk the way of St. James. *Limited places*
Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

2016 Parish Statistics		
Baptisms (18) 7 Boys 11 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16) 10 Boys 6 Girls	Confirmations (21) 10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16) 7 within parish 9 outside parish	Funerals (10) 8 within parish 2 outside parish	Station Masses in October 8
Events The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 th August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 th October		