

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year B] (29th March, 2015)

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Liturgy Schedule for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum [Year B] (30th March, 2015 – 5th April, 2015)

Saturday Evening (28th March) <i>Do This In Memory (week 7)</i>	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Annie Morris (4 th Anniversary)
Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion [Year B] <i>Penitential Services followed by opportunity to receive individual Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	Our Lady of the Wayside St. Patrick's, Greencastle St. Patrick's, Gortin Sacred Heart, Plumbridge	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass 3.30pm 5.30pm 7.30pm
Monday 30th March In Holy Week	St. Patrick's, Greencastle Sacred Heart Church, Omagh	7.00am Mass followed by confessions* 7.30pm Mass followed by confessions*
Tuesday 31st March In Holy Week	St. Patrick's, Greencastle <i>To help us prepare, the following practices Have been arranged at St. Patrick's, Greencastle</i>	10.00am Mass followed by confessions* 6.30pm – 7.30pm Altar-servers 7.30pm Readers for Holy Thursday 8.00pm Readers for Good Friday 8.30pm Readers for Holy Saturday
Wednesday 1st April In Holy Week <i>Please support 7.30pm – 8.45pm Choir practice in Greencastle</i> <i>*Several priests are available for individual confession</i>	St. Patrick's, Greencastle Christ the King, Strathroy	10.00am Mass followed by confessions* 7.30pm Mass followed by confessions*

Easter Triduum

Thursday 2nd April Holy Thursday	St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry St. Patrick's, Greencastle	9.30am Mass of Chrism 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 11.45pm Night Prayer
<i>Please feel welcome to spend some time in personal prayer before the 'Altar of Repose' until the Night Prayer</i>		
Friday 3rd April Good Friday <i>Day of Fast and Abstinence**</i>	St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside	10.00am Morning Prayer 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion 6.00pm Way of the Cross
Saturday Morning (4th April)	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	10.00am Morning Prayer
Saturday Evening (4th April)	St. Patrick's, Greencastle	9.00pm The Easter Vigil
Sunday 5th April Resurrection of the Lord [Year B]	St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass: 'Missa Pro Populo' 11.00am Mass

Thank you for your support for daily Mass especially during this season of Lent and for your personal and family commitments to deepening your faith and the practice of it at this time

During Holy Week we Catholics are encouraged to understand the significance of this most important time in the Church year, the best way to do this is to participate in the liturgies of this week as timetabled above. Summer time begins at 1.00am on Sunday 29th March (clocks go forward one hour).

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£920**.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Annie Morris**, whose anniversary occurs now.

Sick and housebound Visitations: These will be attended on **Monday 6th April**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination: Tuesday 31st March marks the 41st anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Edward Daly, our retired bishop. *Remember him in your prayers*

****Good Friday – Obligatory Day of Fasting and Abstinence for Catholics:** Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43 • Psalm 117 • Colossians 3:1-4 • John 20:1-9 (Lectionary 1, page 417) **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Lotto Results: K • M • P • W • Y (8 drawn with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,550

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 28 th March* The family of Geroid McNamee	Offertory Gifts Rota Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 29 th March The family of Kieran Mullholland
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Thursday 2nd April (7.30pm) The family of Caolan McKenna	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper	---
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As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.
What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish.
**Do This In Memory Week 7 We need new volunteers in every aspect of life*

As Holy Week begins we Catholics are encouraged to understand the significance of this most important time in the Church year. One of the best ways to do this is to participate in the liturgies of this week.

Holy Thursday We re-enact the washing of the feet – a vivid reminder of Jesus' command to love one another as he loved us. We also hear again the story of the Last Supper, which has special significance for the children in our parish who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Good Friday The most solemn of days. We listen to the story of the passion and death of Jesus and we are invited to venerate the cross.

Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night is the highlight of all our Easter celebrations, the night when we remember and retell our story from the very beginning. We keep vigil and move from darkness to light; we mark the beginning of new life in resurrection by lighting a new Paschal candle and blessing fresh baptismal water.

Mass of Chrism – Holy Thursday (Thursday 2nd April): The Mass of Chrism, a special moment in the life of the Diocese, will take place on Holy Thursday 2nd April at 10.00am in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. This celebration has particular significance this year as our new bishop, Bishop Donal McKeown, will be the Principal Celebrant. All people of the diocese are invited to come and join in this celebration of the Eucharist, showing our communion with God and one another.

During the Mass, the bishop will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of Chrism, all of which are used for the celebration of the sacraments during the year. The priests will also renew the promises they made on their own ordination day, and your presence with them will be a sign of support and encouragement as they renew their commitment of service. A good way to enter the great days of the Easter Triduum!

Trócaire: Please empty your Trócaire boxes and reduce to the smallest denomination. Make returns on Holy Thursday evening in the special envelope that was in the package you received at the beginning of Lent. The humanitarian mission of Trócaire is to contribute to the saving of lives, the alleviation of suffering, and the protection of human dignity.
Thank you in anticipation of your support

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: Please support our Lenten Campaign as generously as you can this year. Trócaire have told us that the government will match pound for pound all monies received by Trócaire, but to qualify for this we must have our return made to the diocesan office before the end of Easter Week.
Please reduce the contents of your Lenten Trócaire Box to the smallest possible denomination and return on Holy Thursday or as soon as you can after that.

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School – Annual Coffee Morning and Cake Sale: Tuesday 31st March. It will get under way at 10.30am and once again we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible on the day.
This year the money raised will support our annual Lenten Trócaire campaign

Society of St. Vincent De Paul: Appreciation is extended for our continued support for their work in the Omagh district and for being so generous to the clothing bin. Their customers really appreciate your gifts especially the good quality clothing you donate. It is realised that there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations and for this reason especially they thank you for your on-going support in the seven SVP conferences.
Tel: (028) 8224 9839

Dalradian Gold Limited – Planning Application to Construct Gold Mine: In 2016, Dalradian proposes to submit a planning application to construct a gold mine. We would like to invite you to register as an interested party and tell us your interest in the project. You will have the opportunity to provide input to some of the project planning decisions and the environmental impact assessment (EIA) being undertaken.
Questionnaires are available from dalradianni.com/eia or Ciaran McCreanor at (028) 8164 7799 / cmccreanor@dalradian.com

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.
See poster at church entrances

GAA Cultural Night: Monday 6th April (Easter Monday). *For further information contact Michael Coyle*

Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Creation: That people may begin to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.
Evangelisation – Persecuted Christians: That Persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

Parish Liturgy for April, 2015	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Monica Coyle	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of the Faithful	Megan McKenna	Rosemary McCullagh	Brianna Gillen
Collectors	Michael McElhatton Colum Devlin	Patrick Tuohey Frank Keenan (Kate)	Tony Donnelly Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary Conway		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory
<i>New choir members will always be welcome – contact Sinead</i>			

Gamblers Anonymous – Open Meeting: Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm in Omagh Community House, Drumragh Avenue. Are you worried about you or a friends gambling? At this open meeting you can talk to members of the Gamblers Anonymous group, hear experienced speakers talk of their experience of gambling and get some advice and help. *For more information visit the Gamblers Anonymous website at gamblersanonymous.org.uk*

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses
 St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
 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

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Card Playing: Every Friday night at 8.30pm.

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 1st April – St. Ceallach (Celsus) (bishop) [1080-1129] Became abbot of Armagh in 1105 and was ordained priest. He was influenced by the reform then in progress in Munster. He presided at the synod of Rathbreasail in 1111. In 1129, on a visitation of Munster he died and is buried in Lismore in accordance with his own request.

Thursday 2nd April – St. Francis of Paolo (hermit) [1416-1507] Was a hermit and attracted others to his way of life, later called the Order of Minims.

Saturday 4th April – St. Isidore (bishop and doctor of the Church) Bishop of Seville, where he died in 636. Completed the Mozarabic liturgy which is still celebrated today.

Sunday 5th April – St. Vincent Ferrer (priest) [1350-1419] Dominican priest, preached missions throughout his native Spain, France and Italy. Helped bring unity to the Church, during the Great Schism between the Avignon and Roman claimants to the papacy.

Registration of the Religious of the Diocese: Is there a religious sister, brother or priest in your family? If so, in this Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese needs your help to create a register of those men and women who joined religious communities and were either native of the Diocese of Derry or have worked in the Diocese. Registration cards are available. Since these cards will be on display in St. Eugene's Cathedral after Easter, details of submission date etc. are on the back of the card.
Thank you!

Help the Red Cross Care for Older People in Your Local Community: Can you spare a few hours a week? No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Current mileage rate 45p per mile.
 (028) 8225 1116

TinyLife – Dedicated to Supporting Families with Premature and Sick Babies: Our family support volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents who have had a premature, sick or disabled baby. As an organisation, we rely on our volunteers to help us provide services to families across Northern Ireland.

Our Volunteers: All TinyLife volunteers are people with a love for babies and young children who are keen to help families coping with young families. They may have children of their own or not. Some volunteers will have experience of premature or sick babies in their own family or extended family circle. Some volunteers may have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity with children. Others may be about to embark on a professional career and feel that volunteering with TinyLife will give them valuable experience in their chosen field. Volunteers are reimbursed fully for travel expenses. Volunteers should be over the age of 22 years when applying.

How do I become a TinyLife Volunteer? Complete the Family Support Volunteer Application Form, found on our website or Contact the Family Support Officer in your area, Lynn Patterson on 07889 534855, who will arrange to meet with you for an informal discussion on volunteering with us.
Next Training Dates: Saturday 9th, Saturday 16th and Saturday 30th May, 2015

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*
 We are very familiar with the passage in the Gospel of John which relates how Pilate had a sign erected over the cross which read 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews' and that this was written in three languages – Hebrew, Latin (Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum) and Greek. However, an old Irish tradition claims that there was a fourth language also used on the sign – Irish! The reasoning was that the shorthand for this sentence in Latin, the acronym INRI, spells out the Old Irish word for 'the King' (In Ri). And thus was celebrated another uniquely Irish contribution to world history!

The Deep End – Palm Sunday: *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*
 Today we read Mark's account of Jesus' Passion; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that this account offers us. A good question to ask is 'Where do I stand' in this Gospel? Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples, are you closer to the Roman Soldier who confesses Jesus's identity after his death – an unlikely hero? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'distressed' and 'agitated' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his closest friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? Mark has Jesus die in total isolation.

The cry of abandonment on the cross has to be one of the most frightening aspects of this account: 'Eloi, Eloi Lema Sabbachtani?' My God, my God, why have you deserted me? At the crucial moment, even God is silent. This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end there, but for this week we enter into the rawness of Mark's cross. We can remember those today who stand for justice, who fight for human rights, those who are counter-cultural, who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is dangerous and lonely. And we can continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?'

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2015			
Sacramental Celebrations	Sunday 26th April	St. Patrick's	2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation (Bishop McKeown)
	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	Sunday 17th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
	Feast of the Ascension		
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 3rd May	St. Patrick's
		Sunday 30th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Monday 6th April • Friday 29th May • Sunday 19th July		St. Patrick's
	Tuesday 8th September • Thursday 29th October		
	Sunday 19th July		Our Lady of the Wayside
<i>Morning Masses will be celebrated as above unless a Requiem is needed on the dates</i>			
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (4 th and 5 th July)	Saturday Evening (4th July)	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday Morning (5th July)	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Monday 2nd November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm 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			
Saturday 28th March	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion		6.00pm Vigil Mass
Saturday 18th April	Third Sunday of Easter		6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 17th May	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord		11.00am First Holy Communion
Saturday 6th June	Feast of Corpus Christi		6.00pm Vigil Mass