

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul (Apostles) [Year A] (29th June, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Thirteenth. Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (30th June, 2014 – 6th July, 2014)

Saturday Evening (28th June)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 29th June St. Peter and St. Paul (Apostles) [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 30th June Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 1st July St. Oliver Plunkett (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 2nd July Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 3rd July St. Thomas (Apostle)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 4th July Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Confessions 8.00pm Mass
Saturday 5th July Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (5th July)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass then Public Prayers for the Dead
Sunday 6th July Fourteenth 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 then Public Prayers for the Dead

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£885**.
Peter's Pence – Pope's Collection: A total of £505 was realised, thank you for your generosity.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Joe Daly** and **Barney O'Neill** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick and housebound: These will be attended **Monday 7th July**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed: These will take place on the evening of Saturday 5th July directly after the Vigil Mass in the cemetery at St. Patrick's and at Our Lady of the Wayside, and the former St. Mary's Church Broughderg after 11:00am Mass on Sunday 6th July. Bring holy water with you to sprinkle on the graves when directed to do so.

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.

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

Croagh Patrick National Pilgrimage 2014 – Reek Sunday: Sunday 27th July. Confessions begin on the summit at 7.30am and continue until 2.00pm. The first Mass on the summit will be at 8.00am and every half-hour thereafter until the last Mass which commences at 2.00pm.

All-Ireland Rally For Life: This year's Annual Rally for Life will be held in Belfast on Saturday 5th July, thousands are expected to travel from all over Ireland. Let us make our voice heard loud and clear for Ireland's unborn babies.
To book your seat on the coach leaving from your area call the committee on (028) 9027 8484 or email info@preciouslife.com

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

Universal: That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.
For Evangelisation: That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

Next Sunday's Readings: Zechariah 9: 9-10; Psalm 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14, r/v 1; Roman 8: 9, 11-13; Matthew 11: 25-30;
(Lectionary 1, page 673) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

GAA Lotto Results: D • I • O • T • S (1 with 4 letters winning £100) **Next Jackpot:** £2,650

Parish Liturgy for July, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Catriona McCullagh	Martina McBride
Eucharistic Ministry	Mary Tracey	Eileen McKenna	Mary McCrory
Prayers of Intercession	Peter Fox	TBC	Claire Coyle
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Mary Bradley	Patrick Tuohy Michael Clarke	Pat McGuigan Francis Keenan
Altar Society	Nuala Glass and Rosemary Conway		

Anyone wishing to volunteer should make themselves known Thanks for everything you do in our parish-faith community

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 28 th June The family of Neamh Donnelly	Offertory Gifts Rota St. Peter and St. Paul	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 29 th June The family of Daniel McCrory
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Saturday 5 th July The family of Aimee Gumley	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 6 th July The family of Leah McGuigan
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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? Thanks to all who participate



On this day, traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church, in Rome.
St. Peter – Originally called Simon, a fisherman who became leader of the apostles and the rock on which the Church is built, died by crucifixion in Rome around the year 64.
St. Paul – Saul, the Pharisee who became the 'Apostle of the Gentiles' was martyred by beheading around 67. Both proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage: You may begin your pilgrimage on any day of the week from Sunday 1st June to Wednesday 13th August. Cost includes boat fare and accommodation.
Website: loughderg.org • **Email:** info@loughderg.org • **Tel:** (028) 6863 2391 • **Address:** Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co Donegal

Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3rd August):
For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith. *Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it*
Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1st June to 13th August): Check out the Lough Derg website for details.

Foyle Hospice – Brides Across The Bridge: Saturday 5th July in the Guildhall Square, Derry at 3.30pm. In memory of a beloved husband that passed away in Foyle Hospice. Open to everyone – married, single, old, young, female and male. Dresses available to hire for the day. Register now at Foyle Hospice. £10.
Telephone: (028) 7135 9888 • **Email:** rachelbruce@foylehospice.com • **Website:** foylehospice.com

Annual Pioneer and Venerable Matt Talbot Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 20th July. Principal Celebrant is Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown. Price which includes bus, breakfast and evening meal is £40.
To book call Ray on (028) 8164 8119, Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or any Committee Member • Names must be in before 5th July

Name – Christian • Surname – Belonging to the Church *Vatican City (Wednesday 25th June) [VIS]*

This morning in St. Peter's Square the Holy Father, in his general audience, continued to speak about the People of God, a theme that he began to explore last Wednesday. Today he highlighted the importance for a Christian of belonging to this people, and reiterated that we are not isolated Christians. "Belonging is our identity", he said. "We are Christians because we belong to the Church. It is like a surname: if our name is 'I am Christian', our surname is 'I belong to the Church'.

"No-one becomes a Christian alone; we must think first, with gratitude, of all those who have preceded us", he continued. "If we believe, if we pray, if we know the Lord and are able to listen to His Word, we feel close to Him and recognise Him in our brethren, and because others before us have lived faith and transmitted it to us, have taught us. The Church is a family in which one is welcomed and learns to live as believers and disciples of the Lord Jesus". The Pope explained that this is a path that one may undertake not thanks to others, but rather united with others, and emphasised that a "do-it-yourself Church" does not exist.

"How many times did Benedict XVI describe the Church as an ecclesiastical 'we'? Often we hear people say, 'I believe in God, I believe in Jesus, but I am not interested in the Church...'. There are those who believe they can have a personal relationship, direct and immediate, with Jesus Christ removed from communion and the mediation of the Church. They are dangerous and damaging temptations. They are, as the great Paul VI said, absurd dichotomies. It is true that to walk together is challenging and difficult. ... But the Lord has entrusted his message of salvation to human beings, to all of us, as witnesses; and it is in our brothers and sisters, with their gifts and their limits, that it comes towards us and is revealed to us. And this is what belonging to the Church means. Remember: being Christian means belonging to the Church".

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← Before concluding, the Pope asked that the Lord, by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, might grant us the grace never to give in to the temptation to think we can do without other people, that we can do without the Church and save ourselves alone, that we can be 'laboratory Christians'. On the contrary, it is not possible to love God without loving one's brethren, it is not possible to love God outside the Church; it is not possible to be in communion with God without being in communion with the Church, and we cannot be good Christians other than by staying together with those who follow the Lord Jesus, as one people, a single body".

Following his catechesis, the Pope greeted a delegation from the Bethlehem University, the first university founded in the West Bank and inspired by the principles of the schools established by the De La Salle Christian brothers, which celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year. He gave special thanks to them for their "laudable academic activity in support of the Palestinian people".

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

Safeguarding Information for parents of Altar Servers: A Parents' Safeguarding Information Pack, which has been developed by the Derry Diocesan Safeguarding Office, is available for parents of altar servers. In each pack there is an Information Leaflet and Information Booklet for parents and two Leaflets for the children. If you are a parent of an altar server/s, and require a copy, please leave your request for an Information Pack in the sacristy; alternatively, or you can obtain it from the Safeguarding office, Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry (office hours Monday -Wednesday, 1.30pm to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.

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

Musings

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

In today's Second Reading, the author of the Second Letter to Timothy speaks in the following terms: 'As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful'. Many people experience their lives as 'poured out', often against their will, owing to a range of different circumstances. Life has a way of taking from us, whether we like it or not. Could we ever consider offering even our very helplessness to God?

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: 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. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.

Adoption: 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. Could this be you?
Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Tuesday 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.

Thursday 3rd July – St. Thomas (Apostle) According to tradition, Thomas reached Muziris, India in 52 AD and baptised several people who are today known as St. Thomas Christians or Nasranis. After his murder and death by spear in India, the remaining relics of St. Thomas the Apostle were enshrined as far as Mesopotamia in the 3rd century, and later moved to various places. In 1258 they were brought to Abruzzo, in Ortona, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. He is often regarded as the Patron Saint of India, and the name Thomas remains quite popular among St. Thomas Christians of India.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 16:13-19: *John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)*

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that one of his disciples acknowledge him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own journey of faith when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
2. 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question today?
3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been conscious of the gift nature of your faith. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
4. These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus?

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		Sunday 24th August	Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Saturday 19th July • Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October		St. Patrick's
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5th and 6th July)	Saturday 5th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 6th July	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

The Deep End – Places You Would Rather Not Go: *Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)*

Today we celebrate the two founders of the Christian church, Peter and Paul, in some ways not ideal disciples. Peter, originally Simon, was the fisherman who made many mistakes along the way including denying Jesus, but became the 'rock' upon which Jesus built his church. Paul, formerly Saul, turned from persecuting Christians into the greatest missionary and theologian in the early Church. The Gospel we hear today tells us something about this discipleship to which Peter and Paul were called. It is not easy, and it is not always what we would expect. Jesus tells Peter: 'When you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' We are told that Jesus is indicating how Peter is to die. Yet his next words are still an invitation: 'Follow me.' Peter is left in no doubt that discipleship will not be a bed of roses. He will not be able to 'walk where he likes' and do his own thing. Following Jesus is going to take him to places he would rather not go. If Simon or Saul had known what was ahead, would they have taken the path they did? So it is with our lives. We never know what is around the next corner and what we may have to deal with, whether illness, loss or the many other obstacles that can come our way. The twists and turns of life may indeed bring us where we would rather not go. But we are called to follow Jesus, and trust that he has a plan for us.

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world

Around this time the following priests in our diocese will be celebrating special jubilee. Please pray for them and make direct contact with them if you wish. Please pray for and do what you can to encourage more vocations to priesthood and religious life – a very counter-cultural choice in our challenging times.

Fr. George Doherty was curate in this parish of from 1954 to 1957, his first appointment after his ordination

60 years	Fr. George Doherty	20 th June, 1954	CC of Desertegney, Co. Donegal
50 years	Fr. Neil Carlin	31 st May, 1964	Columba Community, Derry
	Fr. Liam Donnelly	21 st June, 1964	CC of Ballykelly
	Fr. Brian McGoldrick	21 st June, 1964	PP of Urney and Castlefin, Co. Donegal
45 years	Fr. Stephen Kearney	15 th June, 1969	CC of Knockmoyle
	Fr. Edward Kilpatrick	15 th June, 1969	PP of Clonleigh
	Fr. Anthony Mailey	28 th June, 1969	CC of Drung
40 years	Fr. John Forbes	8 th June, 1974	PP of Badoney Lower
	Fr. Andrew McCloskey	9 th June, 1974	Bishop's House
35 years	Fr. John Farren	31 st March, 1979	PP of Iskaheen
	Fr. Neil Farren	1 st April, 1979	PP of Ardmore
30 years	Fr. John Downey	3 rd June, 1984	CC of Moneyneena
	Fr. Patrick O'Hagan	10 th June, 1984	PP of Merville, Co. Donegal
25 years	Fr. Patrick Baker	25 th June, 1989	PP of Lavey
	Fr. Manus Bradley	11 th June, 1989	Montreal, Canada
	Fr. Thomas Canning	11 th June, 1989	CC of Carnhill, Co. Derry
	Fr. John Gilmore	18 th June, 1989	PP of Termonamongan
	Fr. Kevin McElhennon	2 nd July, 1989	PP of Cappagh.
20 years	Fr. Edward Gallagher	12 th June, 1994	Adm. Long Tower
15 years	Fr. Dermott McGirr	4 th July, 1999	CC of Drumragh