



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (29th July, 2018)
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Thought for the Week: "If God sends you many sufferings it is a sign that He has great plans for you, and certainly wants to make you a saint." *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Liturgy Schedule for the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (29th July – 5th August)

Saturday 28th July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass:
St. Lawrence of Brindisi (priest and doctor of the Church)		James Daly (2 nd Anniversary)
Sunday 29th July	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass
Monday 30th July	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
There will be NO MASS between Tuesday 31st July and Thursday 2nd August		
Adoration followed by the Rosary will take place Wednesday 1st August from 12noon and 7.00pm		
Friday 3rd August	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 4th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass:
St. John Mary Vianney (priest)		Gerard Coyle (7 th Anniversary)
Sunday 5th August	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Wayside	11.00am Mass

Death and Anniversary announcements should be given to the priest celebrant before mass for the weekends of 29th July and 5th and 12th August

Remembering Our Dead: We remember and pray for the soul of **James Daly (2nd)** whose anniversary occurs now and for all our deceased relatives, neighbours, fellow parishioners and friends.

Sick and Housebound: Fr. Mark or Fr. Danny Monaghan will visit Friday 3rd August after 10.00am Mass.
Visit times may be either later or earlier than usual

Greencastle Parish Bus to World Meeting of Families Mass: The Closing Mass, celebrated by Pope Francis will take place at the Papal Cross in the heart of the Phoenix Park in Dublin on the afternoon of Sunday 26th August. The Mass will begin at 3.00pm. It is proposed that transport will be available from outside St. Patrick's Church that morning, the cost of which will be £10 per person. The parish has also obtained 54 tickets for the mass along with a bus. Please note that buses will be sent to a parking facility and passengers will have to walk a distance to the Phoenix Park and back again and all tickets are standing only. *If interested contact Fr. Gallagher at (028) 8164 8474, at the sacristy before or after mass or by emailing greencastlepp@yahoo.com*

Holy Cross Group: A missionary group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land will be visiting St. Patrick's and Our Lady of the Wayside Churches on 4th and 5th August to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help and support the poor Christians families. *Any help is greatly appreciated*

Annual Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan: £6 entry • Refreshments served Friday 24th August in Greencastle Community Centre • Music by Cascades from 9.30pm

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Tuesday 28th August to Tuesday 4th September, staying in Leone Hotel.
Only a few places remain • For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 / 07768 395 038

Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Universal – The Treasure of Families: That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Next Week's Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 • Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54, R/ v 24 • Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
 John 6:24-35 • Lectionary 1:782 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Parish Liturgy for August, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Mary Slane	Orla Scullion	Brendan / Helena McKenna
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Erin Hood	Grace Conneely
Collectors	Raymond Bradley Francis McLaughlin	Michael Clarke Patrick Tuohy	Brian Donnelly Brian Gillen
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary and Paula Meenan, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Carmel McCrory, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

Lough Derg Three-Day Pilgrimage: You may begin any day until Monday 13th August. Advance booking not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. **Tel:** Lorraine on 07198 61 518 (from NI +353) • **Email:** info@loughderg.org

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from €279 per person
 Book any flight, any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service
To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Children in Crossfire – Walk the Path of the Camino De Santiago:
 Tuesday 31st July to Monday 6th August • Help the children of Tanzania and Ethiopia
Website: childrenincrossfire.org • **Email:** shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898

Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock.
For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Cherish the Ladies Concert: Friday 28th September in Mellon Country Hotel.
Tickets (£15) • For more info call Tom Blee on 07704 526 870

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses: Planning to get married in 2018 / 2019?
 Book with Accord by visiting accord-ni.co.uk. Course dates available in 2018 are as follows:
 7th and 8th September • 28th and 29th September • 5th and 6th October • 2nd and 3rd November • 7th and 8th December

Thornhill Ministries – Upcoming Events:
Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org
Afternoon Tea for Past Pupils / Boarders of Thornhill College: Sunday 29th July
We are Spiritual Beings on a Human Journey: Summer Retreat to help look reflectively at life's experiences – 10th to 15th August.
'Immersed in Heaney': Includes 'Essence of Heaney' workshop and visit to Homeplace, Bellaghy – 31st August / 1st September.
Holy Land Retreat: 11th to 20th October.

Rouskey Community Development Association – Trip to Moynalty Steam Fair, Co. Meath:
 Sunday 12th August. Leaving Gortin at 8.45am, Rouskey at 9.00am and Greencastle at 9.15am.
 See a wide range of vintage and modern vehicles and country music acts. *Call Lucy on 07827 016 520 to book place*

Owenkillew Credit Union – Closure: Monday morning in Greencastle office for the months of July and August.
 Normal hours for a Monday evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Gortin Office Saturday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination.
If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

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

World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer
 God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].
 Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

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

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

Support Foyle Hospice by hosting a Coffee / Tea Morning with friends, family, groups or work colleagues:
 All funds you raise will play a vital role in funding the essential care and support Foyle Hospice provide to people in our communities affected and living with terminal illness
For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

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

String Instrument Music Lessons: Every Thursday evening in Greencastle Hall
 For kids to learn banjo, guitar and violin with qualified tutor Frank Nugent
Beginners: 6.00pm to 6.45pm • **Advanced:** 6.45pm to 7.30pm • Call Sinead on 07788 266 387 to book a place

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

Rural Support: We could help you with financial stress by
 Providing free, confidential face-to-face support • Easing the burden of dealing with debt
 Helping you identify a way forward • Supporting you to take action
Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk **Website:** ruralsupport.org.uk
 To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

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

Interested in becoming a Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service?
Applications are invited from individuals wishing to join for Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship) Validated by the Pontifical University at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and aligned to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 8, 20 ECTS. The training programme is delivered on a part-time basis, at weekends, over 1 academic year in Maynooth.
For more information call the ACCORD Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com

Strule Arts Centre – Irish Cultural Activities Every Wednesday
Sean-Nós and Set Dancing 6.00pm to 7.00pm • **Singing in Irish** 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Irish Language Classes for Beginner, Improver and Advanced Levels 8.00pm to 9.30pm
Email: kevin.goodwin@fermanaghmagh.com • **Tel:** 07747 899 249

Red Cross: Can you spare 1 hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and volunteer drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed.
Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011

Family Care Adoption Services *Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children*
 For a free information contact **Tel:** (028) 7136 8592 / (028) 9069 1133 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
 us using any of these details **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

ASPIRE Employability Programme – Free CSR Card and Forklift Licence Training
 To be eligible you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.
Omagh Office: (028) 8224 6535 • **Enniskillen Office:** (028) 6632 6478 • **Facebook:** Aspire Employability Programme
The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy

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

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

Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure: If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.
If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org

Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre – Traditional Music and Singing Classes:
 Every Tuesday night. Why not learn an instrument or a song or two in 2018?
For details and booking call (028) 8224 2777 or visit dunuladh.ie

Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2018-2021 – God is Love: Bishop McKeown has announced the publication of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018-2021 in the diocese, 'God is Love'. The Plan is the result of a two-year programme of work by the Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council, consisting of 14 men and women - laity from across the diocese, Religious and clergy. It is a first step in developing a co-responsible Church at parish and diocesan level, identifying paths that might lead to solutions to the many challenges we face, including the practical need to plan for the times when priests will not be present in the way that they have been up to now. A number of printed copies of the Plan have been received for the parish and a PDF version of it is also available to view and download on the diocesan website – derrydiocese.org – you are invited to read it. The main work of implementing the Plan will begin after the summer break. Bishop McKeown asks for your prayers and support, in the knowledge that everything done in faith and love will bear fruit in God's own good time.

Musings: 'Hope is the leaven that, in those first years of engagement and marriage, makes it possible to look beyond arguments, conflicts and problems and to see things in a broader perspective. It harnesses our uncertainties and concerns so that growth can take place. Hope also bids us live fully in the present, giving our all to the life of the family, for the best way to prepare a solid future and to live well in the present.' *Pope Francis, Amoris Laeitia, 219*

2017 PARISH STATISTICS		
Baptisms (26) 10 Boys • 16 Girls	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (14) 8 Boys • 6 Girls	Confirmations (15) 7 Boys • 8 Girls
Marriages (5) 2 within parish • 3 outside parish		Funerals (12) 11 within parish • 1 outside parish
April: Parishioners and pupils of Dean Maguirc College took part in Holy Thursday mass in RTÉ Studio in Dublin on Thursday 13 th April		
December: Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began 13 th December in St Patrick's Church		

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 29th July – St. Martha Sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the son of God and in the resurrection. In welcoming a guest we welcome Christ; we show our Christian spirit of service; and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God.

Wednesday 1st August – St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori (bishop and doctor of the Church) [1696-1787]
Founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life. He is remembered as a popular preacher and influential writer of theology.

Saturday 4th August – St. John Mary Vianney (priest) [1786-1859] Had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. His marvellous gift for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to his parish, Ars. From 1830 on, he averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

Sunday 5th August – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Commemorates the miracle of the snowfall that occurred during the night of 4th and 5th August in the year 358 on the site where the basilica now stands. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared in a dream to two faithful Roman Christians, the patrician John and his wife, as well as to Pope Liberius (352-366), asking that a church be built in her honour on the site where snow would fall on the night of 4th and 5th August. Pope Liberius traced the outlines of the church in the snow and the first basilica was built on that site. It was completed about a century later by Pope Sixtus III (432-440), after the Council of Ephesus in 431 during which Mary was declared to be the Mother of God.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – John 6:1-15: John Byrne OSA (jpbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life, with which Jesus feeds us. Can you recall an experience of Eucharist that was especially significant for you? What was it that made it different? How did it influence your understanding of the Eucharist?
2. Take, give thanks, distribute. The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?
3. From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?
4. Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?

The Deep End – Jesus Comes to Serve:

Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)

In John's version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger, the great teacher. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'king' Jesus really is. The crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him king'. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship. His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, he takes himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain. It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus' example of leadership is service in today's gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort, that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

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 entrance*