



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (29th September, 2013)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (30th September 2013 – 6th October 2013)

Saturday Evening (28th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday: Anthony Bradley (17 th Anniversary)
Sunday 29th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 30th September St. Jerome (priest and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: John Conway (Anniversary)
Tuesday 1st October St. Therese of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 2nd October The Guardian Angels	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Thursday 3rd October Blessed Columba Marmion	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Friday 4th October St. Francis of Assisi	St. Patrick's <i>First Friday of the Month</i>	9.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Saturday Morning (5th October) Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's	9.35am Public Recitation of the Rosary 10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening (5th October)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 8.35am Confessions and Public Recitation of the Rosary 9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 6th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions and Public Recitation of Rosary 11.00am Mass: John Gerald Conway (3 rd Anniversary)
During the month of October members of the Legion of Mary will lead us praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the beginning of Mass each day. Please join them or make the Rosary your special family prayer during this month		

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£965**.

Baptisms: As a parish community we welcome into our Christian family **Shea Francis Gumley** and **Darragh Francis Fox**. May our adult community offer our newly baptised and his parents and godparents prayerful support and good example in our commitment to Christian living.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Anthony Bradley, John Conway** and **John McDermott** whose anniversaries occur now.

Parish Stations: If you are willing to host a Station Mass in your home during the month of October, please sign the schedule in the sacristy in Greencastle for available dates. Hosting a 'Station Mass' is a long tradition in the life of our parish communities in the Catholic Church. It reflects our openness to God and our hospitality to our neighbour. Hospitality should be kept as simple as possible. It is important that our priorities have the right focus. Mass in our homes is a blessing to the family and to the local area. It would be a blessing on our whole community if one family in each town-land were willing to host a 'Station'.

DATE	TOWNLAND	IN THE HOME OF
Thursday 10 th October at 7.00pm	Leaghan	Mary and Petie Tracey
Thursday 17 th October at 7.00pm	Sheskinshule	Ita, Margaret Rose and Michael John McDermott
Thursday 24 th October at 7.00pm	Formil	Bridie and P. Joe Clarke

Confessions are available 30 minutes before Mass. Thank you to all families who have volunteered to host a Station Mass for your townland during the month of October.

Next Sunday's Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10; Lectionary I, page 917
Sunday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year C] • Weekday Scripture Readings Cycle [Year 1]

Lotto Results: G • N • P • R • X (8 people with 3 letters winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £4,650

Parish Liturgy for October, 2013	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Emmett Bradley	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Megan McKenna	Aidan Clarke	Helen McKenna
Collectors	Mary Bradley Lawrence McBride	Michael Clarke Eoghan Clarke	Sean McKenna Jimmy Donnelly
Altar Society	Mary Conway, Mary Meenan and Paula Meenan		Anne McDermott Martina McBride
Anyone wishing to volunteer for these ministries should make themselves known			

Adding Colour and Spice; Befriending Those With Down Syndrome An Alliance of Art, Beauty and Special Sensitivity By Elizabeth Lev ROME, September 26, 2013 (Zenit.org) - Italy celebrates a National Down Syndrome day during the first half of October (as opposed to the International Awareness day on March 21), and these occasions always seems like a good moment to check and see how this woefully endangered species of people with Trisomy 21 are faring. On the surface, much seems unaltered -- same old intolerance toward "different" people, pronounced by a society where sameness, whether among genders or through the offices of plastic surgery, is the new ideal. Parents are "burdened," children are "cursed," yadda, yadda, but as the mother of a 10-year-old boy with Down Syndrome, this ignorant mantra has grown dull. People with Trisomy 21 add colour and spice to life, through their special ability to evoke creative ways to love and new perceptions of human achievement. Over the last few months however, there have been some interesting developments. On June 19, Pope Francis made everyone at the Wednesday audience wish for Trisomy 21, when he invited 17-year-old Alberto di Tullio to climb onto the Popemobile and spin in his own chair. The sincere affection of Pope Francis showed the world, more than any article or statistic, how easy it is to love those who appear different -- I don't think there are many in the world who would say no to a joyride in the papal car. Then, a few weeks later, the birth of the first child of the Prince and Princess of Wales again drew the spotlight to people with Trisomy 21. In keeping with the relaxed royal style of the couple, they asked for no gifts to be sent to newborn Prince George, but made a special exception for a painting by Tazia Fawly, a 43-year-old British painter with Down Syndrome. The painting had been offered to the couple by the organization Heart and Sold, which supports artists with Trisomy 21. Indeed Fawly is only one of 20 artists represented. It appears that art comes naturally to these very sensitive people. Last month a former student drew my attention to an art exhibition in Rome at the Galleria Arte Maggiore comprised of works by people with varying disabilities. The exhibit displayed 14 portraits inviting viewers to look at and relate to people that perhaps on a day-to-day basis they would be inclined to ignore. The artists come from all over Europe: Estonia, Italy, Austria, France and the Netherlands -- areas known for the most aggressive push to abort children identified with genetic disabilities -- and yet these faces, creatively, colourfully, intensely or sketchily rendered, speak of thoughts, feelings and perceptions trying to get out and be shared. Many other countries are looking to tap the creative reserves of people with Trisomy 21. The Mexican School of Down Art has been teaching young people to express themselves through art especially when speech is too difficult. The works of artists with Down Syndrome tend to be bright, limpid and cheerful. Crisp outlines frame vivid colours. My favourites, including the one given by Tazia Fawly, have a vague resemblance to the coveted art of the Australian aborigines. These Dreamings, as they are called, are darlings of the art market and have taken museums by storm. The many works by developmentally disabled artists open our eyes to hidden talents, but also open the mind and heart to appreciate how little we understand these extraordinary people. History has shown that the world forgives a great artist everything from philandering to madness to murder, but with a 90% abortion rate for Down Syndrome, most of these budding artists don't even get a chance to get out of the womb. That art, beauty and Down Syndrome would go hand in hand was not lost in the Renaissance. A painting by an anonymous Flemish artist from the 16th century shows the first recorded image of a person with Down Syndrome, portrayed as nothing less than an angel at the feet of the Christ Child. *Elizabeth Lev teaches Christian art and architecture at Duquesne University's Italian campus and University of St. Thomas' Catholic Studies program.*

Growing Through Change Residential Programme: Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October. This is designed to help young people who have experienced bereavement and loss work through the 5 stages of the grief process. It is open to young people from the age of 11 years upward who have experienced bereavement and loss. The loss may be due to the death of a parent, sibling, grandparent or other significant person in their lives. It may also be due to the separation or divorce of parents. Registration is at 7.00pm in the Youthlife office at our Bishop Street office. A coach will then transfer the group to the Residential Centre in Omagh Folk Park. Alternatively, applications can be downloaded online at youthlife.org

Irish Language Class for Beginners: Starting in Greencastle GAA Hall on Thursdays from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. The class will run for 10 weeks and is aimed at people looking to learn conversational Irish. Children attending secondary school are welcome to come along. *If anyone is interested please contact Sinéad Wamock on 07849 394 001 or ni_mhearnog@hotmail.com*

Annual Derry Diocesan Pioneer Mass: St. Columb's Church, Waterside Derry – Sunday 6th October at 3.00pm

Dún Uladh's Traditional Music Classes: Begins Tuesday 1st October.

BADA – Upcoming Events: **Saturday 5th October** Dance with music by *Bleed'n Cowboys*.

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
General – Silence: That the men and women of our time, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and learn to listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.
Missionary – Persecuted Christians: That Christians who suffer persecution in many parts of the world may be prophets of the love of Christ by their testimony.

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

Cappagh / Badoney CCE Music Classes: Starts on week commencing 23rd September.

Banjo and Mandolin (Brona Graham)
Tin Whistle and Flute (Moira O’Kane) Mondays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Button Accordion (Lauren Hegarty)

Banjo and Mandolin (Nuala McBride)
Guitar (Sean Brines) Tuesdays evenings (time to be arranged)
NO BODHRAN CLASS

Prayer from the Community at Taize: God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in Syria and elsewhere in the world. So we turn to you - you do not let us give in to discouragement. You bring us to understand that our prayer and our compassion count. Be close to those who are suffering and send your Holy Spirit, that all humans may be inspired to make signs of peace.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2013 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com accord.ie
 11th & 12th October, 15th & 16th November, and 6th & 7th December at Omagh Pastoral Centre, Brooke Street
 Couples planning to marry should register for one of these courses at least 6 months before their wedding.

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time *Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)*
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, in good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

Our Lady’s Shrine, Knock. Co. Mayo Pilgrimage Season: From the last Sunday in April to the second Sunday in October. Please consider making a pilgrimage either personal or with your family this year. A poster in the church porches gives details of the times and dates for the ceremonies or you can check out these contacts.
Tel: 00-353-94-9388100 **Fax:** 00-353-94-9388295 **Email:** info@knock-sh.rine.ie **Website:** knockshrine.ie

Special Pilgrimage for Families and Grandparents with Pope Francis in Rome: 26th and 27th October.
For more information please call Maire on (098) 24877

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2013		
Saturday 19th October	St. Patrick’s	Derry Diocesan Mass
Saturday 2nd November	St. Patrick’s	6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died during the year)

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Luke 16:19-31: *John Byrne OSA (john@ortlagh.ie)*

- The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself?
- The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the Gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?
- Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God’s presence and action. For Jesus the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found sacraments of God’s presence in the world around you?

Creation Time – How can I Save Energy? *Fiona Murdoch (Communications Officer, Eco-Congregation Ireland)*
 Cycle, walk or use public transport, when possible. If you need to use the car, try and car-pool. Fly less often and, when you do, offset your carbon emissions: www.carbonfootprint.com.
 Turn off your TV, computer etc when not in use. Choose energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs. Turn off lights when you leave a room. Turn your thermostat down. Insulate your walls, roof and water tank.
 Remember God asks us to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly. This means cutting our carbon emissions to reduce the effects of climate change, which is already having devastating effects in developing countries.

The Deep End – The Rich Man and Lazarus: *Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)*
 A major theme in Luke’s Gospel is ‘reversal’. We see a clear example of this in today’s Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Notice how the rich man is not given a name. This is significant as names were important for people who were considered to be of high status, it gave them recognition. It is the poor outcast beggar who does have a name – Lazarus. Names are significant. Lazarus means ‘God helps’. The lives of these two men are radically different. The rich man wears purple robes, the most expensive colour dye at that time, and he feasts every day. A gate also separates these two men, the rich man is far above Lazarus in terms of status and wealth. The rich man does not even see Lazarus.
 When they die, their situations are completely reversed and we are reminded of the Magnificat in the first chapter of Luke (1:52-53) ‘He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty’. The rich man is unwilling to change, even in the afterlife he wants Lazarus sent, ordered, to go to his brothers. It is not proof or special signs that they need. Their vision has been blinded by wealth and dreams.
 The moment we cease to hold each other, the moment we break faith with one another, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out. *James Baldwin*

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

Knock Marriage Introduction Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?

For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo on 00353 94937 5960 or visit our website at knockmarriagebureau.com and read about the workings of the Bureau

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 everyone to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

*The notice comes from the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and is published on behalf of the **Diocesan Safeguarding Committee***

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Monday 30th September – St. Jerome (priest and Doctor of the Church) [340-420] Translated the bible into Latin and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron Saint of librarians

Tuesday 1st October – St. Therese of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church) Marie Francois Therese Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30th September, 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Patron Saint of Missions, florists, aviators and France.

Wednesday 2nd October – The Guardian Angels This feast expresses God’s personal care for each individual and our belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard us.

Thursday 3rd October – Blessed Columba Marmion [1858-1953] An Irish monk, and the third abbot of Maredsous Abbey. Beatified by Pope John Paul II on 3rd September, 2000, Marmion was one of the most popular and influential Catholic writers of the 20th century. His books are considered spiritual classics.

Friday 4th October – St. Francis of Assisi (priest) [1181/1182-1282] Abandoned all things for the love of Christ. Founded the Friars Minor and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. The Patron Saint of ecologists.

Sunday 6th October – St. Bruno (priest) [1033-1101] Born in Cologne. Germany. Became a professor of theology in Rheims University and later its Head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship were the basics. At La Grande Chartreuse he founded the Carthusians. [Not celebrated this year]

other and for your growth in faith. As parents you become the first catechists for your children. Notice that I said first catechists, not the only catechists. Your role is to bear witness to your own faith in Jesus Christ. Children need to “see” their parents living lives of faith. Parish and school catechists can teach more systematically but unless the children experience a living faith in the family there is little chance that faith will grow deep roots.

Today life is complicated and busy. The work week isn’t always Monday to Friday. Parents and couples juggle multiple priorities. Our relationship with God can become one of the casualties of the business of our lives, and when our relationship with God is wanting, what do we have to share with our children or with each other?

I invite each family, those with small children, school-aged children, no children or adult children, to examine the prayer life of your domestic church. Do you pray with each other and for each other? Do you witness your faith to each other and to others? On this Catechetical Sunday may I ask each couple and each family to rededicate yourself to strengthening your own faith and sharing that faith with the other members of your domestic church.

Sincerely in Our Lord, Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly Bishop of Wilmington. Delaware

The Family as Domestic Church: “Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love” is the theme for Catechetical Sunday. Each year the US bishops choose a theme for catechists to focus on not only on the day but throughout the year. This marriage theme has particular importance for catechetics. When a woman and man pledge their faith and fidelity to each other before the community of the church, they bring into being a unique expression of life and love. Pope John Paul II, echoing Vatican II, spoke of this family as the domestic church, a smaller version of the greater church. Just like the larger church, the family/domestic church has a mission, to share the love of Christ with the members of the family and with the world beyond. As a couple you become responsible for each