



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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg

Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year A] (30th March, 2014)

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Liturgy Schedule for the Fourth Week of Lent [Year A] (31 st March, 2014 – 6 th April, 2014)			
Saturday Evening (29th March)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Annie Morris (3 rd Anniversary)	
Sunday 30th March Fourth Sunday of Lent [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass	
Monday 31st March Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	7.00am Mass <i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>	
Tuesday 1st April St. Ceallach (Celsus) (bishop)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Wednesday 2nd April St. Francis of Paolo (hermit)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: **Derry Diocesan Society	
Thursday 3rd April Fourth Week of Lent	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Friday 4th April St. Isidore (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	7.00pm Confessions 7.30pm Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Mass: Michael Keenan (Month's Mind)	
Saturday 5th April St. Vincent Ferrer (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass	
Saturday Evening (5th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass: Joe McGarvey (6 th Anniversary)	
Sunday 6th April Fifth Sunday of Lent [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass	
St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry 3.00pm Bishop Donal McKeown, our new bishop's installation			
Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to £850 .			
Clerical Education and On-Going Formation Collection: A further £150 has been added to this collection.			
Remembering Our Dead: We pray for Annie Morris , whose anniversary occurs at this time.			
Sick and housebound: These will be attended Monday 31st March . Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.			
Trócaire Lenten Campaign: Please support our campaign as generously as you can this year.			
Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination: Monday 31 st March marks the 40 th anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Edward Daly, our retired bishop. <i>Remember him in your prayers</i>			
Youth 2000 – Catholic Weekend Retreat: Friday 4 th to Sunday 6 th April in St. Mary's School, Limavady. For all young adults between the ages of 16 and 35. This weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided and accommodation is on site. Don't let money be an obstacle, just bring any donation and a sleeping bag. Newcomers very welcome. <i>For more details visit youth2000.ie or call 07588 876 399</i>			
Drumalis Retreat & Conference Centre Chapel, Larne – Making our Faith Flesh and Blood: Being Christ's Body Today: With Timothy Radcliffe OP on Saturday 17 th May. The day begins with registration at 9.30am and ends at 4.30pm. The cost of the day is £35 per person and includes refreshments and lunch. For further information or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am–5 pm) Tel: (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 Web: drumalis.co.uk Email: drumalis@btconnect.com			
Broughderg Community Development Centre – 040 Cookstown Roadshow: Monday 31 st March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The aim is to encourage older people to come along and access vital information from the one venue, enjoy free refreshments and receive a free goody bag!			
Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)			
Universal: That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.			
For Evangelisation: That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.			
Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7; Psalm 22 R/v1; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41; Lectionary 1 (page 276)			
Sunday Scripture Readings cycle [Year A] • Weekday Scripture Readings cycle [Year 2]			
Lotto Results: F • H • I • K • P (8 drawn with 3 letters, winning £10 each) Next Jackpot: £2,000			

Following our recent parish finance committee meeting we publish today our annual summary financial statement						
Greencastle Parish Summary of Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 st December, 2013						
	INCOME	2013	2012	SPECIFIC EXPENSES	2013	2012
	Routine income (envelopes etc.)	50,461	52,207	Light and Heat	6,066	7,342
	Investment Income	105	3,101	Maintenance	10,632	12,174
Exceptional Items (Ins. Claim, Special Donations)		906	7,649	Normal Requisites	2,420	4,012
		51,472	62,957	Insurances	3,689	3,689
	EXPENDITURE			Rates	1,077	827
	Property Expenses (Rates, Insurance, Maintenance etc.)	23,884	28,044		23,884	28,044
	Administration Expenses (Salaries etc.)	25,434	23,196	Telephone etc.	1,791	1,299
		49,318	51,240	Accountancy	1,920	1,008
NET PARISH INCOME		2,154	11,717	Bank Charges	322	423
				Bank Interest	664	---
					4,679	2,730
				Pass Through	5	(30)
					4,702	2,760
				Diocesan Assessment	6,787	7,196
Prepared by Patrick Friel (Accountant) - High Street, Omagh, Co. Tyrone					11,489	9,897

Parish Liturgy for April, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Rosemary Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
Collectors	Colum Devlin John Bradley	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Brian Gillen Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Anne Tuohey, Alice Keenan and Anne Donnelly		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

New choir members will always be welcomed – contact Sinead

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
Saturday 29 th March The family of Odhran Hughes	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 30 th March The family of Micael McCann
Saturday 5 th April The family of Cody McAleer	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday 6 th April The family of Daniel McCrory

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 faith-community.

National Vigil for Life: Saturday 3rd May in Merrion Square, Dublin 2. *See poster on noticeboard*

Annual Pioneer and Friends Buffet and Dance: Friday 2nd May in Shepherd's Rest. *Ticket only is £12.50*

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession): On Friday 28th March (the Friday of the Third Week of Lent) these year 4 pupils of our parish school, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:
Eoin Bradley • Cara Rose Brogan • Nichole Cahill • Niamh Clarke • Aoibhin Coyle
Ronan Coyle • Niamh Donnelly • Aimee Gumley • Odhran Hughes • Cody McAleer
Molly McCullagh • Brian McDermott • Ryan McGlinchey • Orla Morris • Caelum Tracey
We offer them our congratulations as they mark this stage of their spiritual growth and we thank their parents for guiding and supporting them along their journeys.

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, 1.30 to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.

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*

<p>Derry Youth Community: Are you a young person of faith aged between 18 and 25 who is interested in a 10 month 'time-out' period where you will come together with 5 other young people and live in community? You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be expected to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities. Closing date for applications is Friday 16th May. <i>More information available on derryyouthcommunity.com</i></p>
<p>Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1st to 6th July): £599. The new Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown, is delighted to be able to lead the Pilgrimage this year. <i>As many pilgrims as possible is appreciated</i></p>
<p>Pilgrimage to Medjugorje (7th to 14th September): Half board and all taxes and insurance £499. Spiritual Director is Fr. Mark Monaghan. <i>For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357</i></p>
<p>Monthly Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite: Celebrated in Long Tower Church, Derry on Sunday 30th March at 2.00pm. Please note that this is one week earlier than usual, due to the Installation of Bishop McKeown on the following Sunday.</p>
<p>Diocesan Website (derrydiocese.org): Regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful</p>
<p>St. Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry – Annual Diocesan Mass for those with Special Needs: Saturday 5th April at 3.00pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass call the Catechetical Centre on (028) 7126 4087 / email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.</p>
<p>Mental Health Awareness Training: By the end of the session participants will be able to: Describe what is meant by the terms mental illness and mental health Recognise some of the symptoms of the most common mental illnesses Discuss recovery for those experiencing mental illness Challenge some of the stereotypes and stigma associated with the term mental illness Identify ways of promoting your own mental health and wellbeing Places are limited. Please contact Fiona 07813 935 996 to register Location: GAA, St. Patricks, Greencastle, 49 Mullydoo Rd, Greencastle Monday 31st March, 6.00pm to 9.30pm</p>
<p>Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time <i>Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)</i> 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.</p>
<p>ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014 (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@btopenworld.com 4th and 5th April • 9th and 10th May • 6th and 7th June Applications to Secretary, ACCORD, Mount St., Columba Pastoral Centre, 48, Brook Street, Omagh BT78 5HD Courses are limited to 15 couples and must be completed at least 6 months before your wedding</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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. <i>Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it</i> Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1st June to 13th August): Check out the Lough Derg website for details.</p>

<p>This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:</p> <p>Tuesday 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.</p> <p>Wednesday 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.</p> <p>Friday 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.</p> <p>Saturday 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.</p>
<p>Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – John 9:1-41: <i>John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)</i></p> <p>1. With a long passage like today's Gospel, it is often helpful to break the story up into its individual sections (eight in today's text). Stay with whichever one catches your attention and ask yourself the questions Pope Francis recommends when reading a Gospel text:</p> <p>'Lord, what does this text say to me? What is it about my life that you want to change by this text? What troubles me about this text? Why am I not interested in this? Or perhaps: What do I find pleasant in this text? What is it about this word that moves me? What attracts me? Why does it attract me?' (Evangelii Gaudium No.153)?</p>
<p>Musings <i>Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)</i></p> <p>At first, the Samaritan woman probably wished that she had stayed at home. And yet Catherine of Siena (1347-80) once advised that we should never look at ourselves by ourselves – this can lead to disappointment and even despair. Instead, we should look at ourselves in the company of Christ. While this may still lead us to recognise what is damaging within ourselves and what needs to be transformed, nevertheless, it also leads, ultimately, to hope. For Catherine, knowledge of self and knowledge of God (and his goodness) are inextricable 'just as the fish is in the sea and the sea is in the fish'.</p>
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is always good practice to seek <i>written</i> 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. <p><i>From the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee</i></p>

The Deep End – ‘I Want To See, Really See’:

Jane Mellett (janemellett@yahoo.com)

The man in the Gospel story today has had his sight restored. Notice how his sight grows more clearly throughout the account until he finally worships Jesus. We can be blind in many ways through our refusal to believe that we can contribute to positive change in the world. Too often we dismiss these realities by thinking we can do nothing about situations such as the global water crisis. This is blindness. We sometimes hide from the evidence before us and take refuge in prayer. Prayer is important but we must also be open to action. What we do, what we buy, how we use the plentiful resources at our disposal; these all affect the wider global community. Words attributed to Oscar Romero read: ‘We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.’ How can we as parish communities work for justice for our brothers and sisters who are in need? We need to see them, to see their struggle, to see the systems which contribute to this crisis. This week can you gather a small group in your parish and tell the stories used in this year’s Trócaire resource? This is one small way in which we can open our eyes and open the eyes of others. It is not simply about giving money. We must open our eyes. Today we pray that we can have our sight restored so that, like the man in the Gospel, we can truly worship Jesus.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. *Margaret Mead*

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Sacramental Celebrations	Sunday 1st June Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick’s	11.00am First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 11th May		St. Patrick’s
	Sunday 24th August		Our Lady of the Wayside
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Tuesday 8th April • Thursday 29th May		St. Patrick’s
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5th and 6th July)	Saturday 19th July • Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October		
	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)
‘Do This In Memory’ liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
	Saturday 12th April	Palm Sunday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Saturday 3rd May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 1st June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
	Saturday 22nd June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Online Lenten calendar: Launched by Archbishop Eamon Martin and can be accessed on the homepage of catholicbishops.ie. New information will be revealed each day of Lent by clicking on a virtual numerical door, and this will include:

Daily Mass readings and reflections • Lenten tweets from Pope Francis and other Church sources
Prayers and Pastoral Letters for Lent • Suggestions on observing Friday Penance during Lent
Events taking place across Ireland during Lent • Details of Trócaire’s Lenten Campaign for 2014
Pope Francis’ message for Lent and from Evangelii Gaudium • Explanations of Lent and Lenten practices
“Lent is the most solemn season for the Catholic Church and it culminates in the high-point of our liturgical calendar: Easter Sunday. With the help of the word of God and the sacraments, Lent is a time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community. With this in mind our new Lenten calendar is a resource to assist the faithful in our preparation for Easter.”

“For many years we have provided online resources to assist with our Lenten preparations, but this year we offer the faithful a new online calendar for this purpose. The calendar is designed for people of all ages as a user-friendly resource to help explain the significant season of Lent. The online calendar seeks to guide us as we prepare spiritually for the joy and hope which comes with the Easter season. During the season of Lent, I invite everyone to visit and avail of the information provided by our calendar.”