



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (30<sup>th</sup> July, 2017)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
**Website:** greencastleparish.com • **Email:** greencastlepp@yahoo.com • **Tel:** (028) 8164 8474

**Thought for the Week:** "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*  
**Liturgy Schedule for Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August)**

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b> St. Martha	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Jimmy Daly (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass: Felix Slane (21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Please note that there will be NO MASSES on any Wednesdays throughout July and August</b>		
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> St. John Mary Vianney (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass: Susanna Bradley (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b> Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Gerard Coyle (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] Transfiguration of the Lord	St. Patrick's Our Lady of Wayside	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo) <b>11.00am</b> Mass

**COLLECTIONS**      **Weekly:** £1,200 • **Emergency Trócaire:** £1,845  
*Thank you very much for your generosity to the East Africa Famine Appeal*

**Welcome to Monsignor Danny Monaghan:** Over the next few weekends we are delighted to welcome among us once again Fr. Danny Monaghan who will celebrate both the weekend and several weekday masses for our parish and also visit the sick and housebound. We are very grateful for his presence among us and I am sure you will give him your usual warm Greencastle welcome.  
*Fr. Eddie Gallagher*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Jimmy Daly (1<sup>st</sup>)**, **Susanna Bradley (7<sup>th</sup>)** and **Felix Slane (21<sup>st</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick and Housebound:** Fr. Danny Monaghan will visit on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August  
*Most visits will be around the usual time however please be prepared for either a later or earlier arrival*

**Ordination to the Priesthood:** The Diocese of Derry will be celebrating the Ordination of new priest for the diocese. Please pray for the Rev. Malachy Gallagher who will be ordained priest on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm in his home parish of St Mary's, Drumagarnier, Parish of Kilrea.  
*Please pray also that many others will follow in his footsteps in the near future*

**First Anniversary Mass for Bishop Daly:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral.

**Pilgrimage to Knock:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August, a day of prayer for priests. **Bus Fare:** £15 • **Meals:** €30 (optional)  
**Pick-up Point:** Along Omagh / Cookstown Rd. *Call Mona (028) 8673 7954 or Una on 07743 575 969*

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279 – Call for flight info.  
**Tel:** 01 443 4510 • **Email:** reservations@med-irishcentre.com

**St. Pio Monthly Devotions:** The monthly devotions through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina that take place the second Wednesday of each month in St. Patrick's Church will resume 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. after summer break.

**Pope Francis' Intention for August (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Artists:** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

**Next Week's Readings:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 • Psalm 96:1-2, 5-6, 9, R/ vv 1, 9 • 2 Peter 1:16-19  
 Matthew 17: 1-9 • Lectionary 1:984 / 2:1,131      **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

<b>Parish Liturgy for August, 2017</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Joanne McCullagh	Orla Scullion	Martina McBride
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Erin Hood	Lauryn Hollywood	Conan Maguire
<b>Collectors</b>	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Seamus Keenan Eoghan Clarke	Brian Gillen Pat McGuigan
<b>Altar Society</b>	Eileen McKenna and Anne McAleer		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

**Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Traditional Music Festival:** *Concert tickets and workshop spaces are limited*  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August** Concert featuring Zoe Conway, Mairtin O'Connor and Donal Lunny  
 8.30pm in Plumbridge Parochial Hall *Tickets £15 (ticket only event)*

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August** Music Workshops – Advanced / Intermediate  
 10.00am to 12 noon in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge Fiddle (Zoe Conway) • Button Accordion (Mairtin O'Connor)  
 10.30am to 12.30pm in Glenelly St. Joseph's Clubrooms Lá Le Spraoi  
 9.00pm in Plumbridge Parochial Hall Night of Song, Storytelling and Recitation  
*To reserve a ticket or workshop space call Tom on (028) 8164 8719 or 07704 526 870*

**Micheala Foundation – Fundraising Concert with Donna Taggart**  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August on the Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon.  
**Special Guest:** Mairead Duffy • **Email:** enquiries@michaelafoundation.com • **Tel:** 07712 323 716  
**Tickets:** £25 (available at michaelafoundation.com and locally at various outlets, including Omagh and Maghera)

**Youth 2000 Group:** Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm in The Oratory, Main Street, Newtownstewart.  
*Prayer, music, friends, coffee and cookies! 16-35 year olds welcome*

**Lough Derg One Day Pilgrimage from Greencastle Parish**  
 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Departing from outside St. Patrick's Church at 8.15am, we leave the island at 4.30pm.  
 Estimated cost including bus is £40 • Tea and scones are served on arrival with a light lunch included  
 If interested please call Fr. Gallagher on (028) 8164 8474 • Booking essential • Not suitable for children

**Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage:** You may on any day up to and including Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
 Advance booking not necessary • **Tel:** Maureen or Lorraine on 071 985 1518 (00353 71 9861 518 from NI)  
**Email:** info@loughderg.org • **Website:** loughderg.org

**Annual Fundraising Dance for Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan**  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August • Music by Cascades • £5 including refreshments

**Family Care Society:** We are presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.  
 For more information contact us via the following details (offices open weekdays from 9.00am to 1.00pm)  
**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 or (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** a.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

**Picnic on the Hill – Family Fun Day with Open-Air Concert in Greencastle:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. Featuring some of the best musical acts Tyrone has to offer, this will be a fun-packed day out for the whole family. There'll be a wealth of activities to keep the kids happy – bouncy castles, face painting, craft tent etc. Check out our Facebook page 'Picnic on the Hill'. On the day follow signs from Greencastle Community Centre. Bring a picnic and leave the rest to us.  
*All proceeds to Charis Cancer Care and Chest, Heart & Stroke*

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August in the Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. For young people aged 16-35; an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1,400 young people from all corners of Ireland expected to attend.  
 Donation only • Just bring sleeping bag and pillow • Free buses travelling from all around Ireland  
 For more information and to book online visit youth2000.ie or call 00353 1675 3690

**Camowen Farmers Group trip to National Ploughing Championships, Tullamore:** Leaving Carrickmore Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon and returning Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.00pm. £250, this includes luxury coach for 3 days, entry to Ploughing Championships, 2 nights B&B and 2 dinner in 4-star Trim Castle, Co. Meath, Lunch on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> in Glencarn Hotel, Castleblayney and dinner on 21<sup>st</sup> in Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan.  
 £100 deposit by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August to secure booking • Call (028) 8076 1339 / 07789 067 231 for more details

**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

**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](http://derryyouthcommunity.com) or emailing [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org)*

**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](mailto:info@ruralsupport.org.uk) **Website:** [ruralsupport.org.uk](http://ruralsupport.org.uk)

To speak with someone in confidence call our helpline on 0845 606 7 606

**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](mailto:gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk) • **Website:** [kindercareni.co.uk](http://kindercareni.co.uk)

**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

**Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants – Emigrant Information Pack:** Contains practical information for intending Irish emigrants, such as visa requirements, advice on health insurance, gaining employment, accommodation and other information pertaining to each of the main receiving countries. It also provides information for Irish emigrants planning to return to Ireland after a period living abroad as well as other articles and information on the theme of emigration.

If interested in receiving a free copy(s) of this booklet please contact Teresa at the Derry Diocesan Office

**Email:** [t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org](mailto:t.mcmenamin@derrydiocese.org) • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** [catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants](http://catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants)

**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](mailto:omagh@accordni.com)

**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](http://celticprayergarden.com) • **Facebook:** IOSASCentre • **Twitter:** IOSASCentre

**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

**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*

**Family Care Society – Interested in Adoption?** We specialise in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you want to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners contact.

**Rachael (Belfast Office):** (028) 9069 1133 • **Julie or Brian (Derry Office):** (028) 7136 8592

**Email:** [email@familycaresociety.org](mailto:email@familycaresociety.org) • **Website:** [familycaresociety.co.uk](http://familycaresociety.co.uk)

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony for The Pope John Paul II Award Celebrations:**

**Rome Pilgrimage:** [Group 1] Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

[Group 2] Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (including an audience with Holy Father, Pope Francis)

God our Father, Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;

To listen attentively to his teachings, To fix our eyes on his face, To persevere in listening to his Word,

To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.

Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done

with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever. *Amen*

Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland

**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](http://towardspeace.ie) • **Tel:** 01 505 3028 • **Email:** [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**Three Patrons Parish – Come and join us to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions**

Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month from May to October with the exception of 19<sup>th</sup> August) in St Brigid's, Carnhill Derry beginning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May with Vigil Mass at 6.00pm followed by Candlelight Rosary

Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight with Rosary every hour

**Celebrant:** Most Rev. Donal Mc Keown • *All are welcome*

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Matthew 13:44-52:** John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
3. In life we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

**Musings – Hidden Treasure:**

A parable leaves you with sufficient doubt about its meaning to tease the mind into active thought  
C.H. Dodd

Hidden or buried treasure sounds like an adventure story. This is intended by Jesus. Finding the kingdom of God is like an adventure in which there is a treasure that we did not expect to find, that fills us with wonder and tension and drama. Not everyone finds this treasure, which is what makes the story exciting. Jesus could have said that the man dug up the treasure and took what he wanted and left the rest out in the field for others to find easily, but he doesn't. The man hides the treasure again.

We who find the treasure of the kingdom of God will come to understand (whether immediately or over time), that it is more valuable than all that we have – all that our lives consist of. The treasure of the kingdom of God does not fit nicely or easily into the lives that we have already constructed for ourselves. Treasure stories are all about disrupted lives. One cannot discover hidden treasure and remain the same or continue, in an undisrupted way, to live the life one has always lived. In a sense, the measure of the disruption of our former lives is also a measure of the meaning of the treasure we have found. Some of us, perhaps, have not yet discovered the treasure that is worth exchanging our lives for.  
The Parable of the Hidden Treasure – Pete Bauer

**The Deep End – Treasures and Pearls:** Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

In the immediate aftermath of the horrific bomb attack in Manchester on 22<sup>nd</sup> May this year, the hashtag #roomformanchester began to trend on social media. In the midst of the chaos and terror, locals were opening up their homes and hearts to anyone who had been affected by the incident and was in need of help. People who lived nearby offered food or a cuppa, a place to charge phones, or a bed for the night. Hotels took in dozens of children and teenagers who had been separated from their parents. Taxi drivers offered free lifts, and others offered to drive those who had been stranded home to surrounding areas. People began to queue up at donor banks to give blood to help those injured in the attack. In the face of an evil and senseless act that inflicted so much pain, kindness and goodness shone through.

Difficult times often bring out the best in people. We see it in the way friends rally around a bereaved family, or communities raise money to help a sick child. There are treasures in our people and our communities that we could never put a price on. Jesus talks today about hidden treasures and fine pearls, and prompts the question – what is most important to us, and what are we willing to sacrifice for it? Sometimes treasures like compassion and love are there for all to see, and other times they are hidden or buried and we have to go in search of them, and to remember to bring them to others. The kingdom of God is always close at hand and within each of us.

**2016 Parish Statistics**

Baptisms (18)	First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)	Confirmations (21)
7 Boys 11 Girls	10 Boys 6 Girls	10 Boys 11 Girls
Marriages (16)	Funerals (10)	Station Masses in October
7 within parish 9 outside parish	8 within parish 2 outside parish	8

**Events** The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

**Greencastle St. Patrick's GAC and Greencastle Community Association are working together to begin developing a shared Community Hub**

This is essentially a 10-15 year plan to improve the facilities in our community for the benefit of our residents.

We now have eighteen groups who use the facilities at the community centre and our resources are stretched to accommodate everyone—we need more space.

An Caisleán Glas Community Hub will take the form of a 3-phase development with the first phase incorporating a new shared / educational space, a multi-purpose gym/spinning studio, an exhibition area and additional multi-purpose rooms.

To allow this development plan to proceed we need as many people as possible to complete our community questionnaire which will be available at the community centre through the various groups/classes, the shop and school.

*The questionnaire will also be available online*

Everyone who fully completes the questionnaire is entered into a draw to win £50.

We would also like to invite people to come along to the club rooms to see the plans at 'design concept stage' and participate in a unique opportunity to influence this plan.

**SUSE+ Community Programme:** Are you aged between 16-65? Unemployed or working under 16 hours a week? If yes, you may be eligible to attend free courses in the Rowan Tree Centre.

Paediatric First Aid • Manual Handling • Food Safety • CV / Interview Preparation Workshops • Emergency First Aid  
If you would like to come to any of these courses, please book your place with Conall via the details below

**Address:** SUSE+ Community Programme, South West College, Cookstown

**Email:** conall.mcelholm@swc.ac.uk • **Tel:** 07834 129 213 *Courses will be run, subject to minimum number interested*

**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@jecon.ie

**St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests:** The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The Apostolate prayer card offers us a special opportunity to spend ten minutes each day in pray for a priest.

The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: [prayerforpriests.com](mailto:prayerforpriests.com)

**Rosemary Johnson** 07810 387 825 - [brendan\\_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk) • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - [ethna776@yahoo.com](mailto:ethna776@yahoo.com)

**Siobhan Sweeney** 07880 588 041 - [siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk) • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - [e\\_cassidy@hotmail.com](mailto:e_cassidy@hotmail.com)

**Pope Francis – 'Vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit'**

The Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations has launched a prayer initiative for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life in Ireland. In this centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, parishes, schools and families are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary, for vocations in Ireland, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May until October.

*Those taking part in the prayer initiative are invited to use the social media hashtag #Pray4Vocations*

**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](mailto:tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com)*

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

**IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden – Summer Serenity:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August, light lunch at 1.00pm with music / storytelling followed by a visit to the Prayer Garden or Organic Garden.  
**Cost:** €10 / £8 (booking essential) • **Tel:** (00353) 7493 84866 for further info and booking • All Welcome

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Direct flights from Belfast, half board in the Leone Hotel and all tax and insurance £579  
*Contact Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or 07768 395 038 for more details*

**Rouskey Community Centre – Upcoming Classes:** Call Bridie on 07591 047 556, 07847 469 428 or (028) 8164 8706

**Child Care Level 2**  
*Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College in Rouskey Community Centre in September*

Provides learners with the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare them for employment or to provide career development opportunities to progress onto a relevant Level 3 programme. As work placement is a vital part of this programme, learners will get the opportunity for both 'learning' and 'doing'.

**Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma**  
*Proposed by Rouskey CDA through South West College*

Suited to learners who are working in the care field and do not have any qualifications in Health and Social Care or for learners wish to pursue a career in a range of caring.

**Essential Skills Levels 1 and 2 in English and 2 in IT** These September courses are free

**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September for 4 nights. 4 nights full board in Hotel Centro di Spiritulita. The pilgrimage will include visits to of Padre Pio and Monte Sant Angelo – the shrine in the cave where the birthplace St. Michael the Archangel appeared. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Daniel Ilhunnia MSP • €689  
*If interested call JWT on 00353 1241 0816, Marie on 07799 112 224 or Clare on 07778 025 587*

**MA in Catholic School Leadership:** Offered by the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre working in partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham. The third cohort will begin Autumn. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders.

#### **This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major** Commemorates the miracle of the snowfall that occurred during the night of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Transfiguration of the Lord** The cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, resurrection and glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die.