



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 B] (30th September, 2018)
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Pope Francis speaks to Ireland

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin [Saturday 25th August]

"I am especially happy to be with all of you, engaged couples and married couples at different stages on the journey of sacramental love. It is also nice to hear the beautiful music coming from over there ... the sound of babies crying! That is a sign of hope, the loveliest music, but it is also the best sermon, to hear a baby crying, because it is a cry of hope, [a sign] that life goes on, that life goes forward, that love is fruitful. Look at the babies... But I greeted an elderly person too: we also have to look at the elderly, because the elderly are full of wisdom. Listen to what the elderly have to say, [ask them] "What was your life like?"

Liturgy Schedule for Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (30th September – 7th October)

Saturday 29th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Jennie Keenan (4 th Anniversary) Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 30th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Mass Mass
Monday 1st October St. Thérèse of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church)	Our Lady of the Wayside	7.30pm	Mass: Mary Rose McCullagh (1 st Anniversary)
Tuesday 2nd October The Guardian Angels	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 3rd October Blessed Columba Marmion	St. Patrick's	12 noon – 7.15pm 7.30pm	Adoration Mass
Thursday 4th October St. Francis of Assisi (priest)	Our Lady of Lourdes PS	10.00am	Opening of Year Mass
Friday 5th October	St. Patrick's	7.30pm	Mass: Joanne Tracey (Month's Mind)
Saturday 6th October St. Bruno (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass followed by Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 7th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Mass (Missa Pro Populo) Mass: Francis McCullagh and Anthony Loughran (Anniversary)

Weekly Collection: £1,025

Thank you for your generosity

Church Door Collection: A special Church Door Collection will take place next weekend after all masses in the parish on behalf of Sr. Consilio's Cuan Mhuire Centre in Newry which helps people with addictions of various kinds. *Please give as generously as you can*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Mary Rose McCullagh (1st), Jennie Keenan (4th)** and **John Conway (26th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the soul of **Joanne Tracey** whose Month Mind takes place this Friday.

Sick and Housebound: Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care on Friday 5th October at the usual times.

Marriage: We congratulate **Darryl McCullagh (Greencastle) and Irish Romero (Cappagh)** who shared the Sacrament of Matrimony with each other on Thursday 13th September in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher.

October Station Masses: There are only a small number of dates available for Station Masses in October. Thursday 4th • Monday 15th • Friday 19th • Monday 22nd • Thursday 25th
 It is hoped that due to a late Easter (Sunday 21st April) there will be dates made available in the latter part of Lent.
If you are interested in hosting a station during October please contact Fr. Gallagher

Our Lady of Lourdes PS – Opening of Year Mass: Thursday 4th October at 10.00am in School Assembly Hall.
During the mass the new Primary Ones will be especially welcomed • All parishioners are welcome to attend

Thornhill Ministries – Holy Land Retreat: Thursday 11th to Saturday 20th October.
Booking essential • For more details call (028) 7135 1233 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24 • Psalm 127, R/ v 5 • Hebrews 2:9-11 • Mark 10:2-16

Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]

Parish Liturgy for October, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Roisin Scullion	Catriona McCullagh	Sean Teague
Eucharistic Ministry	Kathleen Bradley	Louise Coyle	Peter Noel McAleer
Prayers of Intercession	Kira Donnelly	TBC	Caoileann Maguire
Collectors	Mary Bradley Megan / Orla Coyle	Patrick Tuohey Leo Donnelly	Tony Donnelly Pat McGuigan
Altar Society	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott, Mary McCrory, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Josephine Clarke, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Upcoming Events:

Monthly Seisium:	Saturday 29 th September at 9.00pm in the Plumbridge Parochial Hall. Led by Eugene McKenna, Sinead McKenna and Jack Warnock. <i>Fabulous nights entertainment promised • Supper served</i>
Music Classes:	Resumes Monday 8 th October in St. Peter's PS, Plumbridge. Registration: 6.15pm. Classes: 6.30pm. Banjo (Erin Hood) • Fiddle (Aoibheann McArdle) • Whistle (Moira O'Kane) • Accordion (Martina Quinn) <i>Expression of interest forms will be in schools next week</i>
<i>To book or enquire call Tom on (028) 8464 8716 or Roisin on 07789 697 238</i>	

An Caisleán Glas CLG: It has been proposed that the club will host a 'Youth Concert' at the beginning of November involving singing, recitation, music and dance relating to Ireland and our native culture. If your child is aged between 7 and 16 years and is interested in taking part please call Grainne Bradley (Culture Officer) on 07813 465 503 ASAP.
Material can be provided and help will be given with music, recitation and singing

Foyle Hospice – Hearts of Hope Fundraising Event: Wednesday 10th October at 8.00pm in St. Patrick's Hall, Strabane. Crescendo Community Choir, Moville will be singing. Light refreshments provided. £10 admission.
Photographs of loved ones (if you would like their memory to be included) should be emailed to cwest823@btinternet.com or nuala.logue@yahoo.co.uk

Holy Trinity College – Celebrating 25 years Reunion: Friends of Holy Trinity College, St. Patrick's and Our Lady's High Schools are invited to Glenavon House Hotel on Thursday 18th October at 7.00pm.
Tickets are £20 (available from School Office) • (028) 8676 2420

Loreto Convent Grammar School – Omagh Past Pupils' Reunion:

An opportunity to meet with friends and former fellow Pupils is arranged for Saturday 6th October at 12 noon in Kelly's Inn, Garvaghey. A 2 course lunch and tea / coffee will be provided for those who book.
2 course lunch (£14) can be pre-booked with Joan by calling 07934 377 699

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group – Day of Prayer for Healing: Sunday 21st October in the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh. Registration from 9.00am. Mass at 3.30pm. Speaker: Fr. Columba Jordan CFR. £25 (inc. lunch/tea/coffee).
Booking essential to facilitate catering • Call (028) 8224 2092 (office hours) or mobile 078 7641 1435

Alzheimer's Society – Memory Walk: Saturday 13th October at 12 noon, Lissan House and Demesne, Cookstown.
£10 for adults to register – free for children • Visit eventbrite.co.uk to register or do so on the day from 11.00am

An Creagán – Féile Pheadair Joe, the Last Native Speaking Seanchaí in the Parish of Termonmaguirk
 Wednesday 26th September – Sunday 7th October. Gaeilge, amhránaíocht, ceol agus comhlúadar Gaelach
 For info: An Creagán on (028) 8076 112 or info@ancreagan.com or Pobal Ar A'n lúl at pobalaraniul@gmail.com

Marriage Enrichment Residential Weekend: Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. Offers married couples (of all age ranges) private time to rekindle the joy of their love.
For more info and to book visit marriageencounter.ie or call +44 770 281 2321, (028) 7135 0612 or 01-845 3517

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

Pope Francis' Intention for October (please remember this in your personal prayers)
Evangelisation – The Mission of Religious: That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

<p>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 <i>To book dates call 00353 1443 4510 or (020) 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com</i></p>
<p>Omagh Set Dancers – Weekly Class: Every Monday from 8.30am to 10.30pm in Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre from 10th September. Come along and learn set dancing, make friends and enjoy a cuppa! <i>Newcomers are especially welcome • Call Marie on 07734 907 816 for more information</i></p>
<p>Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI): Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies <i>Listen via the app 'RADIO MARIA IRELAND' on mobile devices, streaming on radiomaria.ie or listened to on the phone via a live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply) • Join our faith family!</i></p>
<p>Accord Counselling Services: Available to couples regardless of their faith or denomination. <i>If you would like to avail call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p>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. <i>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</i></p>
<p>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. <i>Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com</i></p>
<p>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 <i>For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com</i></p>
<p>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. <i>An appointment can be arranged by calling the Omagh Centre on (028) 8224 2439 or emailing omagh@accordni.com</i></p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>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. <i>Call Carol on (028) 8225 1559 to book</i></p>
<p>Icon Painting Workshop: Monday 8th to Saturday 13th October in Knock. <i>For more information email theodoreicons@gmail.com</i></p>

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Eucharistic Ministry	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of Intercession	<i>TBC</i>	Lauryn Hollywood	Tara Conneely
Collectors	Patrick McElhatton Megan / Orla Coyle	Ronan Hollywood Peter Tracey	Perry McCrory Sean McKenna
Altar Society	Siobhan and Ciara McKenna, Catriona McKenna, Louise O'Brien, Alannah Coyle and Clodagh McKenna		Ann McDermott, Mary Bradley, Lucy-Marie McCrory and Leanne Morris
<p>Family Care Adoption Services <i>Presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children</i> 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</p>			
<p>Drink Wise, Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use? <i>For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240</i></p>			
<p>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 <i>The Aspire Employability Programme is part funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy</i></p>			
<p>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</p>			
<p>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. <i>Call Julie White on (028) 7186 3764 / (078) 0302 4011</i></p>			
<p>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: 5th and 6th October • 2nd and 3rd November • 7th and 8th December</p>			
<p>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</p>			
<p>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</p>			
<p>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. <i>See poster at entrance</i></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:

- 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

Foster Carers Needed: The Western Trust urgently needs people to come forward who can offer a loving home to foster children. At present there is a greater number of children in need of homes than there are foster carers available. If you have room in your home and in your heart to care for a child, please contact:

Vanessa Nelis – WHSCT Recruitment Officer for Fostering

Tel: (028) 8283 5264 **Mob:** 07554 552 989 **Email:** vanessa.nelis@westerntrust.hscni.net

Trócaire – Recruiting Volunteers: To support their fundraising, campaigning and education work in Ireland.

If you are interested in volunteering visit trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer or call (028) 9080 8030 for more info

This Week’s Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 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.

Monday 1st October – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (virgin and doctor of the Church) Marie Françoise-Thérèse 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.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday 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. Patron Saint of ecologists.

Saturday 6th October – St. Bruno (priest) [1033-1660] Born in Cologne where he became 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 and later died there.

Sunday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary Today’s celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

Seeing your life through lens of Gospel – Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48: John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)

1. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus’ name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. ‘They are invading my patch.’ Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.
2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the ‘little ones’. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another?
3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

Musings: ‘... more than bureaucrats and functionaries, the Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity. Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories. In every situation, may the Holy Spirit cause us to contemplate history in the light of the risen Jesus. In this way, the Church will not stand still, but constantly welcome the Lord’s surprises.’

Pope Francis (Gaudete et Exsultate, 138-139)

The Deep End – Be Tolerant: Jane Mellett ([mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:melletj@gmail.com))

In the second reading from St James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on to the gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down ‘the little ones’. It is a lesson in tolerance. As we approach the end of this annual celebration of the Season of Creation let today’s gospel be a call to care for the weak and vulnerable. Through our exploitation of the earth’s goods it is the poorest of the world who suffer. Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be stewards of creation, to connect more deeply with the wonderous world around us, to take action against all that threatens our natural environment.

In a few days we celebrate the Feast of St Francis (4 October), patron saint of ecology. Perhaps by hosting a blessing for animals, a local clean up, trying to go plastic free, we can mark this special time in some way and embrace our role as stewards of creation.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.’

Pope Francis (Laudato Si’, 125)

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

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		

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: Working in partnership with St. Mary's University, Twickenham the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre offers this post-graduate degree, dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to or have an interest in leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Autumn, 2018. For more info call Thérèse in the Catechetical Centre 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

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.