



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C] (31st July, 2016)
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU
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Year of Mercy Quote from Pope Francis Misericordiae Vultus (paragraph 20)
 “For his part, Jesus speaks several times of the importance of faith over and above the observance of the law. It is in this sense that we must understand his words when, reclining at table with Matthew and other tax collectors and sinners, he says to the Pharisees raising objections to him, “Go and learn the meaning of ‘I desire mercy not sacrifice’. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mt 9:13)
 “Faced with a vision of justice as the mere observance of the law that judges people simply by dividing them into two groups – the just and sinners – Jesus is bent on revealing the great gift of mercy that searches out sinners and offers them pardon and salvation”

Liturgy Schedule for the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time [Year C] (31st July, 2016 – 7th August, 2016)

Saturday 30th July St. Peter Chrysologus (bishop and doctor of the Church)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 31st July Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession
	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass
Please note that there will be NO MASS between Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd August		
Thursday 4th August St. John Vianney (priest)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: Susanna Bradley (6 th Anniversary)
Friday 5th August Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	St. Patrick's	5.30pm – 5.45pm Confessions 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Gerard Coyle (5 th Anniversary)
Sunday 7th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year C]	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am – 10.45am Confession
	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass

All anniversaries to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful should be given to the priest celebrating mass before Mass on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Susanna Bradley** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Wednesday 31st August to Wednesday 7th September.
 Call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 for details

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg for Year of Mercy Tel: (028) 7126 4087 • Email: ddcc@derrydiocese.org
 You are invited to join Bishop McKeown for a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th August
 For a booking form or more information contact the Catechetical Centre on the above details
Cost: £60 (£70 with bus included) • Bus pick-ups can be arranged in Derry, Strabane and Omagh

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: email@familycaresociety.org • Website: familycaresociety.co.uk

Pope Francis' Intentions for August (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal – Sports: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.
Evangelisation – Living the Gospel: That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour.

Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 18: 6-9 • Psalm 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22, R/ v 12 • Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19
 Luke 12: 32-48 • Lectionary I, page 891 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 2]**

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 30 th July The family of Caolan Tracey	Offertory Gifts Rota Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 31 st July The family of Eoin McCullagh
If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented As the wider parish community we support these young people and their families with our prayers and thank them <i>We need new volunteers in every aspect of life</i>		

Readings for August: The readings for the month of August can be picked up in the sacristy after mass this weekend by those on the rota for the month.

Parish Liturgy for August, 2016	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Francis McDermott	Mary Clarke	Anne McDermott
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Rosemary McCullagh	Shauna Morris
Collectors	Francis McLaughlin Mary Bradley	Frank Keenan Patrick Tuohy	Pat McGuigan Perry McCrory
Altar Society	Rosemary and Ciara McNally		Anne McDermott Josephine Clarke

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 • **Tel:** (028) 7126 2302 • **Website:** catholicbishops.ie/tag/emigrants

Rouskey Respiratory Support Group: Rouskey Community Centre considering setting up a Respiratory Support Group facilitated by Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke. Respiratory conditions include illnesses like COPD, asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. A respiratory condition is not always obvious to others, and is often referred to as an 'invisible illness'.
 NICHs's Respiratory Groups meet often to offer support to people living with respiratory conditions and their families and carers.
Computer Classes Essential Skills: Beginners level 1 and 2. Anyone interested in these free classes in September get in touch.
 Contact Bridie for more information on 07591 047 556, 07847 459 428 or (028) 8164 8706 (leave message on phone)

Dromanteens Boys Summer Camp: 31st July to 5th August. Residential camp with lots of indoor and outdoor activities including Gaelic football, soccer, basketball, pool, table tennis, racketball and much more. Ages 11 to 16.
 To book or for enquiries: **Tel:** (028) 3082 1224 • **Email:** dromantinecamp@sma.ie • **Facebook:** @dromantinesummercamp

Greencastle Summer Scheme: Monday 8th to Thursday 11th August, open to all children from P4 (current P3 leavers) to P7. If you missed Friday evening's registration night and are interested in your child attending please call Tish Myles on 07810 062 020 or email tishmyles91@gmail.com.

An Bruach Dearg Community Centre – Auction: Saturday 3rd September Now accepting lots.
All donations are greatly accepted, to enter anything in this auction please use the contact details below
Broughderg Post Office (028) 8675 1633 • **Committee Members** (028) 8675 1570 / (028) 8164 8180
Can be collected if required. Range includes household items, furnishing, kitchen essentials, antiques and collectibles

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 prayer for a priest.
 The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are: *prayerforpriests.com*
Rosemary Johnson 07810 387 825 - brendan_rosemary@yahoo.co.uk • **Ethna Hill** 07528 249 838 - ethna776@yahoo.com
Siobhan Sweeney 07880 588 041 - siobhanswen1@yahoo.co.uk • **Eamon Cassidy** 077435 02165 - e_cassidy@hotmail.com

Any notices which do not make the print version of the bulletin can be found on the parish website

National Pope John Paul II Award Coordinator

The National Committee of the Pope John Paul II Award is seeking an enthusiastic and highly skilled candidate to coordinate the Pope John Paul II Award at a national level. The successful candidate will also help implement the Diocesan Plan for Parish Youth Ministry in the Derry Diocese. The suitable candidate will have:

- A relevant 3rd Level qualification in education, youth work or pastoral ministry
- Evidence of work on a paid / voluntary basis in the Catholic Church
- Evidence of leadership qualities • Be proficient in ICT

Application Form and Job Description may be obtained by emailing ddcc@derrydiocese.org or by calling (028) 7126 4087 during normal office hours

Completed applications must be returned to Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, Gate Lodge, 2 Francis Street, Derry, BT48 7DS no later than 4.00pm on Friday 5th August with interviews held on Thursday 18th August.

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

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 • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre – MA in Catholic School Leadership: In Partnership with St. Mary's College, Twickenham beginning Autumn 2016. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system.
For more info call The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 28 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org

The Good Ship Lollipop – Appeal For Child Refugees: The Belfast children's charity Tuesday's Child is working with catholic missionaries in Sicily to help child refugees rescued in the Mediterranean. Funds will go towards providing essential aid items and care for children, young people and their families and helping high risk children who come in unaccompanied on the boats. *Tuesday's Child gives 100% of donations received, plus gift aid*
Website: tuesdayschild.ie • **Email:** info@tuesdayschild.ie • **Tel:** (028) 9064 6104 / 07545 452 362
Donation by Texting: TUES75 and amount to 70070 (e.g. TUES75 £5)

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Annual Fundraising Dance: Friday 19th August in Greencastle Community Centre. For Monsignor Danny and Fr. Mark Monaghan. *Music by the Cascades • Admission and refreshments are £5*

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

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

White Oaks and YARD Project Confidential Counselling for Families Affected by Addiction:
If you are concerned about a loved one's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling please contact us. Confidential counselling, advice and information provided by a qualified addiction counsellor.
Provided at Columba House, 11 Queen St, Derry • For an appointment or further information call (028) 7126 2407

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

St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests: The Apostolate offers us a special opportunity to pray for a priest each day. The co-ordinators in the Derry Diocese wish to raise awareness of the St. Michael's Apostolate of Prayer for Priests and to invite people from across the diocese to join in this prayer initiative. The co-ordinators for the diocese and their contact details are as follows.
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Eamon Cassidy • 07743 502 165 • e_cassidy@hotmail.com prayerforpriests.com

Drink Wise Age Well: Are you over 50? Are you worried about your own or someone else's alcohol use?
For confidential information, advice and support call (028) 8283 9240

Craft Training Ltd: A leading training organisation that provides 16-18 year olds with the opportunity to fulfil their potential in a vocational area, through the Training for Success programme. Gain the skills you need to kick start your career free of charge and earn £40 per week, range of qualifications include ICT, Hairdressing, Joinery, Painting & Decorating, Hospitality & Catering, Retail and much more.
Tel: (028) 8225 9377 • **Office:** Kelvin Avenue, Omagh • **Email:** joincraft@hotmail.co.uk

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 11.30am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding
Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.50pm and after Vigil Mass
Our Lady of the Wayside: Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.50am and after 11.00am Mass

ACCORD – Fertility and Wellbeing Service: An educational service, offering instruction / counseling in Fertility Awareness and Natural Family Planning (NFP) for women / couples who wish to achieve a pregnancy or plan their family. ACCORD Fertility and Well Being practitioners are people who have been specifically selected and trained to deliver this service. These practitioners use this knowledge and training to inform, educate and support individuals and couples with regard to their fertility.
Appointments are held in the Omagh centre and can be made by calling (028) 8224 2439

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 • **Web:** kindercareni.co.uk

2015 Parish Statistics			
Baptisms 6 Boys 8 Girls	Confirmations 8 Boys 8 Girls	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation 10 Boys 9 Girls	Marriages 10 within parish 5 outside parish
Station Masses in October 7	Induction of Fr. Edward Gallagher as 13th Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE Celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry on Thursday 17 th September in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle		
Funerals 13	Farewell Concert and Presentation Night for Fr. Eugene Hasson Former Parish Priest of GREENCASTLE and now Parish Priest of the Parishes of Lavey and Greenlough took place on Friday 13 th November in GREENCASTLE Community Centre		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd November

Mass for the Dead

Sunday 27th November

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 25th December

Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)

Year of Mercy – Local, National and International Pilgrimages as Arranged by the Diocese

Long Tower Thursday 11th September (begins 2.00pm with Sacrament of Reconciliation, procession and Mass)

Knock Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th July (Cursillo Walk to Knock) • **Croagh Patrick** September (date TBC)

Rome and Assisi Friday 2nd to Thursday 8th September

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – *Luke 12: 13-21:*

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

1. 'One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions', said Jesus. What have you found by experience to be more important in life than possessions? What brought this home to you?
2. 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed'. Perhaps you have seen how greed can lead to trouble in public life, in family life, and in the personal life of individuals. What has helped you to guard against greed? What benefits have you experienced when you were less greedy?
3. The message of the parable could be summed up in saying 'If you want to give God a laugh, tell him your plans'. Life takes many twists and turns we do not anticipate. When have you found that you have had to change your plans because of unexpected circumstances? What has helped you to be flexible and resourceful at such times?

Musings

Fr. Bernard Cotter (Bandon, Co Cork)

Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance. *Luke 12:13*

Most parents have to deal occasionally with fighting children. One child has stolen the other's toy, so the parent has to arbitrate. Parents learn to intervene in such a way that all of life will not be spent supplying such judgments. They hope their children will learn that it's usually easier to sort things out instead of relying on another authority to do it.

The aggrieved brother in this Gospel had evidently never learned this lesson, so he comes to a figure of authority to sort things for him. Jesus, the wise master, refuses to be drawn in. Instead, he issues a ruling that might apply to each brother: Beware of avarice, there's no security in possessions.

I wonder what happened to the complaining brother. Did he seek another authority who might give a more favourable judgment? Or did he listen, take Jesus' words to heart and follow?

Jesus, help me to be content with my life. Help me to trust in your loving care, every step of the way.

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

The Deep End – *Building Bigger Barns:*

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

How do you pray? Is there a right or a wrong way of doing it? Should we pray lying in bed or kneeling at the altar, alone or in company, in the church or out in nature, in stillness and silence or with tambourines and songs of praise?

The first disciples weren't quite sure how to go about things, and today we see them approach Jesus to ask him 'Lord, teach us to pray'. In response, he gave them the words of what we now know as the 'Our Father'. But he had some more advice for the disciples too – keep praying! If you were to call on a friend for help in the middle of the night, Jesus says, your persistence alone would convince him to help. If a child asks for food, his parents will naturally grant him what he asks for. The message is clear – we just have to keep asking.

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to spend time alone in prayer, and we know from the Passion accounts that he cried out to God in moments of anguish and desperation. There are many different ways to pray. It matters less where and how we choose to pray, than the fact that we choose to pray at all. If we keep asking, if we keep the lines of communication open, God will grant us what is good. Brian Zahnd

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This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Thursday 4th August – St. John 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 6th 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.

Sunday 7th August – St. Sixtus II (pope) and Companions (martyrs) He and his four deacon companions were put to death in 258. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

St. Cajetan (priest) [1480-1547] Founded the Theatines to renew sacramental life in the Church. [NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR]

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 entrance*

Children in Crossfire 7 County Cycle Derry • Tyrone • Fermanagh • Cavan • Sligo • Leitrim • Donegal
3 day Challenge • 200 miles • Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September

Email: events@childrenincrossfire.org • **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 • £60 deposit secures place