

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (31st August, 2014)
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Liturgy Schedule for the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time [Year A] (1st September, 2014 – 7th September, 2014)

Saturday Evening (30th August)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 31st August	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass
Monday 1st September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time		<i>Sick and housebound will be visited</i>
Tuesday 2nd September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time		
Wednesday 3rd September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Gregory the Great (Pope and doctor of the Church)		
Thursday 4th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
St. Mac Nissi		
Friday 5th September	St. Patrick's	8.00pm Mass: Lucy McCullagh (1 st Anniversary)
Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time		
Saturday 6th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
First Friday of the Month		
Saturday Evening (6th September)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity last week which amounted to **£865** and **£35** loose change.

Sick and housebound: These will be attended **Monday 1st September**. Please inform them if you live nearby. If you know of anyone sick or housebound that would like a visit inform Fr. Hasson.

We offer congratulations and prayerful support from our parish community to
Steve Potter (Greencastle) and Donna Hampson (Granaghan) Friday 25th July
D. Callan (Melmount) and C. Tracey (Greencastle) Saturday 9th August
Declan McCloskey (Dungiven) and Ciara McNally (Greencastle) Saturday 23rd August
 They recently committed themselves to each other in the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

Greencastle Community Hall – Irish Dancing Classes: Every Monday, 4.15pm to 5.45pm *Patricia Wilson (APCRG)*

Dalradian Gold Limited is in the process of cutting and round-baling its leased lands (adit field) on the Camcosy Road (circa 5acres). Anyone interested in purchasing these bales please contact Dwayne McKenna on (028) 8164 7799.
Proceeds from the bales will be donated to charity

Home Station Masses in October, 2014: Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass should book now in Greencastle Sacristy.

Lough Derg Pilgrimages – One Day Retreats and Family Day: Reservations essential. Book at the Lough Derg Office. **Tel / Fax:** 00353 719 861 518 • **Email:** info@loughderg.org

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

Pope Francis' Intentions for September (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.
For Evangelisation: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20; (Lectionary I, page 697)
Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]

GAA Lotto Results: B • Q • T • X • Z (1 with 3 letters winning £50) **Next Jackpot:** £3,100

Parish Liturgy for September, 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	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
Prayers of the Faithful	Clare Tuohey	Brianna Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
Collectors	John Bradley Colum Devlin	Mickey Beggs Colm Keenan	Tony Donnelly Sean Clarke
Altar Society	Rosemary and Shauna McNally		Anne McDermott Mary Bradley
New choir members will always be welcome – Contact Sinead			

6.00pm Saturday Vigil	Offertory Gifts Rota	9.00am Sunday Morning
<u>Saturday 6th September</u> The family of Colleen Brogan	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>Sunday 7th September</u> The family of Caitlin Clarke
As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership. What can you volunteer? Thanks to all who participate		

Pope Francis' General Audience Catechesis on the Dangers of 'Parish' Sins: *Vatican City (27th August, 2014) [zenit.org]*

Below is a translation of the Pope's address during a General Audience in St. Peter's Square
 Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Every time we renew our profession of faith reciting the "Creed," we affirm that the Church is "one" and "holy." She is one because she has her origin in God Trinity, mystery of unity and full communion. The Church is holy in as much as she is founded on Jesus Christ, animated by His Holy Spirit filled with His love and His salvation. At the same time, however, she is holy and is made up of sinners, all of us, we every day experience our own fragilities and our miseries. Now, this faith that we profess pushes us to conversion, to have the courage to live daily the unity and holiness, and if we are not united, if we are not holy, it is because we are not faithful to Him. However, He does not leave us alone; He does not abandon His Church! He walks with us. He understands us. He understands our weaknesses, our sins, and he pardons us. Always he pardons us. He is always with us, helping us, and makes us to be less sinners and to be more saints, and to be more united.

- Our first comfort comes from the fact that Jesus prayed so much for the unity of the disciples. [...] He prayed for unity, and He did so above all in the imminence of His Passion, when He was about to offer His whole life for us. It is that which we are continually invited to reread and meditate, in one of the most intense and moving pages of John's Gospel, chapter 17 (cf. vv. 11.21-23). How lovely it is to know that the Lord, just before dying, was not concerned about Himself, but thought of us! And in His heartbroken dialogue with the Father, He prayed in fact that we would be one with Him and among ourselves. See, with these words, Jesus makes Himself our intercessor with the Father, so that we can also enter into full communion of love with Him. At the same time, He entrusts us to Him as His spiritual testament, so that unity can become increasingly the distinctive note of our Christian communities and the most beautiful answer to anyone who asks us the reason for the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Peter 3:15).
- "That they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21). The Church has sought from the beginning to realize this intention, which is so much in Jesus' heart. The Acts of the Apostles remind us that the first Christians were distinguished by the fact of having "one heart and soul" (Acts 4:32). The Apostle Paul then exhorted his communities not to forget that they are "one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13). However, experience tells us that there are many sins against unity. And we do not think only of the great heresies and the schisms; we think of the many common failures in our communities, of "parish" sins, at those sins in the parishes.. Sometimes, in fact, our parishes, called to be places of sharing and communion, are marked sadly by envies, jealousies, antipathies. And this chitchat is carried to all. How much this chitchat exists in the parishes! This is not good. [...] This is not the Church! One must not do this, we must not do it! We need to ask the Lord for the grace not to do this. This is human, all right, but not Christian! This happens when we seek the first places, when we put ourselves at the center, with our personal ambitions and our ways of seeing things, and we judge others; when we look at the defects of our brothers instead of their gifts, when we give more weight to what divides that to what brings us together.
- In face of all this, we must make a serious examination of conscience. In a Christian community, division is one of the gravest sins, because it renders it not the work of God but a sign of the devil, who by definition is he who separates, who ruins relations, who insinuates prejudices. Instead, God wants us to grow in the capacity to accept, forgive and love one another, to be ever more like Him who is communion and love. Herein lies the holiness of the Church: in recognizes herself as the image of God, filled with His mercy and His grace. [...]

Dear friends, let us have these words of Jesus resound in our heart: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9). Let us ask sincerely for forgiveness for all the times we have been the occasion of division or incomprehension within our communities, knowing well that communion is not attained except through constant conversion. And let us pray that the daily fabric of our relations can become an ever more beautiful and joyful reflection of the relation between Jesus and the Father.
Working Translation by ZENIT

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October	St. Patrick's
Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)

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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Wednesday 3rd September – St. Gregory the Great (pope and doctor of the Church) [540-604] Was a Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As Pope he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come, calling himself servant of the servants of Christ. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England. Patron of musicians.

Thursday 4th September – St. Mac Nissi (bishop) Took his name from his mother Cnes or Ness. It is claimed that Patrick baptised him and taught him the psalms. He chose the district of Connor for his hermitage, but later became bishop of his clan. He died early in the 6th century.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – Matthew 16:21-27: *John Byrne OSA (john@ortlagh.ie)*

1. Short-term loss is sometimes necessary for long-term gain, as a student studying, or an athlete training, can testify. When have you found that denying yourself proved to be worthwhile because of what you gained afterwards?
2. Jesus was teaching his followers that the path of discipleship would involve pain and suffering. Peter would have none of it. When have you found that taking up your cross brought you life, even though at the time it may have been difficult?
3. Jesus knew that because his good news message was not acceptable to the authorities he would suffer and die. In spite of this he trusted that the power of God would overcome evil. Have you seen a good news message survive even though opponents tried to stifle it?
4. Jesus promised that those who suffer for the kingdom would be rewarded. Perhaps, even in this earthly life, you have experienced reward for faithful discipleship. What have these rewards been?

Musings *Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)*

Ragheed Ganni was a young Chaldean Catholic priest from Mosul, Iraq, who was a student at the Irish College, Rome. Despite the obvious dangers, he returned to Iraq after his studies to minister to his people there. Despite numerous threats he remained with them, claiming that 'Without Sunday, without the Eucharist the Christians in Iraq cannot survive' and that 'the Eucharist gives us back the life that the terrorists seek to take away.' He would pay the ultimate price when he was targeted and killed by gunmen outside his church on 3rd June, 2007. Many Christians today continue to re-trace Christ's steps when they are faced with sacrificing their very lives.

Pope's Audience – Don't let envy, jealousy or antipathy divide your parish: *Rome (27th August, 2014) [zenit.org]*
 During his weekly general audience, Pope Francis talked about the importance of unity. He called for Christians to recognise the sins that work against unity in local parishes and communities, like jealousy, envy and antipathy.
Video link: tinyurl.com/nrl44n4

Pope – Stop gossiping! Don't let envy divide your parish: *Rome (27th August, 2014) [zenit.org]*
 General Audience Addresses Vice in Parish Communities
 The Pope's general audience took place outdoors this week. That means the Pope did plenty of rounds in the popemobile, making his way through St. Peter's Square. He drank a bit of mate tea and as usual he blessed several children along the way.
Video link: tinyurl.com/n6e9kdl

Vincent's of Castle Street, Omagh: Vincent's is the only SVP (St. Vincent DePaul Society) shop in this district and depends on donations from YOU. Our customers really appreciate your gifts, especially good quality clothing. The shops profits are a steady source of income towards the work of SVP. We realise there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations. We thank you for your ongoing support and appeal to you to continue to support SVP work in the seven SVP conferences in Omagh and district.
Please leave your donations at the shop or place them in the blue bin near St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Our SVP van can collect larger amounts of goods or furniture. Our shop number is (028) 8224 9839

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses 2014-2015

St. Columba's Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street (028)8224 2439 accordomagh@accordni.com
 10th and 11th October • 14th and 15th November • 5th and 6th December • 9th and 10th January
 6th and 7th February • 6th and 7th March • 10th and 11th April • 8th and 9th May • 12th and 13th June
Couples are encouraged to complete their course six months before their wedding date

Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation *In Association with St. Mary's University College, Belfast*
 The Certificate in Lectio Divina Facilitation aims to equip participants to facilitate small Lectio Divina groups in a parish or community setting. Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium recommended the ancient practice of lectio divina, a practice of prayerfully reading scripture and "allowing it to enlighten and renew us." This course is offered to men and women from all walks of life who have completed the Pathways course or its equivalent or who are involved in some form of prayer guidance or Scripture study. It is possible to do the course for validation by St. Mary's University College or for personal development alone.
 This two-year programme runs from October to June each year and will be held on seven Saturdays from 10.00am to 4.30pm at Drumalis.
Tel: (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
Email: maura@drumalis.co.uk • **Web:** drumalis.co.uk

Children in Crossfire – North-West 200 Mile Cycle Challenge: Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September.
Route: Derry - Enniskillen - Donegal town - Derry **Tel:** (028) 7126 9898 **Email:** events@childrenincrossfire.org

Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo – Pilgrimage Season: Sunday 4th May to Sunday 12th October.
You might consider a private pilgrimage or go with an organised group this year

Our Lady of Knock Shrine – National Grandparents' Pilgrimage: Sunday 14th September 2014.
 Chief Celebrant: Archbishop Charles Brown (Papal Nuncio). 2.00pm Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.

exploreAway – Explore God's Call for You: A programme which provides the opportunity for single people between the ages of 21 and 40 who are interested in exploring religious life and the priesthood in a reflective and prayerful environment. Join us on Sunday 14th September from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2 or on Sunday 12th October from 2.00pm to 6.00pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast, BT13 2RL to find out more about exploreAway. *An informative and relaxed afternoon with some pizza and chat!*
 Booking is essential – Please call Sr. Gabrielle Farrell on (087) 358 4447 or Fr. Alan on (085) 766 4480
 exploreAway.net vocationsireland.com

A Farmer's Prayer

Jesus, you are the Bread of Life, Food for our journey, You are the Vine and we are the branches, Drawing our life from you. As we seek to make out living from the land,	Bless the work of our hands. Each day we touch the beauty of your creation, Renew your love in our hearts. And as we see your plan at work in each season, Bring your peace to our home and to those we love.
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Amen

The Deep End – An Open Book:

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

The Christian is a living epistle, known and read by all men, an open letter, an advertisement for Christianity.

William Barclay

What would an advertisement for Christianity look like? If you had to design an ad to sum up your faith, what would you include? On the one hand we are called to be joyful – to sing, shout, clap our hands and rejoice! But faith is not always so straightforward. There are many obstacles and temptations, and sometimes we are afraid to stand up for what we believe in. And then there's today's Gospel, which speaks of suffering, and tells us that following Jesus involves taking up our cross. How do we make sense of all this in the context of our faith journey?

The good news is we are not alone in our struggles. In today's First Reading, Jeremiah struggles with his faith in one of his many 'laments'. His faith has caused him to be a laughing stock. He feels conflicted; although his faith is inviting insult and derision, it is also a fire burning in his heart. In spite of people's hostile reactions, he has been 'seduced' by God, and he cannot but speak out.

Is this how we feel about our faith? Is it like a fire burning within us, in our very bones, or are we lukewarm in our commitment? Following Jesus is a radical choice, now more than ever perhaps. Today's readings teach us to be less concerned with what people think, and more concerned with living according to Jesus' teachings – however others may react.

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

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry:

Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)

God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura.

Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help.

Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time.

Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

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