

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

St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021)**  
 Parochial House, 164, Greencastle Road, Sheskinshule, Omagh, BT79 7RU  
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**Thought for the Week:** "The God imaged by Jesus exerts no dominating supremacy. In Christ, we see an image of a God who is not armed with lightning bolts but with basin and towel, who spewed not threats but good news for all, who rode not a warhorse but a donkey, weeping in compassion for people who do not know the way of peace."  
*Brian McLaren*

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> St. John of Capistrano (priest)	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Jim McCullagh (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b> Mass: Michael McCullagh (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> Solemnity of All Saints	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> All Souls	St. Patrick's	<b>9.30am</b> Mass
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> St. Malachy	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b> St. Charles Borromeo	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass followed by Confession
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass followed by Padre Pio Devotions: Francis (Jack) Cahill (Month's Mind)
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> All Saints of Ireland	St. Patrick's	<b>12.00pm to 1.00pm</b> Confession <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Eileen Warnock (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b> Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.30am</b> Mass

**Baptism Dates for November and December:**

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm (Greencastle)	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm (Greencastle)
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm (Greencastle)	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm (Broughderg)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm (Greencastle)	

**Sick and Housebound:** Fr. Gallagher will visit those in his care on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the usual times (morning and afternoon). All of the Sick and Housebound of our parish will be prayed for at the 10.00am mass on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November in St. Patrick's Church.

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Michael Conway (13<sup>th</sup>)** and **Mary Rose Conway (41<sup>st</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
*As we enter into the month of November we pray for all the Faithful Departed of our parish and families*

**COLLECTIONS**    **17<sup>th</sup> October:** £1,140    **24<sup>th</sup> October:** £755    **Mission Sunday:** £315

**Monthly Devotions Through the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November after 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church.  
*A relic of the saint will be present which will be used for blessing all present at the end of the Novena Prayers*

**Pope Francis' Intention for November (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Universal – People who Suffer from Depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**Next Week's Readings:** 1 Kings 17:10-16 • Psalm 145:7-10, R/v 2 • Hebrews 9:24-28  
 Mark 12:38-44 • Lectionary 1:822    **Sunday [Year B]** • **Weekday [Year 1]**

**Townland Mass Rota**

For the time being the Townland Rota will continue until it is deemed safe to return to full church congregations.  
 Thank you for your cooperation and patience through this very difficult period for everyone.

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Teebane East, Aughhminacroy, Aughascribba Road, Muninamale
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.30am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>6.00pm</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Teebane East, Aughhminacroy, Aughascribba Road, Muninamale
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South

**Masses for All Saints and All Souls Days:**  
 The masses for these two important days of the church Calendar will be spread out across the four churches of the two parishes. The schedule will be as follows:

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> (Solemnity of All Saints)	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> (Solemnity of All Saints)
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> (Feast of All Souls)	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> (Feast of All Souls)

*The mass of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed since last November will be celebrated Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle*

**Remembering and Praying for Our Dead:** The mass of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed since last November will be celebrated Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Greencastle. Families who lost a loved one over the past 12 months will be contacted regarding participation and seating arrangements. Unfortunately, only families who lost a loved one since last year will be able to be seated and only one row will be available to each family.  
*The Mass can be followed on the Greencastle Parish YouTube Channel*

**Church Cleaners:** We are intending to resume the rota for the cleaning of the churches during this month. Any new volunteers would be most welcome. Please note that those on the rota are only asked to help in the cleaning of the church and DO NOT have to provide flowers for the churches which happens separately. Your help would be much appreciated. We hope to purchase new hoovers in the very near future. Thanks to those who helped clean during the latter part of the month of October.  
*Anyone interested in joining our Church Cleaning Rotas should contact either Fr. Gallagher or Maria Bradley*

**Derry Diocesan Laudato Si' Group – Prayers for Success of COP26:** On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November Bishop McKeown will offer Mass in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry for the success of the proceedings at COP26.  
*Each parish, each school, each home  
 – united with people of faith throughout the world –  
 are invited to pray for our world at this time*

**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@iecon.ie

**Acknowledgement:** Emily O'Neill and her family wish to acknowledge and to thank everyone for their generosity and support in raising **£18,369** for Air Ambulance NI in memory of the late Anthony O'Neill.  
*May God bless you all for your kindness and help*

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

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints' Day** Arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honoured.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – St. Willibrord (bishop and missionary) [658-739]** Northumbrian missionary saint known as the "Apostle to the Frisians" in the modern Netherlands. He became the first Bishop of Utrecht and died at Echternach, Luxembourg.

**A Prayer for Now:** God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

**Accord Counselling Services:** Ireland's leading agency supporting marriage and relationships, nationwide through its 60 Centres. Our aim is to help couples prepare for, achieve and sustain their marriage and family relationships, offer ongoing support and assist them in times of difficulty or crisis. Available to couples regardless of their faith, denomination or none. *To avail of this call (028) 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com*

**Kindercare Fostering NI:** Could you help a child in need? 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) 9094 1690 • **Email:** gillian.devlin@kindercare.co.uk • **Website:** kindercareni.co.uk

**Commercial Free Catholic Talk-Radio Station for Ireland – Radio Maria Ireland (RMI):**  
Commercial free prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies  
*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)*

**Eucharistic Adoration** Prayer Intentions for each hour of weekly Adoration  
**12noon – 1.00pm** Vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life  
**1.00pm – 2.00pm** Married couples and those preparing for Marriage  
**2.00pm – 3.00pm** Sick and the Housebound • **3.00pm – 4.00pm** Strengthening of Faith in our young people  
**4.00pm – 5.00pm** Parish Unity • **5.00pm – 6.00pm** Protecting life and the Earth  
**6.00pm – 7.00pm** The Holy Souls and the Bereaved

**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

**The Millennium Forum – Changing Place Facility:** This is a space which provides a private area for people who require an adult changing bench, hoist and toilet. Over ¼ million people need Changing Places toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. The Millennium Forum Changing Place is open to all members of the public, not only people attending the theatre.  
*Call our Access and Inclusion Officer Lisa Heaney on (028) 7126 4455 (choose option 1) or email lisah@millenniumforum.co.uk*

**Barnardo's NI – Can You Foster?** Could you give a home to a vulnerable child when they need it most? Fostering is about giving them a safe, secure place to live for a few weeks, months or even years. Barnardo's Fostering NI is looking for foster carers. Foster placements can be long-term, short-term, emergency, short breaks and parent and child together. You must be over 21 to foster and must have a spare bedroom in your home. Foster carers are offered a fostering fee and allowances; they are given training and support.  
*To learn more call (028) 9065 2288 or visit barnardos.org.uk/foster*

**Epilepsy Action NI:** Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury? Epilepsy Action NI and Headway work in partnership to deliver a community-based counselling service in Omagh. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and / or brain injury or are caring for someone with epilepsy / brain injury and would like some emotional support.

### The Spiritual Benefits of Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

It helps us to grow in holiness. Jesus is ready to lavish on us, many extra graces and blessings, when we come and spend time with Him in Adoration. It helps us to appreciate Priesthood. Remember, "No Priests, no Eucharist". It is an established fact that where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is worshipped and adored vocations flourish. When we spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration each week or more often, we experience a great peace and contentment.

"...of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments themselves". *Pope St. John Paul II*

**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*

### 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*

**Prayer for the End of the Virus:** Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for an end of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities, that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. *Amen*

**Mid Ulster Agewell:** Are you over 50 years old? Do you live in the Mid Ulster Council area? Would you like a free phone call in the morning to reduce the feeling of loneliness and isolation, reassurance and a listening ear and help keep you up to date with social activities in your local area? A phone call can be arranged between 8.30am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday.

*For more info call Marie Devlin on (028) 796 32170 or email marie.devlin@agewellpartnership.org*

**Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection:** O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine. Love to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Our Faith – Developing What We Were Taught in School:**

- Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice?
- Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith?
- Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist?
- Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life?

The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, addresses these questions and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. *More info, enrolment visit [drumalis.co.uk/pathways](http://drumalis.co.uk/pathways)*

**Prayer for Synod on Synodality (2021 – 2023)**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen*

**What Is Spiritual Communion?** It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

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

**Deanery of Tyrone Statistics**

17 Parishes in West Tyrone and East Donegal. An estimated Catholic population of 65,670 people are currently served by 20 Derry Diocesan priests under retirement age with assistance of 3 priests in residence and a chaplain to the Polish community.

- 8 parishes (47%) have a Catholic population of less than 3,000
  - 6 parishes (35%) have a Catholic population of 3,000-7,000 people
  - 3 parishes (18%) have a Catholic population of greater than 7,000 people
- The largest parish serves an estimated 11,500 Catholics

7 parishes have 1,500 parishioners or less (7,900 combined) each with a resident priest. Is this sustainable?

In 2008 there were 27 diocesan clergy under retirement age ministering in the Tyrone Deanery, as of 2018 that number is 20. 7 Parish Priests currently serving in the deanery will reach 75 before 2025.

The maximum number of ordinations across the Derry Diocese by 2025 is 3.

Age profile: 1 priest is in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 7 in 50s, 6 in 60s and 5 in 70s

The clergy population has dropped 26% between 2008 and 2018 and by 2025 will have dropped by 52%

**Radio Maria Ireland:** An Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies based at St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. If you are not already a follower of the station Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! Prayer / song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.

You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210 / Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)

Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"

Streaming on [radiomarie.ie](http://radiomarie.ie) (subscribe and donate here also)

'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)

Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

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**Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Music Classes via Zoom:**

*For more info call Bridget on 07710 990 616*

Classes will be on Whistle, Button Accordion, Fiddle and Banjo and all will run on Monday nights (except for the Banjo class which will run on a Thursday night)

Classes are not face-to-face at this stage so are not suitable for complete beginners, we welcome musicians with a basic knowledge of their chosen instrument and those who are learning classical music on the violin / fiddle

**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*

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer of 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:**

*John Byrne OSA ([jbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbyrneosa@gmail.com))*

1. Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced the power of love given, and received, as a source of life and vitality?
2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?
3. Jesus praises the questioner as one who had answered wisely. Recall some of the wise people you have known, people who in their words and actions impressed you with their capacity to see and treasure what is important in life.

2019	PARISH STATISTICS	2020
(19) 8 Boys • 11 Girls	<b>Baptisms</b>	(17) 8 Boys • 9 Girls
(25) 12 Boys • 13 Girls	<b>First Communion</b>	(11) 4 Boys • 7 Girls
(16) 9 Boys • 7 Girls	<b>Confirmation</b>	(14) 7 Boys • 7 Girls
1 within parish • 6 outside parish	<b>Weddings</b>	0 within parish • 1 outside parish
11	<b>Deaths and Burials</b>	8