



**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
**St. Patrick's, Greencastle**      **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**  
**Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph [Year B] (31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017)**  
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**Thought for the New Year:** May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path; not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart; not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

**Liturgy Schedule for First Week in Ordinary Time [Year B] (Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January)**

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>12 noon</b> Mass: Mickey 'Neily' McCullagh (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God		
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen (bishops and doctors of the Church)		
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b> <b>12 noon to 7.00pm</b> Adoration
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>8.00pm</b> Vigil of the Epiphany
St. Charles of Mount Argus, Dublin (priest)		
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.00am</b> Epiphany: Nellie Tracey (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Epiphany of the Lord		<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>9.00am</b> Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.00am</b> Mass

**Weekly Collection:** £945      *Thank you for your generosity toward the Christmas collection*

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Barney McCrory (Crock)** who died this week, may God grant comfort and consolation to his family who mourn his loss. We also pray for the souls of **Mickey 'Neily' McCullagh (3<sup>rd</sup>)** and **Nellie Tracey (5<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Christmas Thanks:** A special thank you to all who contributed to our beautiful and well attended ceremonies over the Christmas period. We acknowledge all the hard work done by our choir leaders and members, sacristans, liturgy group, church caretakers, church cleaners, those who constructed or put up our Christmas Trees and Cribs, the flower arrangers, our readers, gift bearers, altar servers and anyone who helped in any way. Thanks for making this time so sacred and helping us all to focus on the reason for the season, Jesus our Saviour and Lord.  
*May the Lord reward you with his graces and blessings for your generosity*

**Children in Crossfire – Advent Appeal Boxes:** These must be returned to the designated place at the front of the churches next weekend.      *Thank you in advance for your support and generosity*

**Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group – Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January in the Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic at the meeting.  
*Everyone is welcome • All meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of every month*

**Pope Francis' Intention for January (please remember this in your personal prayers)**  
**Evangelisation – Religious Minorities in Asia:** That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-11 • Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6, R/ v 6 • 1 John 5:1-9  
 Mark 1:7-11 • Lectionary 1:179      **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 2]**

<b>6.00pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>Offertory Gift Rota</b>	<b>9.00am Sunday Morning</b>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December The family of <b>Seonag Harte</b>	Feast of the Holy Family	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December The family of <b>Sorcha Hughes</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Leah Fox</b>	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Seán Óg Teague</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January* The family of <b>Conor Haughey</b>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Daire Tracey</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Clara Maguire</b>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January The family of <b>Ryan Coney</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Cathan McDermott</b>	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January The family of <b>Niamh Conway</b>

**If you cannot attend please ensure that you have arranged with another family for the gifts to be presented**  
**\*Do This in Memory Programme (Week 5)**      We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

**Road Gritter:** Recently a Gritter salting the road in Greencastle was pelted with snowballs and as a consequence vehicle glass was broken. Whilst this may be thought of as harmless fun it can have serious consequences. Gritter drivers have a difficult job and snowballing their vehicle is not acceptable. Further damage could impact the gritting service for the area.  
*Road gritting is a valuable and much appreciated service*

**Broughderg Old Cemetery:** Some time in the early part of the New Year an operation will begin to remove trees both on the periphery of and within the Broughderg Old Cemetery. Many of these trees have been causing some difficulty at various graves and keeping them neat and tidy has also been troublesome for families. Some of the trees have also become dangerously tall and could cause damage if they were to fall.

This is going to be a costly operation and is the first stage of a 3-stage scheme.

Stage 2 will include drainage and stage 3 some pathways.

Some additional fundraising will be required and we look forward to organising some such events in due course

**Trócaire's Christmas Appeal – Until Love Conquers Fear:** Raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives – like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict.  
*To find out more visit trocaire.org*  
 "In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." *John 4:18*

**Seisiún na Nollag:** Join us for our New Year's Night Session with music by Francie Sheridan and Sheila McElhinny. "In Session" in the Teach Ceoil at Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre. A free event with music starting at 9.30pm.

**ASPIRE:** Kickstart your career for the new year with the launch of new learning and training opportunities. ASPIRE provide assistance to anyone aged 16 years old and over who is currently unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week and is seeking paid work. The ASPIRE programme is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.

*For further information on the ASPIRE Programme, please contact the Omagh Office on (028) 8224 6535 or the Enniskillen Office on (028) 6632 6478. Alternatively, you can find us on Facebook*

**Green Elves Playgroup – Bingo Club:** Every Wednesday at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm).

**Family Care Adoption Services:** We are seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children  
 For a free information pack contact us using any of the following details  
**Tel:** (028) 9069 1133 / (028) 7136 8592 • **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org • **Website:** familycaresociety.co.uk

**World Meeting of Families 2018 Prayer**

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray [PAUSE AND REMEMBER FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS BY NAME].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

**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

**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*

**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

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**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*

**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  
*For a free pack and more info call Michelle McGinn on (028) 7135 9888 or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation better known as Confession is very important and vital part of our lives as Catholics. The times for Confession will be as follows.  
**St. Patrick's:** Eve of First Friday from after 10.00am Mass until 11.00am when mass is celebrated with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during that time except when there is a funeral or no mass  
 First Saturday of each month from after mass until 11.00am with Adoration unless there is a 12noon wedding  
 Each Saturday Evening 5.30pm-5.45pm and after Vigil Mass on request after Mass  
**Our Lady of the Wayside:** Each Sunday 10.30am to 10.45am and after 11.00am Mass on request after Mass

**Join the Derry Youth Community (DYC) Adventure:** If you are between the ages of 18 and 25 and considering a Gap Year experience why not consider one with a difference? The DYC are a community of faith and service located in the heart of Derry City and serving the young people of the Diocese of Derry.  
*If faith is important in your life, and you are attracted to the ideal of service, you can find more information by visiting derryyouthcommunity.com or emailing dyc@derrydiocese.org*

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

**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

**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

**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*

Parish Liturgy for January, 2018	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
<b>Readers</b>	Mary Slane	Siobhan McKenna	Anne McDermott
<b>Eucharistic Ministry</b>	Brigid Keenan	Eugene McCullagh	Patricia Donnelly
<b>Prayers of Intercession</b>	Kyra Donnelly	Erin Hood	Cara-Rose Brogan
<b>Collectors</b>	Mary Bradley Patrick McElhatton	Eoghan Clarke Seamus Keenan	Sean McKenna Tony Donnelly
<b>Altar Society</b>	Mary McNamee, Patta McDermott and Mary McCrory		<b>Anne McDermott</b> Mary Bradley

**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*

**St. Joseph's Primary School, Galbally – Seated Concert with Philomena Begley** *In aid of school funds*  
 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February in Galbally Community Centre. Guest appearances from the elites of country music.  
 Tickets are £20 and are available now from the following places.  
 St. Joseph's Primary School • Mace Shop, Galbally and Pomeroy • Donna's Hair Studio • Gene Stewarts Music Shop, Dungannon

**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.  
**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

**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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2018

<p><b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm</b> Service of Light (Primary 7 Children and Families)</p> <p><b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.00pm</b> Confirmation</p> <p><b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm in St. Patrick's Cemetery</b> Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead</p> <p><b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 11.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Wayside</b> Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead followed by Broughderg Old Cemetery</p>	<p><b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm</b> First Confession (Primary 4 Children and Families)</p> <p><b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon</b> First Holy Communion</p>
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**Foyle Hospice – Become a Compassionate Neighbour:** Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities 'Reach Out' voluntary befriending service. It might be as simple as calling in for a cup of tea and a chat, or taking someone out to do a bit of shopping. A volunteer's visit is invaluable to someone who is feeling lonely and isolated due to an illness. Full training and ongoing support with additional training opportunities are offered to all volunteers.  
Call Tracy Gray, Volunteer Coordinator on 07841 101 932 or email [tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com](mailto:tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com)

**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

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>– Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</b> At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer. <span style="float: right;"><i>Lumen Gentium (52)</i></span>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>– St. Basil the Great (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [330-379]</b> Bishop of Caesarea, a brilliant preacher who lived an ascetic life, establishing norms for Monastic life. Implemented the decrees of the Council of Nicaea. Patron Saint of Russia. <b>St. Gregory Nazianzen (bishop and Doctor of the Church) [330-379]</b> Bishop of Constantinople. He was known as the 'Theologian' because of his wisdom and skill in defending orthodox doctrine.
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>– St. Charles of Mount Argus, Dublin (priest) [1821-1893]</b> Born in Holland. Took vows as a Passionist in 1846 and came to Mount Argus in 1857, it was there he spent most of his priestly life. His ministry in the confessional was renowned and the poor of Dublin found in him a strong support. Died on 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 1893. St. Charles was canonised on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2007.
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>– Epiphany of the Lord</b> Celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. Western Christians commemorate principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Baby Jesus, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. Eastern Christians commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God.
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>– St. Raymond Penyafort (priest) [1175-1275]</b> A very brilliant lawyer when at the age of 47 he became a Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominicans and Archbishop of Tarragona.

### 2016 PARISH STATISTICS

<b>Baptisms (18)</b> 7 Boys 11 Girls	<b>First Holy Communions / Reconciliations (16)</b> 10 Boys 6 Girls	<b>Confirmations (21)</b> 10 Boys 11 Girls
<b>Marriages (16)</b> 7 within parish 9 outside parish	<b>Funerals (10)</b> 8 within parish 2 outside parish	<b>Station Masses in October</b> 8
<b>Events</b> The death of retired Bishop of Derry Most Rev. Dr. Edward Daly is announced on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August Mass with Padre Pio Relic Celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		

**Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel – Luke 2:22-40:** *John Byrne OSA (jbyrneosa@gmail.com)*

1. What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant encounters on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?
2. Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.
3. Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?
4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a se

**The Deep End – The Presentation in the Temple:** *Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

Simeon and Anna welcome Mary, Joseph and Jesus to the Temple. They have been waiting for this moment. What kind of Messiah were they expecting? Simeon welcomes this family who must have seemed 'ordinary' and poor. He can see that this child will be 'a light ... for the glory of your people'. Already there is a note of reversal; of boundaries being stretched. Mary is told that this child 'is destined for the fall and the rising of many'. There will be trouble ahead; there will be challenges for many. Simeon knows that many thoughts will be exposed, what people really think will be revealed, who they welcome and who they exclude will be challenged; for God's invitation and welcome have no boundaries. This will be uncomfortable for some. Anna rejoices for all those who were looking for a change, for hope; she knows that this child will overturn systems of oppression and exclusion.

Luke is interested in how humanity responds to the gospel. If Jesus' message is really good news, then this requires a shakeup; a shakeup which challenges comfortable assumptions about the way God works. God's abundant invitation to all may not sit comfortably with many. While Anna prays and fasts for a change of heart in the way Jerusalem operates, Simeon warns Mary that this will not be an easy road. What situations in our own society and in our Church require a shake-up, an uncomfortable but necessary change so that God's love and welcome can shine through?