



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year B] (1st August, 2021)
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Thought for the Week: "The whole story flows toward reconciliation, not in human creeds or constitutions, but in love, the love of the One who gave us being and life. . . So our journey in the story of creation, the adventure of Jesus, and the global uprising of the Spirit has come full circle. It all came from God in the beginning, and now it all comes back to God in the end."
Brian McLaren

Saturday 31st July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Mass: Gerard Coyle (10 th Anniversary)
Monday 2nd August	Gortin / YouTube	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 3rd August	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass
Wednesday 4th August	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Adoration
Thursday 5th August	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass followed by Confession
Friday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass followed by Confession
Saturday 7th August	St. Patrick's	12noon to 1.00pm	Confession 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Deceased of the O'Hagan Family (Brackagh South) (Anniversary)
Sunday 8th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Mass

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of **Gerard Coyle (10th)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and for all of the souls of our deceased relatives, friends and neighbours.

Sick and Housebound: Visits will take place on Friday 6th August before and after lunch, times will be confirmed during the coming week. All the sick and housebound of our families will be prayed for at mass at the 10.00am Mass that morning.

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the Lough Shore: Open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. Several info boards highlight features of particular interest. *Leaflets available at Visitors Centre*

Guided Walk Experience: Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July with Mass outdoors weather permitting.
Further dates for late August and early September will follow

For bookings and further info email info@loughderg.org or call 0(0353) 71 9861518
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Giving Thanks for Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. *Amen*

Walk with Zest in Remembrance of Imelda Saturday 18th September.

Leaving Greencastle Hall at 3.00pm and walking over Mullydoo Road, onto Crockanboy and up via Chapel.
Donations welcome as we carry our buckets • Everyone welcome

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

Next Week's Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8 • Psalm 33:2-9, R/ v 9 • Ephesians 4:30-5:2
 John 6:41-51 • Lectionary 1:785 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Townland Mass Rota

Saturday 31st July	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
Sunday 1st August	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
Saturday 7th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Sunday 8th August	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Formil
Saturday 14th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy
Sunday 15th August	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
Saturday 21st August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil
Sunday 22nd August	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Binnefreaghan, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Saturday 28th August	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Teebane East, Aughminacroy, Muninamale, Aughascribba, Alworries
Sunday 29th August	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy, Coneyglen Sheskinshule, Crockanboy

The Deep End – Food That Satisfies:

Triona Doherty (trionad@gmail.com)

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food - eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment - bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. *Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*

Preparing Our Parishes for the Future: One of the future challenges for our parishes is having trained leaders in each parish to ensure that the church's primary mission of evangelisation can take place. This was the vision set out in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Obviously the Covid 19 Pandemic has knocked us off course in it's implementation however let us remind ourselves and reflect upon the vision of that plan. "God is Love" - the Derry Diocesan Plan 2018-2021 asks us to take responsibility both individually and collectively, for making our parishes places of welcome; where those who feel excluded or far from the Church's love, can begin to feel the genuine love and warmth of our parish communities. As disciples of Christ we must prayerfully seek the grace to reach out in love to all, and by doing this - even imperfectly, we CAN make Jesus known and loved..... Implementing the Plan will involve major refocusing of what we do in our parishes. Dedicated resources and personnel will be established at diocesan level to support parishes to fully implement the Plan. Training and formation for those who will have leadership roles in each parish will be provided.

As each parish community develops its own capability, it can begin to take responsibility for its pastoral priorities and take the first steps to address those priorities - whether using their own resources or working cooperatively with neighbouring parishes." That is the vision now hopefully we together in Greencastle and Badoney Lower can build on what we have achieved thus far and make that vision a reality.
Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP