

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


St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year B] (2nd May, 2021)
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Thought for the Week: "Our Lady accompanies us also in making this definitive choice, the choice of a vocation, because she accompanied her son on his vocational path, which was so difficult, so painful. She accompanies us always."
Pope Francis

Saturday 1st May	St. Patrick's St. Patrick's / YouTube	12.00pm to 1.00pm Confession 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter [B]	St. Patrick's / YouTube	11.00am Mass
Monday 3rd May	Gortin / YouTube Greencastle (FB)	10.00am Mass 8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Tuesday 4th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube Badoney Lower (FB)	10.00am Mass 8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Wednesday 5th May	St. Patrick's St. Patrick's / YouTube	2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass: Pete Tracey (2 nd Anniv.)
Thursday 6th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	10.00am Mass followed by Confession 7.30pm Mass: Bridie Harries (Month's Mind)
Friday 7th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube Badoney Lower (FB)	7.30pm Mass: Jane Bradley (Month's Mind) 8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Saturday 8th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Paddy McElhatton (30 th Anniv.)
Sunday 9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter [B]	St. Patrick's / YouTube	11.00am Mass

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Bridie Harries** and **Jane Bradley** whose Month's Minds take place this week. We also pray for **Pete Tracey (2nd)** whose anniversary occurs at this time and for all who have died due to Covid-19

Weekly Collection: £2,240 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

Sick and Housebound: Fr. Gallagher will be in touch with all those in his care during the week, they will also be prayed for, especially this week during the Thursday morning mass and Night Prayer and Rosary.

Children in Crossfire Appeal: Many thanks from the founder of Children in Crossfire founder Richard Moore to the parishioners of Greencastle on their donation of £1,085 to the charity. In spite of all the challenges of Covid-19 this year the charity was able to introduce their early childhood education programme in 58 primary schools in Tanzania's Dodoma region. All pre-school children in these schools will have a well-trained teacher, a properly equipped classroom, nutritious school food and sanitation facilities. The plan over the next three years is to deliver this programme in 700 schools, impacting on around 80,000 young lives.
Thanks again for kind generosity to Children in Crossfire

Celebrating Mary in the Month of May: May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary.
Resources are available online at catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/

Online Youth Programmes: To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit:
Facebook: DerryDiocesanYouth **Instagram:** derryyouth

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • Psalm 97:1-4, R/ cf. v 2 • 1 John 4:7-10
 John 15:9-17 • Lectionary 1:536 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Sacramental Dates: Bishop McKeown has now decided that it is permissible for both First Communion and Confirmation to take place during the month of June if that is possible for parishes or to keep with a date in September. Therefore, I would like to ask the families of our Primary 4 Children to make known to me whether they would like First Holy Communion either on Saturday 19th June at 11.00am or Saturday 25th September at 11.00am.
Confirmation Saturday 5th June at 11.00am • **First Confession** Thursday 10th June at 7.00pm

Mary's Meals – Pray in May: This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children.
Prayer resources and further information can be found at marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

May Townland Mass Rota

Saturday 1st May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Sheskinshule (inc. Maryville, Sheskinshule View)
Sunday 2nd May	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Teebane East, Aughminacrorry, Coneyglen
Saturday 8th May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Formil
Sunday 9th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba Road
Saturday 15th May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
Sunday 16th May	Our Lady of Wayside St. Patrick's	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock Binnefreaghan, Crockanboy
Saturday 22nd May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Teebane East, Aughminacrorry, Coneyglen
Sunday 23rd May	St. Patrick's	11.00am	Sheskinshule (inc. Maryville, Sheskinshule View)
Saturday 29th May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba Road
Sunday 30th May	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am 11.00am	Broughderg, Crock P4 Do This in Memory Class

Life in the Spirit Seminar in Omagh: From Thursday 22nd April over a period of 7 weeks in conjunction with 7.30pm Holy Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. *Join via the parish webcam at drumraghparish.com/webcam.html*
6th May The New Life - Bishop Donal McKeown
13th May Receiving God's Gift – Fr. Christopher McDermott • **20th May** Baptism in the Spirit – Fr. Eddie Magee
27th May Growth – Fr. Colum Curry • **3rd June** Transformation – Fr. Kevin McElhennon
 "Let him who is thirsty come; Let him who desires, Take the water of life without price" Rev. 22:17
 Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all people.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel: *John Byrne OSA (jbyrmeosa@gmail.com)*

- In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God • with your friends • with your family • with communities or groups to which you belong?
- Over the past year our usual relationships have been disrupted by coronavirus restrictions on social gatherings. How has this impacted on your family, parish, and other groups to which you belong? What creative ways have you, and others, devised to keep your social life alive?
- In *The Joy of the Gospel* Pope Francis wrote 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?
- The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila
 "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."