

**Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)**  
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle      Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg  
**Second Sunday of Advent [Year C] (5<sup>th</sup> December, 2021)**  
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**Second Sunday of Advent Readings:** The readings this weekend tell us to hopefully look forward to the coming of Jesus Christ. God has planned this since the beginning of time. In the first reading we hear that God will gather his family back together. In the second reading Paul reassures us that God will complete the great work he has begun. And in the gospel, we hear about John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>12.00pm to 1.00pm</b> Confession <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Gerald McGurk (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b> Second Sunday of Advent [Year C]	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.30am</b> Mass: Laura McGuigan (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Vigil Mass: Rose Morris (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Packie Vincent Morris (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> Solemnity of Immaculate Conception	St. Patrick's	<b>2.00pm to 4.00pm</b> Adoration
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>10.00am</b> Mass
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass: Patrick O'Hagan (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass: Bridie Tuohey (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> Third Sunday of Advent [Year C]	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b> Mass

**COLLECTIONS**    **21<sup>st</sup> November:** £1,140    **28<sup>th</sup> November:** £730  
**Retired Priests:** £505    **Trócaire Emergency Appeal:** £1,155

**Baptism Date for December:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm (Greencastle)

**Remembering Our Dead:** We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Annie Wilson (1<sup>st</sup>)** – Mass Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Dunamore, **Paddy Devlin, Patrick O'Hagan (1<sup>st</sup>), Laura McGuigan (4<sup>th</sup>), Gerald McGurk (7<sup>th</sup>), Kelly McKenna (16<sup>th</sup>)** and **Packie Vincent Morris (5<sup>th</sup>)** whose anniversaries are at this time and all who have died due to Covid-19.

**Greencastle Parish Seating Arrangements (December 2021)**  
 Over the course of the past weeks we have been turning our attention to putting in place new arrangements for seating in our churches for mass. It had been our hope that from the first weekend of December we could gradually return to more normal arrangements and plans to that effect were circulated to members of various parish committees for their observations. However, it has become apparent that in the present circumstances with the pandemic, that will not be possible. We will keep those plans in hand for a more appropriate time. In the meantime things stay as they are.  
 Please just check December's Townland rota.  
 In early December we will share our Christmas arrangements. In the meantime, though we are all weary, let us together try to do what we can to improve the situation in the wider community regarding transmission and continue as the vast, vast majority have done to wear masks while at church services.  
 May God guide all who have decisions to take and strengthen all who may be suffering at this time.  
 St. Patrick pray for us. Mary, help of Christians pray for us.      *Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*

**Parish Office Opening Hours:** Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11.00am to 3.00pm  
**Tel:** (028) 8164 8203      **Email:** greencastlepp@yahoo.com  
*All bookings to be done through the Parish Office please*

**Next Week's Readings:** Zephaniah 3:14-18 • Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6, R/ v 6 • Philippians 4:4-7  
 Luke 3:10-18 • Lectionary 1:51      **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]**

**December Townland Rota**      *The rota for Christmas and New Year will be shared mid-December*

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Teebane East, Aughminacropy, Coneyglen, Alworries, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.30am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Formil, Cashel, Leaghan, Brackagh South
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>11.30am</b>	Sheskinshule, Crockanboy, Binnefreaghan
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	St. Patrick's	<b>6.00pm</b>	Teebane East, Aughminacropy, Coneyglen, Alworries, Muninamale, Aughascribba Road
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Our Lady of Wayside	<b>11.30am</b>	Broughderg, Crock, Carnanrancy

**Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry – Novena to the Divine Child**  
 “And the word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us” John 1:4  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm each evening. This will be live-streamed via Facebook. Novena prayer leaflets containing the public prayers after Mass and the private prayers to be said at home are available on the Termonbacca Facebook page or by emailing termonbaccadery@gmail.com, for those living close, by simply calling up to Termonbacca and collecting them.

**St. Eugene's Cathedral – "How Fit Is Your Soul?" Programme:** Throughout Advent  
 For anyone who is interested in reflecting on and developing their prayer life, whether you would like to start praying, pray more or experience new ways to pray.  
*For more info email emmett.mullan@btinternet.com or call St. Eugene's Parish office on (028) 7126 2894*

**CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER**      **St. Patrick's:**  
**Our Lady of Wayside:** Eileen McKenna • Margaret McCrory • Patricia Donnelly  
 Josephine Clarke • Mary McNamee      Anne McAleer • Margaret Morris • JP2 students

**Lough Derg Online Shop – Unique Christmas Cards:** Featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke gifts, including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available – Fr. La. Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled.  
**Website:** loughderg.live/shop    **Tel:** 0(0353) 71 9861 518    *Delivery nationwide, click and collect service available*

**Greencastle Community Association – Virtual Bazaar:**  
 Thank you to all sponsors and people who bought tickets for our very successful bazaar

**Thornhill Ministries – Advent Oasis Morning:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00am to 12.00pm.  
 Led by Fr. Paschal, each gentle hour helps us touch into the mystery of life and God-with-Us.  
*To register and for Zoom link call 07736 832 458 or email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org*

**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.

**Precious Life – Candlelight Rosary for Life:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, (meeting at main gate entrance on Upper Newtownards Road).  
*For more info call Rosary Crusade for Ireland on 07845 686 437*

**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*

**St. Brigid's Primary School, Cranagh – Classroom Assistant (required immediately):** 25 hours per week.  
*Please email the Principal at ocoble404@c2kni.net for more info*