



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Sixth Sunday of Easter [Year B] (9th May, 2021)
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Thought for the Week: "God doesn't call us to mediocrity. He calls us to a greater standard that doesn't teach us to tear people down to reach him, but to lift others up. Be the type of person that when people walk away from you, they know who you represent!" *Shannon L. Alder*

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
Monday 10th May	Gortin / YouTube	10.00am Mass
	Greencastle (FB)	8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Tuesday 11th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	10.00am Mass
	Badoney Lower (FB)	8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Wednesday 12th May	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration
	St. Patrick's / YouTube	7.30pm Mass followed by Padre Pio Devotions
Thursday 13th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	10.00am Mass
	Greencastle (FB)	8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Friday 14th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	7.30pm Mass: Gerry Rodgers (Month's Mind)
	Badoney Lower (FB)	8.00pm Night Prayer and Rosary
Saturday 15th May	St. Patrick's / YouTube	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Bridie Clarke (2 nd Anniv.)
Sunday 16th May Ascension of the Lord [B]	Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass: Rose Hollywood (9 th Anniv.)
	St. Patrick's / YouTube	11.00am Mass

Baptism: We offer our prayers and best wishes to the family and friends of **Ava Emelia McCullagh** who was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism Sunday 25th April in St. Patrick's.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Teresa Coyle, London** (wife of John Coyle, brother of late Gerard Coyle, Sheskinshule) and **Rosaleen Brady, England** (*née Heagney, Formil*) who died recently, **Gerry Rodgers, Wexford** whose Month's Mind is celebrated this week and for the soul of **Paddy McElhatton (30th)** whose anniversary occurs at this time. We also pray for the souls of recently deceased and enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society **Pete McCullagh, Rosella McCrory, Dominic O'Hagan** and **Peter Devlin** as well as all who have died due to Covid-19.

Weekly Collection: £1,065 *Thank you for your continued generosity*

Monthly Devotions Through the Intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina:
 Wednesday 12th May after the 7.30pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church. A relic of the saint will be used during the blessing at the end. Novena Devotions can be followed on the YouTube channel.

Consultation on Method of Consultation in Preparation for Synodal Assembly: As you may have heard via the media, the Irish Bishops have decided to initiate a process in the Irish Church, leading to a Synodal Assembly in perhaps five years. The Bishops' Conference plans the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. Following this, there will be a three-year preparation for a National Synodal Assembly. Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. Individual and groups are invited to submit ideas as to how the national conversation might best be conducted and what hard-to-reach groups need to be involved.

For more info visit catholicbishops.ie/synod (submissions are sought by Sunday 23rd May)

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

Next Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6 • Ephesians 4:1-13
 Mark 16:15-20 • Lectionary 1:552 **Sunday [Year B] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Sacramental Dates and Arrangements: Following consultation with parents the date chosen for First Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church Greencastle is Saturday 19th June at 11.00am. As previously mentioned First Confession will take place on Thursday 10th June at 7.00pm. Confirmation in Greencastle Parish will take place on Saturday 5th June at 11.00am. As was the case last year each family will have one row available to them with parents, child and siblings in attendance and parents / guardians will act as proxy sponsors. The name of the chosen sponsor will be recorded in the Parish Confirmation Register. First Holy Communion will see the same seating arrangement with parents / guardians and siblings only present along with the Primary 4 children.

We can only hope and pray that this is the last occasion on which such arrangements will be necessary

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/

May Townland Mass Rota

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	9.00am	Broughderg, Crock
	St. Patrick's	11.00am	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	Broughderg, Crock
		11.00am	P4 Do This in Memory Class

Pope Francis' Prayer for an End to the Pandemic May 2021

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.

Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need.

Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. *Amen*