



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A] (13th September, 2020)
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Thought for the Week: "The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction."
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Saturday 12th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Muninamale, Alworries and Aughascribba Road
Sunday 13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	St. Patrick's Facebook Live	9.00am	Mass: Crockanboy, Maryville and Sheskinshule View 11.00am Mass: Kay McCrory (4th Anniversary)
Monday 14th September	Gortin Parish (YouTube)	10.00am	Mass
Tuesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	Facebook Live	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday 16th September St. Cornelius (pope) and St. Cyprian (both martyrs)	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Adoration 7.30pm Mass: Mickey Bradley (2nd Anniversary)
Thursday 17th September St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church)	Facebook Live St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass 7.00pm First Confession
Friday 18th September	St. Patrick's	10.00am	Mass: Imelda Tracey (19th Anniversary)
Saturday 19th September St. Januarius (bishop and martyr)	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Binnefreaghan
Sunday 20th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]	Our Lady of Wayside Facebook Live	9.00am	Mass: Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacrory and Coneyglen 11.00am Mass

Weekly Collection: £1,120

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Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the repose of the souls of **Mickey Bradley (2nd), Kay McCrory (4th), Michael Clarke (14th), Brian Hollywood (19th) and Imelda Tracey (19th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

First Confession: On Thursday 17th September at 7.00pm we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with 11 pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School who are now in Primary 5 in St. Patrick's Church. We also look forward to the celebration of their First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th September.
Pray for them and their families as they prepare for First Holy Communion Day in ever-changing circumstance

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Season of Creation 2020: The Season of Creation or Creation Time is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The following resources are offered for use in dioceses, parishes and in the home, during the Season of Creation 2020. Please note that the resources will be updated regularly so do please check back in with this page from time to time.

catholicbishops.ie/2020/07/15/season-of-creation-2020/

This year's resource pack includes podcasts, liturgical resources, a leaflet, prayers and reflections, recommended reading and information on the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si'.

The resources have been prepared by the CCO, the Laudato Si' Working Group of the Council for Catechetics, Trócaire, the Council for Justice and Peace and the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9 • Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R/ v 18 • Philippians 1:20-24, 27
 Matthew 20:1-16 • Lectionary 1:702 **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Face Coverings in Church: Several weeks ago the leaders of the four main Christian Churches in Ireland strongly recommended that face coverings be worn in places of worship. Many of you have been doing so since then and I wish to thank you sincerely for doing so and strongly encourage all to continue to do so. Of course, as stated before this does not apply to those under the age of 13. The priest will only wear his face covering during the distribution of communion as he is many metres away from the congregation in the sanctuary area during the mass. We continue to acknowledge that this raises issues for some who for a medical reason cannot wear a face covering. Once more I look forward to your help and understanding in this matter. In the meantime, let us continue to pray for all those in authority who continue to have to make very difficult decisions during these turbulent times. *Fr. Eddie Gallagher PP*

Greencastle Parish Public Mass Schedule

Saturday 12th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Muninamale, Alworries, Aughascribba Road
Sunday 13th September	St. Patrick's	9.00am	Crockanboy, Maryville, Sheskinshule View
Saturday 19th September	St. Patrick's	6.00pm	Binnefreaghan
Sunday 20th September	Our Lady of Wayside	9.00am	Teebane East, Carnanrancy, Aughminacrory, Coneyglen

Arrangements for other Sacraments and Ceremonies:

Baptism: If you have a child for baptism contact Fr. Gallagher and a date and time for baptism will be organised.

Marriage: Most weddings for 2020 have been rearranged for 2021. Any weddings in church in 2021 will follow government capacity regulations.

First Communion: It is intended to celebrate this Sacrament on Saturday 26th September at 11.00am with First Confession on Thursday 17th September at 7.00pm.

Confession: In the short-term during summer months (weather permitting) Fr. Gallagher will be available for Confession in the graveyards on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 5.50pm in St. Patrick's Church and Sundays from 8.30am to 8.50am in Our Lady of the Wayside. Confession with social distancing and privacy in the church building is quite difficult to achieve, hopefully this will resume in near future.

Funerals: According to present regulations only 30 people are permitted in the church or cemetery at any one time.
Please note that as regulations change we will either extend or roll back on these arrangements

Public First Anniversary / Month's Mind Masses: During the coming weeks there will be several First Anniversaries masses celebrated in St. Patrick's Church. Several rows in the church will be set aside for family members and places will be available then on a first come, first served basis. If there is an overflow you are asked to return to your car and listen to the mass on the outdoor speakers. Please follow the direction of the ushers.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Sunday 13th September – St. John Chrysostom (bishop and doctor of the Church) [347-407]

One of the four great Greek Doctors, and 'Golden-Mouthed preacher'. He was archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.

Tuesday 15th September – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Mary standing by the cross, "suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her," whom she also offered to the Eternal Father' *Marialis Cultus*

Wednesday 16th September – St. Cornelius (pope and martyr) Became Pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron of cattle and domestic animals.
St. Cyprian (martyr) [210-258] Bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyr.

Thursday 17th September – St. Robert Bellarmine (bishop and doctor of the Church) [1542-1621] Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

Saturday 19th September – St. Januarius (bishop and martyr) While no contemporary sources on his life are preserved, later sources and legends claim that he died during the Diocletianic Persecution, which ended with Diocletian's retirement in 305.