



Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
St. Patrick's, Greencastle **Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg**
Fifth Sunday of Easter [Year C] (15th May, 2022)
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Thought for Easter: "If this mission may sometimes seem difficult, call to mind the words of the Risen Lord: 'I am with you always, to the close of the age' (Matthew 28:20). Certain of his presence, you shall fear no difficulty and no obstacle. His word will enlighten you; his Body and his Blood will nourish you and sustain you on your daily journey to eternity."
St. John Paul II (2004)

Saturday 14th May	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Martin O'Hagan (17 th Anniv.)
Sunday 15th May Fifth Sunday of Easter [Yr. C]	Our Lady of Wayside	11.30am Mass
Tuesday 17th May	St. Patrick's	9.30am Mass
Wednesday 18th May	St. Patrick's	2.00pm to 4.00pm Adoration
Thursday 19th May	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 20th May	St. Patrick's	7.30pm Mass
Saturday 21st May	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 22nd May Sixth Sunday of Easter [Yr. C]	St. Patrick's	11.30am Mass

COLLECTIONS **Weekly:** £885 **Diocesan Purposes:** £550 *Thank you for your generosity*

Baptism: We offer our prayers and best wishes to the family and friends of **Doireann Rose McDermott** who was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday 7th May in St. Patrick's Church.

First Holy Communion: We congratulate the 12 Primary 4 children of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School who made their First Holy Communion this weekend in St. Patrick's Church. We thank the principal, teacher, classroom assistant, choir and musicians and all who prepared the children for this beautiful ceremony. Thank you to the parents and families of the boys and girls who presented them so well. May they now be nourished often at the table of the Lord and receive Jesus in Holy Communion along with their families at Parish Mass each weekend. God bless them all. *Amen*

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Martin O'Hagan (17th)** and **Francis (Myles) McCullagh (15th)** whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for the recently deceased **Annie O'Neill, Josie Keenan, Laurence O'Neill, Oliver McCullagh, Stephen McCullagh**, now enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

Gamblers Anonymous: Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Call us on (028) 7135 1329

Parish Office Closure: Unfortunately the dates for the closure of the Parish Office were wrong in last week's bulletin. It will actually be closed from this coming week until Tuesday 17th May at 11.00am. Any urgent messages for the bulletin or anniversary announcements should be left on the answering machine by calling (028) 8164 8203 by Wednesday 11th May at 6.30pm. *Sorry for the mistake and any further inconvenience caused*

A Prayer for Now: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; Bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you. *Amen*

Next Week's Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 • Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R/ v 4 • Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
 John 14:23-29 • Lectionary 1:539 **Sunday [Year C] • Weekday [Year 1]**

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to spend some time, however long or short, with our Eucharistic Lord. Following the request of Bishop McKeown, we set aside the first hour from 2.00pm to 3.00pm to pray for the intention of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The hour from 3.00pm to 4.00pm will be to pray for the needs of the Parish of Greencastle.
Stay here, keep watch with me, watch and pray

Surprising things in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Think fake news is only a recent problem? The Catechism already condemns it: "Society has a right to information based on truth, freedom, justice, and solidarity. The proper exercise of this right demands that the content be true – and within the limits set by justice and charity – complete."
 CCC 2494

Cappagh / Badoney CCE – Seisun to Remember Our Late Chairman Tom Blee:
 Saturday 14th May at 8.30pm in Plumbridge Parochial Hall
 All musicians, singers, reciters and listeners are most welcome. Refreshments will be served.
 We want to make this a night to remember. Tom remembered everyone, on Saturday night we plan to remember Tom.

An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land: A new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. Available now from all good bookshops and www.columbapbooks.com price €16.99 / £14.99

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Places Still Available:
 Sunday 3rd to Friday 8th July, (ex. Belfast) £689 pp sharing.
 Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry • (028) 7126 0293 • derry pilgrim@outlook.com
All intending pilgrims are asked to return application forms and full payment by Saturday 28th May

St. Patrick's Church – Cleaners Urgently Needed: Please consider volunteering for one month in the year. You are not expected to provide flowers and any help you can give will be very much appreciated, thank you.
If you think you can help call Maria on (028) 8164 8357 or via WhatsApp on 07768 395 038

Fr. Shields Camogie Club, Greencastle: An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to try camogie for the first time or return to the game they love. We welcome anyone who would like to try at the following training sessions:
 Mondays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm (seniors) Wednesdays, (post-primary, 7.00pm to 8.00pm (U14s and U16s)
 Thursdays, 6.30pm to 7.10pm (U6s and U7s) *Support will be given to those who have never played before*
 We can assist with online registration, sticks and helmets can be provided during training sessions and matches
 Add our club page and message us or come on the nights at the above times
 @frshields.greencastle or call Kira on +44 7833 4188 50

Parish Bulletin: During much of the last two years while the churches were in various stages of lockdown our Parish Bulletin has been available in printed form at the Centra Store in Greencastle, the Post Office in Broughderg and the Church Porches from late Friday afternoon, this weekend will mark the end of that arrangement. I wish to sincerely thank all those who accommodated us in this way. Now, with all areas of the parish are able to go mass each weekend once more it is time to return to picking up the bulletin at mass. The online edition of the bulletin will continue to be available on the Parish website (greencastleparish.com) and the Greencastle Parish Facebook Page from 5.30pm every Friday. Any notices or anniversaries for inclusion should be emailed to greencastlepp@yahoo.com by Wednesday at 7.30pm at the latest.

Derry Diocesan Prayer for Vocations
 Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know your sheep, and you know how to reach their hearts. Give to the people of the diocese of Derry hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit. Speak to the hearts of the faithful men and women of our diocese, that they may hear your call to follow you and serve your people as priests, consecrated religious and consecrated virgins. Awaken in them the courage to answer: "Here I am, Lord. Send me." St. Eugene, pray for us. St. Columba, pray for us. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

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